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Preparedness and Response Plan for People in Transit

Preparedness Activities and Response to the Increased Number of Persons In-Transit Through the Americas

*Included figures have been updated.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To save the lives of persons in-transit, including children and adolescents, through timely, comprehensive, quality humanitarian assistance, prioritizing the principles of protection, and considering needs by age group, gender, special needs, as well as other elements of diversity.
- 2 To ensure the centrality of protection in response activities so that assistance and access to services are provided according to a Human Rights and Children's Rights approach, preventing human rights violations and avoiding all types of abuse and violence. Moreover, to ensure access to asylum-seekers needing international protection, immigration regularization, and other services.
- 3 To strengthen the response of government authorities using a complementary approach, adapting the response to the operational needs in the field and the national mechanisms established by the country's institutional framework to ensure the suitability and relevance of the support provided by the UNS.

SECTORS



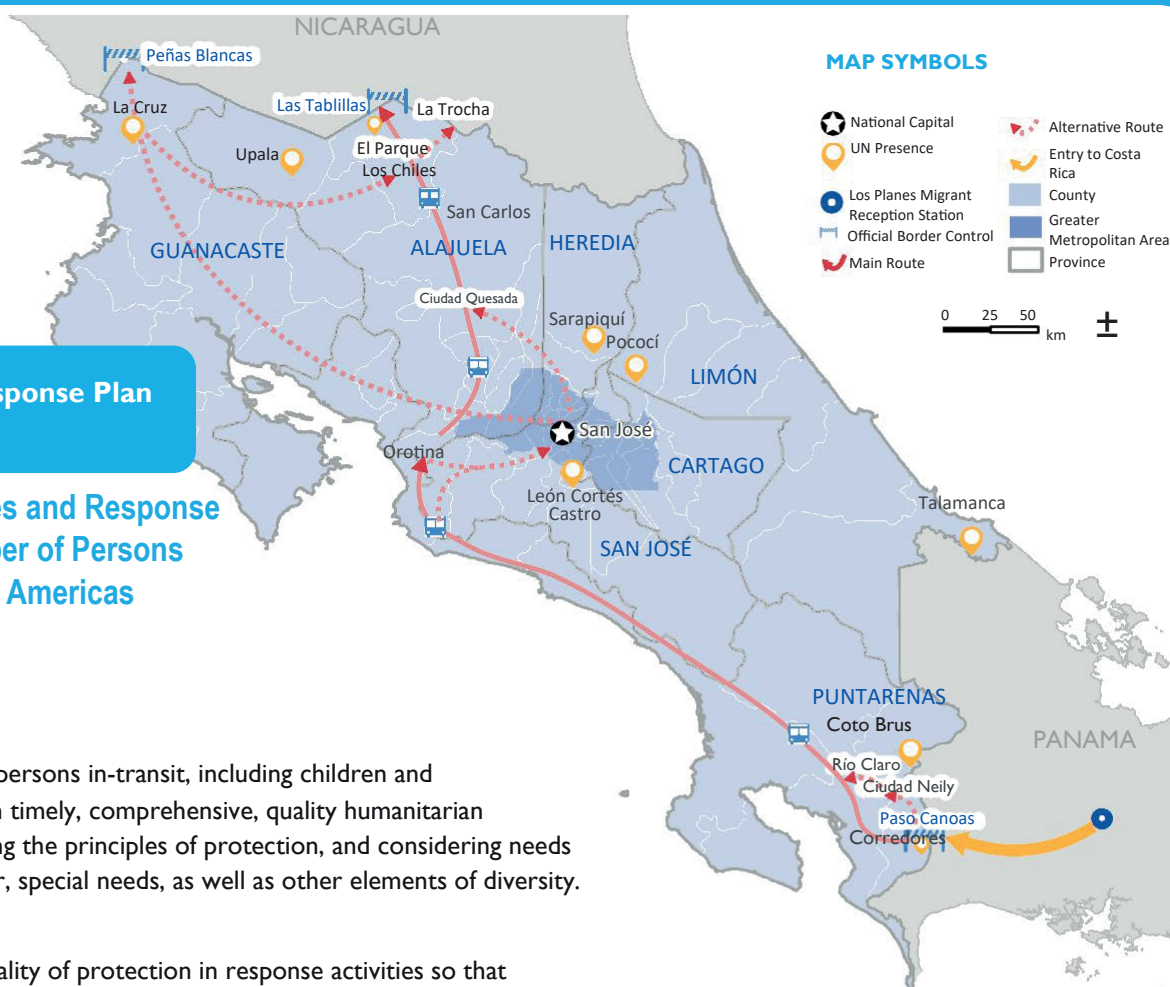
Housing, Food Assistance, and Distribution of Non-food Items: Providing temporary accommodation and food assistance to asylum-seekers, refugees, and transit migrants through implementing partners and a network for safe accommodation in San José, Corredores, and Los Chiles.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene: Distributing kits and health supplies by age and gender, sanitation and hygiene solutions. Providing access to hygiene and sanitation services, including hand washing stations, sanitation, and drinking water.



Coordination: At local and national levels, and cross-sectorally. Local coordination with COPPAMI (north and south) through the local coordination tables (County Institutional Coordination Councils (CCCI, by its acronym in Spanish)) supported by the Community Emergency Committees and other inter-agency initiatives of the United Nations System in Costa Rica, such as the Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG), or the Interagency Communication Group (ICG). A national coordination table with key government institutions and the United Nations System (IOM as technical secretariat) and coordinating to activate protection protocols.





Information and Communication Management: Ensuring a permanent field presence to monitor the flows along the southern and northern borders while maintaining flexibility to monitor new movement patterns in the country.



Health: Case referrals for primary medical care and medications. Facilitating access to basic health services, including sexual and reproductive health, establishing procedures to detect, care for, and trace cases of violence against women and sexual violence. Incorporating migrants into community-based health surveillance systems.



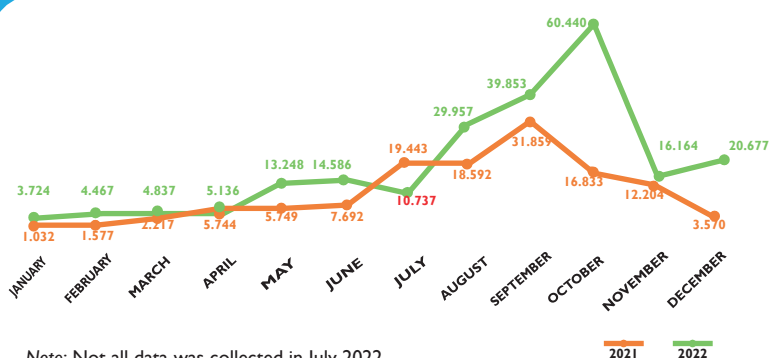
Protection: Strengthening mechanisms for referring asylum-seekers, providing legal advice, managing cases for people identified to be in situations of high vulnerability, and ensuring that services are provided in different languages. In addition, improving or establishing safe spaces, strengthening emergency response mechanisms, and the government's capacity to prevent, identify, and appropriately assist victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants.



Voluntary Returns: Assisting vulnerable migrants to return to their countries of origin or residence voluntarily, safely, and in a dignified manner. This type of support is provided only in cases where the decision to return is voluntary and their life is not in danger in the destination country.



Integration: Promoting the integration of migrants in Costa Rica. This response will improve their access to documentation and migration regularization pathways. The UN System also aims to expand its case management capacity.



Note: Not all data was collected in July 2022.

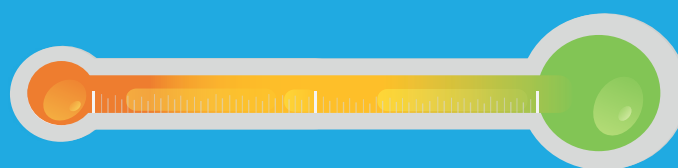
Source: Government of Panama, 2023.

Required amounts by sector (updated as of February 24, 2023)

Sector	Required amount	Available amount	Shortfall amount
Housing, Food Assistance, and Distribution of Non-food Items	1,630,006	782,512	847,494
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	1,020,500	171,990	848,510
Coordination	565,500	232,500	333,000
Health	851,000	93,000	758,000
Protection	1,711,500	280,500	1,431,000
Voluntary Returns	980,000	0	980,000
Integration	615,000	195,000	420,000
Total	7,373,506	1,755,002	5,618,504

Required amounts by agency (updated as of February 24, 2023)

Agency	Required amount	Available amount	Shortfall amount
UNHCR	1,808,006	100,000	1,708,006
IOM	3,596,000	1,123,502	2,472,498
PAHO/WHO	122,000	12,000	110,000
UNFPA	27,500	3,000	24,500
UNICEF	1,820,000	517,000	1,603,000
Total	7,373,506	1,755,002	5,618,504



Available Amount:

1,755,002

Amount Needed:

5,618,504

Total Amount:

7,373,506

UN agencies that worked on this Plan:
UNHCR, IOM, PAHO/WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF



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