MIGRATION AND HEALTH IN THE AMERICAS

Central and South America Subregions



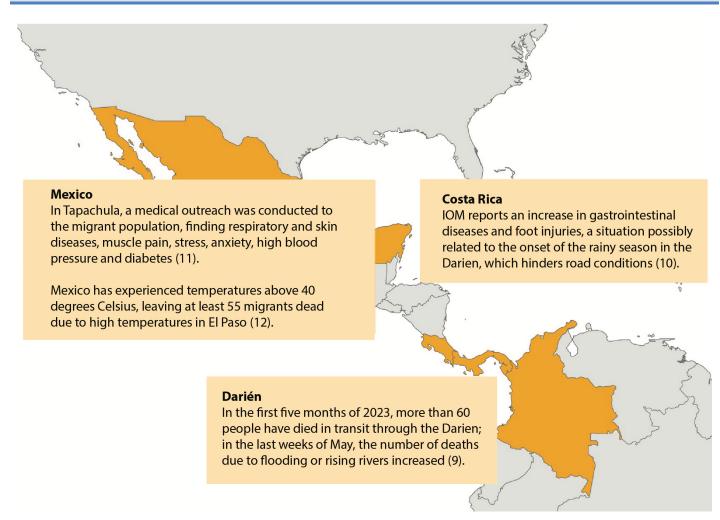
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KEY UPDATES





* HEALTH EMERGENCIES





Maternal, sexual and reproductive health

Costa Rica: Between January and April 2023, Doctors Without Borders provided 499 prenatal consultations at the two Temporary Migrant Reception Stations (13).

In **Chile**, between January and May 2023, 5,781 births have been attended in migrant women, which represents 5.80% of the total number of births attended in this country (14).

Colombia: according to the report of the National Institute of Health, between January and June 2023, 1,657 cases of extreme maternal morbidity have been reported in Venezuelan women, in addition to 1,073 cases of gestational syphilis and 1,232 cases of HIV-AIDS (15).

Non-communicable diseases

Darién: Doctors Without Borders reports an increase in diagnoses of chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, as well as fainting due to increased temperatures, lack of food or severe dehydration. Between January and April 2023, 669 people were treated for these diagnoses compared to 262 in the same period in 2022 (16).



Access to health services

Peru: Since January 2023 more than 682,000 people have been affected by floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in Peru. According to a rapid assessment conducted by International Rescue Committee, access to medical services was the main need for 32% of Venezuelans surveyed and 30% of Peruvians. Faced with the possibility of disease outbreaks caused by heavy rains, such as acute diarrheal diseases, acute respiratory infections, dengue, malaria or leptospirosis, less than half of the people surveyed reported having access to health insurance (17).

Affiliation to health services

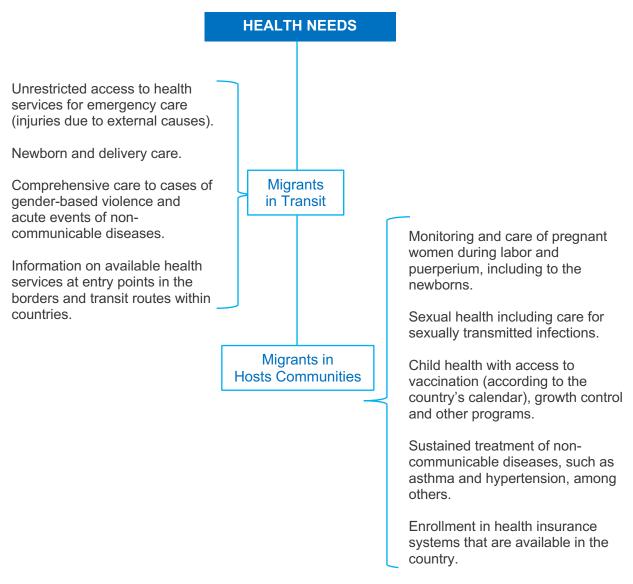
Colombia: 1,211,180 migrants are affiliated with the General Social Security Health System, which corresponds to 42% of the total migrant population in the country (18).



NEEDS / GAPS IN MIGRANTS' HEALTH

HEALTH NEEDS

The main health needs of the migrant population are associated with the lack of information regarding the existence of health services in transit and host countries, lack of adequate medication in health services, among others.



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