

New Migration Process

For Venezuelans who want to travel to the United States

The United States government has announced a "new immigration procedure for the entry of Venezuelan citizens," which has been named "Process for Venezuelans."

It is important to inform the community, our teams and people working on the ground, to be aware of this new measure to advise and guide those who may have questions on this topic.

For this reason, we have created this document that includes a Guide on sharing information with the community and Key messages, which can be useful in this context.

Guide to Community Information Sharing

Community Engagement and Community Accountability (CEA); and Migration and Protection IFRC teams, with the support of the Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants of Venezuela (R4V) has created:

- Graphics (6) ([click on this link to access](#))
 - 2 - Corresponding to general information
 - 1 - details of who can apply to the process
 - 2 - conditions for application
 - 1 - Information on whom cannot apply
- Banner (1) ([click on this link to access](#))

Both documents contain information about the new measures of the US government, their date of application, the conditions to apply to the process and what would be the situations in which people can and cannot apply.

We recommend disseminating the **graphics** through your own social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), information groups on social networks and WhatsApp-Telegram (in groups, mailing lists and others).

Additionally, the **banner** can be used in places with high circulation of migrants, such as migratory attention points, meeting spaces for migrants, near the Red Cross Humanitarian Service Points (HSP) and Red Cross buildings (in waiting rooms and sites with high visibility)

Important: Both graphic files must be modified before disseminating:

1. Access with the links above, create a copy of the document and edit.
2. Both have spaces to place the Nacional Societies' logos.
3. Also, at the bottom you can place a web page / phone / WhatsApp where you can provide more information about the process and information of your National Society (such as recommendations, services, and others) for migrants.

4. The banner has a QR that must be replaced with the one that corresponds to the website of your National Society or the information site that the National Society has created (optional).
 - a. If you are not going to place a QR, you should delete the one that is placed as an example.
 - b. If you choose to create a QR, you can also place it on the graphics (optional).

Key Messages

Important:

- Do not change the text of key messages to maintain aligned communication. Do not interpret the messages, remember that the Red Cross does not promote or prevent migratory movement.
- Avoid speculating about information. Be guided by the information in this document.
- The purpose of these messages is to provide up-to-date and verified information to currently enter the United States safely, as recently established by the U.S. government.
- We suggest using the graphic pieces created to ensure coherent communication between all actors and demonstrate collaboration and coordination in the dissemination of messages.
- If you develop additional materials, please maintain the line of communication suggested in these key messages. Additionally, please share the new materials with Diana Medina, diana.medina@ifrc.org or Carla Guananga, carla.guananga@ifrc.org

Thematic	Message to the population
Introduction (information included in the graphics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting October 19, the U.S. government has implemented a new immigration process for Venezuelan nationals. • This process provides a way for Venezuelan nationals who are outside the United States and do not have U.S. entry documents to be considered, on a case-by-case basis, for advance authorization to travel and a period of temporary permission to stay for up to two years for humanitarian and public benefit reasons. • Effective immediately, Venezuelan nationals irregularly crossing the U.S. southern border will be deported to

	<p>Mexico and will NOT be eligible to enter the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To participate in the new process, people do not have to be physically in Venezuela. If they meet the conditions of this process, they may be eligible, even if they are not currently residing in Venezuela. • The process has already gone into effect and the U.S. border is effectively closed to Venezuelans.
<p>Who can apply to the process?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Venezuelan national (or his or her immediate family member) who is outside the U.S. and may be considered for temporary permission to stay. • Immediate relatives include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The spouse or partner of a Venezuelan national; and. 2) Their unmarried children under the age of 21.
<p>Requirements to access the "Process for Venezuelans" (information included in the graphs)</p>	<p>The requirements for Venezuelans who wish to access the new process include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a support person in the United States to provide financial and other support. • Pass national security biometric and biographic processes. • Be up to date with vaccination schedules and other public health requirements. • Have a valid Venezuelan passport to enter the United States by air. • Being outside the United States. • If they are minors, travel accompanied by their parents or legal guardians.
<p>Conditions that disqualify Venezuelans from accessing the process (information included in the graphs)</p>	<p>Venezuelans will NOT meet the conditions to participate in the new process if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have been deported from the U.S. within the last five (5) years. • Have entered the United States, Mexico or Panama irregularly since October 19. • Are permanent residents, have dual citizenship or refugee status in another country.

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

More information: <https://www.uscis.gov/es/venezuela>

Please note that **these messages do not represent an official Red Cross position**. It aims to provide clear and validated information to refugees and migrants so that they can make informed decisions together with their families.

The content of these messages come from the United States Government.

Final recommendations

- We appreciate sharing these messages with all partners who have a close and frequent relationship with the Venezuelan population. In this sense, it will be very valuable if you share them with Venezuelan organizations and organizations who attend refugees and migrants from Venezuela (both telephone lines and WhatsApp), on virtual information platforms or others.
- If you develop video content for TikTok or YouTube, please be sure to maintain the line of communication suggested in these messages and avoid using the messages to encourage or deter U.S. mobilizations. If you develop new materials please share them with Diana Medina, diana.medina@ifrc.org or Carla Guananga, carla.guananga@ifrc.org
- Share this information with all field staff to ensure teams on the front lines have complete information.
- When sharing messages with the Venezuelan population, it is suggested to share information about communication channels or information from partner organizations. If your National Society does not have established channels, you can contact other organizations to work in coordination or ask for support from the International Federation of the Red Cross to identify if there are interagency channels that can be leveraged.
- It is suggested to systematize/document the information that is being requested by the Venezuelan population to identify information needs on a permanent basis and thus provide more specialized attention and directed to needs. We recommend that you create an FAQ document and update it regularly to include new queries collected in the field. We ask you to share this document, as well as the feedback (messages, questions, comments, complaints, suggestions) you receive with Diana Medina, diana.medina@ifrc.org or with Carla Guananga, carla.guananga@ifrc.org

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