

Public Statement

The Forum Perceives as a Positive Measure the Temporary Protection Norm for Venezuelan Migrants

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The Humanitarian NGO Forum in Colombia welcomes the decision of the Colombian government to create the norm for Temporary Protection for Venezuelan Migrants.

We acknowledge this norm as a positive instrument to overcome protection barriers and promote access to fundamental human rights. This public policy sets a precedent and becomes a reference for other host and recipient countries of mixed migration flows in the Latin American region.

As humanitarian organizations, we are committed to supporting migrants and host communities. In partnership with local authorities and cooperation agencies, we offer our experience to contribute to those national efforts. This norm is a critical step for overcoming the humanitarian crisis. If timely implemented, it will allow Venezuelans to obtain legal status in-country. Therefore, it facilitates the social inclusion of migrants and refugees in host communities.

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