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442,462 Venezuelans identified in RAMV registry will receive temporary regularization



Once completed, the Administrative Registration of Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia - RAMV, which was available for two months and facilitated a socio-demographic characterization of the Venezuelan population in Colombia, determined that there were 442,462 Venezuelans in Colombia irregularly in the last 16 months. According to the information from the Manager of the Venezuelan Border, Felipe Muñoz, the government will issue regulations to guarantee the regularization of migration and the population's access to basic services.

See the results of the RAMV at this link: <https://bit.ly/2labnXh>

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IOM support for the peace process in Colombia

Getting ahead with Mi Negocio

Mi Negocio, the program that motivates vulnerable Colombians to fulfill their dreams so that they can support their families, begins a new phase in 87 municipalities in 19 departments of the country. It was created in 2016 by the Administrative Department for Social Prosperity and this year, with the support of IOM and USAID, has a budget of \$35.74 billion pesos. The training stage was implemented in June with 8,589 entrepreneurs receiving technical support to strengthen the sustainability of their business initiatives.

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Workshop socializes a tool facilitating the revision of biometric data in documents

The Border Management and Biometric Data Workshop - Regional Biometric Data Exchange Solution (RBDES), organized by the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs, was held in Bogota on June 6th and 7th. The event's objective was to raise awareness about the advantages of the RBDES system and socialize the benefits of the tool facilitating the process to review one person's biometric data in multiple countries with immigration authorities.

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Education on Menstrual Hygiene: doubts, myths and taboos about women's bodies

Every day hundreds of girls and adolescents in

Colombia reach their first menstruation. While managing the menstrual cycle hygienically is an essential element of a woman's well-being, the stigma associated with menstruation makes women and girls more vulnerable to reproductive and urinary tract infections, stress and anxiety, and even gender-based violence. Guaranteeing menstrual hygiene for women and girls has a direct impact on the proper enjoyment and exercise of their fundamental rights.



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IOM in the news

Ex-combatants find a new path among cocoa crops in Santander

26 people in the process of reintegration are preparing to begin a training process in cocoa cultivation in Santander. The training will take place in San Vicente de Chucurí, the municipality with the highest production of cacao in Colombia and the location where these ex-combatants are leaving behind their former lives and moving forward in the post-conflict. This is part of the Productive Environment Model, which is being advanced by the Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN, in Spanish) with technical and financial support from USAID, IOM, and the German Bank for Reconstruction Credit (KfW), in partnership with the National Federation of Cocoa Growers (Fedecacao).



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Source: Vanguardia

Registration Tax Exemption Approved

In ordinary sessions of the Departmental Assembly, a bill authorizing a registration tax exemption for beneficiaries of the National Land Agency's property formalization programs was approved in the third debate. The project, which was presented by the Ministry of Agriculture together with the National Land Agency and IOM, seeks to exempt beneficiaries of land formalization programs from registration taxes.

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Source: Diario del Sur



Chocquibtown dedicates song to Afro-descendant community

"Somos los Prietos", included in the album "Sin miedo", is a song that remembers how "happy we are being black, being Afro-Colombian, being carriers of rhythm and drum and the marimba de *chonta*," says Tostao. The video includes a collaboration with the graffiti collective Nayita colors and IOM.

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Source: El Espectador



Yukpa indigenous community returned to their place of origin after receiving care at the Transitional Migrant Center

After 14 days staying at the Transitional Migrant Care Centre (CATM) under an agreement between the Colombian Red Cross, the National Risk Management Unit, IOM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Yukpa Community returned to their place of origin to resume their normal life on the Perijá highlands, on both sides of the border between Colombia and Venezuela. During their stay at the CATM, 21 families from this indigenous community received welcome kits, hygiene kits, food, hydration and a temporary stay, as well as follow-up and institutional support.

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Source: Noti Cúcuta



Other news from Colombia

Ivan Duque, the new President of Colombia

Iván Duque, the winner of Colombia's presidential elections on Sunday with Gustavo Petro, began the campaign as Senator and the top candidate of the Democratic Center, a political party founded just five years ago by his mentor, former president Álvaro Uribe Vélez. Duque obtained his Senate seat in 2014 in a closed list led by the former president. He was selected as a presidential candidate after defeating four other candidates in internal primaries.

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Source: El Tiempo



New publications



Stories IV: Memories of the Petronio Álvarez Pacific Music Festival 1997-2016

This document contains memories of twenty years of the Petronio Álvarez Pacific Music Festival. The Petronio Álvarez Pacific Music Festival, which has been held since 1997, is a process of socio-cultural inclusion aimed at equity and safeguarding the culture of the Colombian Pacific Coast. When Petronio Álvarez comes around, Cali lights up with emotion, and then, from the furthest corners of the Pacific, arrive the party's instruments. The festival sings and tells of ancestors, of joyful and sad moments that accompany the rhythms that have been preserved until today and are ever more part of the soul of the people.

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