

Our experience

 COLOMBIA



Overview

Active in Colombia since 2015.

Cuso International's Colombia Program focuses on advancing gender equity, inclusive employment, and sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable populations. Through strategic partnerships and locally-tailored initiatives, the program delivers measurable outcomes that empower communities and contribute to long-term stability and prosperity.

What makes the Colombia program unique

Targeted local solutions

Recognizing the importance of context-specific strategies, Cuso collaborates with local partners to design initiatives that align with the unique needs of Colombia's people, places, and economy. This localized approach ensures sustainable, impactful change.

Focus on vulnerable groups

The program prioritizes support for women, youth, victims of conflict, and Venezuelan migrants, addressing systemic barriers to economic and social participation through tailored interventions and training.



Strengthening partnerships

By working with trusted local organizations, governments, and businesses, Cuso leverages expertise and resources to enhance program impact, ensuring alignment with Colombia's developmental priorities.

Empowerment through training

The program delivers comprehensive training programs, including soft skills development, technical certifications, and entrepreneurship training, empowering individuals to secure employment and improve their livelihoods.

Key programs and achievements

SCOPE (Sustainable Colombian Opportunities for Peacebuilding and Employment)

Through initiatives like “Empleos para Construir Futuro,” SCOPE facilitated access to employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for women, youth, victims of conflict, and migrants.

VENSIT

In its first five phases, VENSIT linked 554 participants to formal employment, 60.5% of whom were women. The program’s ongoing efforts have included training for 453 participants and the strengthening of 24 small enterprises.

CARIS

The CARIS project supported Venezuelan migrants by providing training and access to employment, with 37 participants securing formal jobs and over 50% of participants being women.

Volunteer Program

Cuso’s volunteer initiatives have enhanced the capacity of nearly 20 organizations, directly benefiting 28,405 individuals, 83% of whom were women. These efforts promote knowledge sharing and best practices among partners.



Impact and goals

- Formal Employment: Connected 14,241 participants to formal jobs, providing them with economic stability and growth opportunities.
- Skill Development: Delivered training to over 22,000 individuals, equipping them with essential skills for entrepreneurship and employment.
- Entrepreneurial Growth: Strengthened 1,698 small businesses, enabling entrepreneurs to contribute to local economies.

Why this program matters

Cuso International’s Colombia Program embodies a commitment to practical, results-oriented development. By addressing the unique challenges faced by vulnerable groups and fostering self-reliance, the program supports Colombia’s efforts to build a more inclusive and equitable society. This mission underscores the importance of accountability, measurable results, and sustainable progress.