

Ecuador

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Ecuador. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
Latin America & Caribbean	17.80 million	Upper middle income	No

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
33.00%	2.09%	6.50%

PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

9

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area



■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

37,083

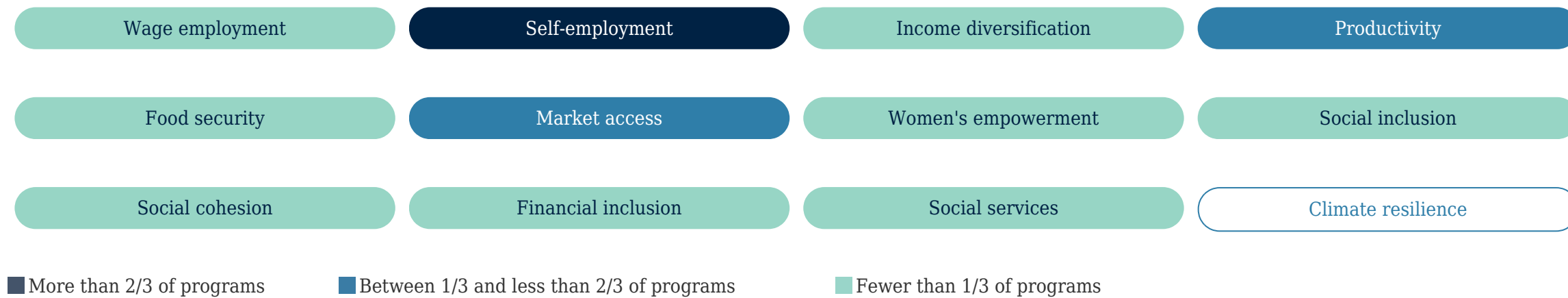
Number of people benefiting

133,499

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

0.73%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

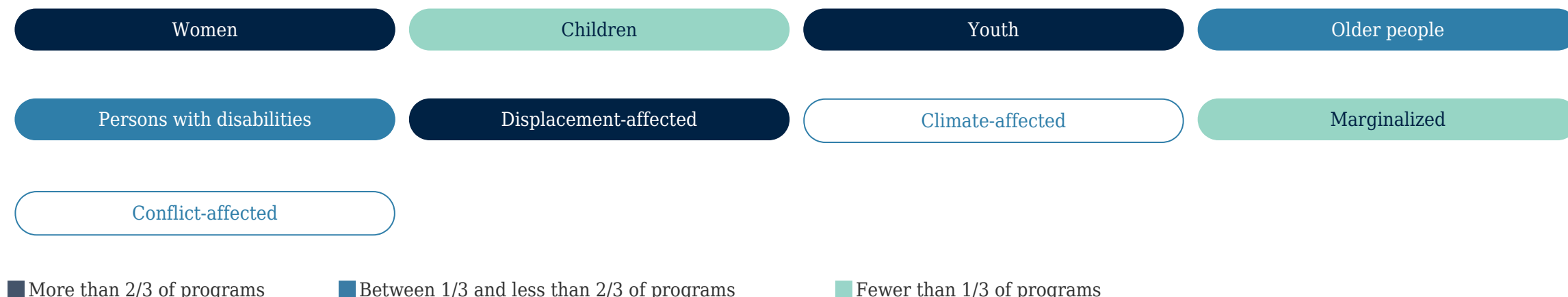


PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT
FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES
FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Social Cohesion and Livelihoods Empowerment (SCALE) for Youth-led Durable Solutions	2022	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	The SCALE project promotes socioeconomic inclusion of young Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia and Ecuador by addressing employment and well-being barriers, focusing on job skills, entrepreneurship, and self-employment, and providing training, legal assistance, and access to capital to foster community integration.	110	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Agribusiness Project	2017	HIAS	The project aims to promote cohesion between refugees and host communities, and resilience and self-sufficiency through a protection approach, ensuring access to services, rights, and sustainable livelihoods by developing agro-productive initiatives.	50	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Entrepreneurship School 2.0	2021	HIAS	The program provides customized support to active entrepreneurs, helping them make their businesses more sustainable through support on formalization and value chains.	70	51-75% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Entrepreneurship School	2016	HIAS Ecuador	The program supports entrepreneurs in developing scalable, impactful and sustainable business ideas through trainings.	272	51-75% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Entrepreneurship School with Gender Lens	2016	HIAS Ecuador	The program supports the empowerment and socio-economic standing of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and at-risk women by addressing trauma, promoting autonomy, and fostering emotional and economic empowerment.	143	All (100% of participants are female)	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Graduation Model Approach and Socio-Economic Support Program	2016	HIAS	The program aims to support vulnerable refugees and migrants through psychosocial support, home visits, wage and self-employment training, financial literacy, soft skills development, and development-oriented cash and voucher assistance.	300	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Human Talent Consultancy Services	2016	HIAS	The program facilitates wage employment for refugees and migrants job seekers by providing training and mentorship and engaging with employers to raise awareness about migration and the benefits of hiring migrants.	233	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Human Development Credit, supported by World Bank's Social Safety Net Project	2007	Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion	The Human Development Credit aims to support the generation of productive entrepreneurship through a lump sum transfer and complementary trainings, technical guidance, and coaching.	36,015	76-99% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.