

## CHILE


 REFUGEES AND  
 MIGRANTS IN CHILE

457,324


 PEOPLE REACHED  
 IN 2021\*

46,569



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

REQUIREMENT: USD 46.1M

## Situation

- Under a new deportation process, on 6 June, the Government of Chile [expelled 53 Venezuelans, on a flight to Caracas](#). Nineteen of them were deported for criminal reasons and thirty-four because they entered the country irregularly. Several civil society organizations [denounced](#) the deportations as not complying with due process, pointing out that not all deported persons had a criminal accusation against them. Furthermore, [the deportation took place on a Sunday](#) when Courts were closed to appeal the processes. [The UN Agencies in Chile expressed their concern](#) regarding the deportations. They argued that the deportation processes should have been handled differently since there are special management procedures for administrative (irregular enters) and judicial (criminal accusation) cases. In addition, they argued that deportation processes can lead to an increase in xenophobia within host communities.
- The Government of Canada hosted the [International Donors' Conference](#) in solidarity with Venezuelan refugees and migrants in collaboration with the Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V) on 17 June. At the end of the event, USD 1.5 billion pledges were announced, which included USD 954 million in grants. In addition, the European Union reported, on 25 June, [the donation of 177 million of Chilean pesos to R4V partners](#) in order to provide humanitarian aid, this will benefit 34,000 vulnerable people, including families with children, unaccompanied and separated minors and women who travel alone.
- [A group of 39 people](#), including two children, showing symptoms of hypothermia were rescued on 24 June after being trapped for hours in the middle of a snow blizzard in the city of Antofagasta (northern Chile). They were trying to enter the country irregularly. Despite the harsh winter weather conditions, in 2021 over a thousand foreigners, mainly Venezuelans, have crossed the border with Bolivia according to [national](#) and international [media](#). At least [seven people have lost their lives](#) trying to enter Chile so far this year.
- COVID-19 cases in Chile have decreased by 30 per cent for the last week of June. The vaccination campaign has fully immunized almost 68 percent of the population and 82 percent have received the first dose. However, after the publication of the results of a new study about the effectiveness of the vaccination process in the country, developed by several Chilean universities, the presidency and health authorities have been analyzing the possibility of a booster shot, especially to those who have received the Sinovac vaccine.

## Response

- During June, R4V partners assisted refugees and migrants with food and non-food items** (including hygiene kits) in northern cities such as Arica, Antofagasta, and Iquique (where R4V partners have set up humanitarian distribution centers).
- R4V partners** also continued providing shelter, cash and voucher assistance (CVA), protection, health assistance, and humanitarian transportation.
- Some R4V partners had delivered 700 electronic tablets since the beginning of the year for children and adolescents who are in reception centers. Likewise, in the city of Iquique, school kits were provided for children who are studying online.
- Health sector partners** are supporting the provision of medical services to refugees and migrants who arrive daily at the northern border and have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- R4V partners jointly created an **"anti-xenophobia" social media campaign** launched on 10 June 2021. This prevention campaign includes videos with the purpose of sharing stories of refugees' and migrants' integration in Chile, many of them making important contributions to the country. Furthermore, brochures have been distributed by R4V partners all around different cities in the country such as Arica, Antofagasta, Iquique, and the Metropolitan Region.
- On 7 June, R4V partners** started a course on Chilean tax regulation for refugees and migrants from Venezuela. The course took 3 weeks and, for the first time, a wide participation was observed with almost 100 people registered.
- On 29 June, the National Platform Coordinators and the Sectors leads** held a meeting with the purpose of monitoring activities of each sector work plan and reviewing key activities for the R4V Platform, such as the joint needs assessment process for the 2022 planning and the status of funds received after the Donors' Conference.
- R4V partners completed an entrepreneurship course for 20 women in Santiago and started another similar course in Iquique. The women received a complete training on entrepreneurship and business plans. After graduation, they will receive an initial capital to buy the first tools to start their businesses.



PEOPLE REACHED\*



Health

1041



Education

0

Food  
Security

3677



Integration

150



CBI

510



Protection

4,235



Shelter

1278

Hum.  
Transp.

0



WASH

2915