

# CHILE



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS  
IN CHILE

457,324



PEOPLE REACHED  
IN 2021\*

101,403



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

FUNDED: 11.8 M

REQUIREMENT: USD 46.1M

## Situation

- The continued influx to Chile's northern border has led national and local authorities to announce a series of response measures. As part of it, two [sanitary temporary shelters](#) will be set up in Iquique and in Alto Hospicio, each with the capacity for 250 people. Together with the two first-reception centers in Huara and Colchane, around 800 refugees and migrants will be tested for COVID-19 and receive humanitarian aid.
- On 27 October, the Government confirmed the implementation of another sanitary temporary shelter for those who have crossed through unofficial border points located 25 kilometers south of Iquique in the [Lobito Campus of the at Arturo Prat University](#). The shelter will be composed of rigid tent-like structures appropriate for larger groups with capacity to host 250 persons and set up by R4V partners following international standards.
- A group of [60 Venezuelans](#) (19 children) entered Chile from Bolivia to the city of Ollague, around 300km south of Colchane, on 24 October. The group was taken to a sanitary shelter in Antofagasta. The city Mayor expressed fears that a continuous influx may overload the city reception capacity.
- In October, five refugee and migrant deaths were registered at the border between Pisiga (Bolivia) and Colchane (Chile). They are believed to have succumbed to the extreme weather and rough terrain. One of them was a [Venezuelan woman of 63 years](#), with chronic underlying health issues. So far in 2021 there have been 17 victims, including a [nine-month-old baby](#) of Venezuelan parents.
- A recently published study from the University of Talca on "The [socio-labor characterization of the Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Chile](#), showed that visas or personal documentation expiration and entry through unofficial border points are the main obstacles that the Venezuelan community faced in terms of employment. Regarding incomes, 47.2 per cent of Venezuelan refugees and migrants that are in an irregular situation earn less than or equal to USD 383 ([minimum wage](#)), and only 13 percent earn more than USD 633.
- The Consulate of Chile in Caracas [announced](#) that the government of Chile resumed the process of family reunification visas. Residents who request the reunification of their families must have a permanent visa to stay in Chile.

## Response

- During October, R4V partners **assisted refugees and migrants with food and non-food items** (including hygiene kits) in Arica, Antofagasta and Tarapacá as well as in the Metropolitan Region. In the city of Colchane, R4V partners managed to increase the delivery of hot meals to two servings per day.
- R4V partners** also continued providing **shelter, cash and voucher assistance (CVA), protection and health assistance**. 113 families received rental subsidy and 90 cash transfers have been delivered in Arica, which allowed them to buy hygiene items, food and medicines.
- With the new **sanitary temporary shelters** in Tarapacá Region, R4V partners assisted refugees and migrants with hot meals (one serving daily), hygiene kits, and winter clothing. Medical and psychosocial assistance have been also provided.
- R4V partners** have installed **chemical toilets** in Colchane and Alto Hospicio cities for transit refugees and migrants.
- In the Maule Region**, R4V partners have been providing legal assistance regarding regularization process.
- The health duos (1 doctor + social worker) will continue providing support to refugees and migrants who are in temporary shelters and in the principal routes in close coordination with other R4V partners. Likewise, they will continue making daily visits to sanitary residences and visiting other areas of the northern zone where it is required.
- R4V partners have been working in close coordination with local authorities in the first-reception centers in Colchane and Huara. They will serve primarily families with children and adolescents, and the Police will oversee the procedures to denounce violations of children rights, and referral of unaccompanied minors to family courts.
- The R4V National Platform** engaged with the RMRP 2022 process has completed the drafting of the Chile chapter.



Health

45



Education

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Food  
Security

367



Integration

301



CBI

2.008



Protection

4.656



Shelter

764



Hum.  
Transp.

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WASH

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