







SITUATION

The increase in irregular entries of refugees and migrants from Venezuela through Chile's northern borders in 2021, in some cases propelled by pandemic-induced economic downturns in neighboring countries, has resulted in heightened protection risks for refugees and migrants. A R4V partner survey found that 73 per cent of refugees and migrants from Venezuela who used unofficial border points to enter Chile are in an irregular situation, additional to an unknown number of people in irregular situation already in the country. The National R4V Platform's joint needs analysis found that refugees and migrants from Venezuela have been more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation as a result of this situation. In addition, visa renewal processes have been delayed due to national lockdowns.

Communities along the northern border that serve as sites of first reception have been struggling to meet the emergency

shelter, health and food needs of new arrivals: the JNA found that 64 per cent of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the northern regions are living in highly precarious conditions, including homelessness. Those in dire situations require humanitarian transportation to reach larger urban areas, such as Santiago, with greater integration opportunities.

Among the population in destination, some <u>13 per cent</u> of Venezuelans in Chile live under the poverty line, often working in the informal sector and earning less than that minimum wage, with concerning reports of discrimination and xenophobia in the workplace. Refugees and migrants from Venezuela also face barriers to access essential healthcare (due to coverage limitations, costs and lack of information) and education (with <u>12 per cent</u> of children and adolescents not attending school).

RESPONSE PRIORITIES

- 1 Enhance protection through initiatives to ensure refugees and migrants from Venezuela can enter Chile safely; access asylum, family reunification, or migratory regularization procedures; and prevent and mitigate protection risks such as human trafficking, smuggling, sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, and gender-based violence (GBV).
- 2 Address immediate needs for shelter, healthcare, food and education, including through in-kind support and cash and voucher assistance (CVA).
- 3 Support integration through access to formal employment, professional trainings and recertification, and inclusion in national social protection programs, to ensure livelihood opportunities.
- 4 Promote peaceful coexistence and social cohesion, including through anti-xenophobia and anti-discrimination campaigns to raise awareness among host communities.

The response will prioritize the border areas with Bolivia and Peru (including Tarapacá and Antofagasta Regions) and the main destination locations (the Metropolitan Region, Valparaíso Region, and Bío Bío Region) where over 80 per cent of refugees and migrants from Venezuela are settled in Chile.

Particularly in the wake of concerning xenophobic incidents and public demonstrations having taken place in 2021, R4V actors will work with host communities and support national and local authorities to enhance social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

	International NGOs	National NGOs / CSOs‡	Others#	UN Agencies
Financial requirements	-	1.22%	2.60%	96.2%
Organizations	-	4	3	7

‡ Civil Society Organizations.

‡‡ Others include the Red Cross Movement, academia and faith based organizations.

The list of organizations only includes appealing organizations under the RMRP, many of which collaborate with implementing partners to carry out RMRP activities.

POPULATION IN NEED AND TARGET, FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND NUMBER OF PARTNERS BY SECTOR

	Sector	People in need (PiN)	■ Targeted ■ In need	People targeted	Financial requirements (USD)	Partners
	Education	196 K		5.73 K	1.91 M	5
500.	Food Security	211 K		50.6 K	3.57 M	4
\$	Health	160 K		5.92 K	2.82 M	6
	Humanitarian Transportation	211 K		300	150 K	1
	Integration	388 K	_	47.3 K	12.1 M	10
Ö	Nutrition	340 K		-	-	-
*	Protection*	442 K	_	40.1 K	10.8 M	8
Ģ	Child Protection	154 K		540	364 K	4
Ť	Gender Based Violence (GBV)	99.6 K		-	280 K	1
¥	Human Trafficking & Smuggling	64.1 K		240	455 K	2
Î	Shelter	110 K	_	54.4 K	7.13 M	4
1	WASH	157 K		42.8 K	7.50 M	3
	Multipurpose Cash Assistance	-	-	50.8 K	10.2 M	3
¥, ₹	Common Services**	-	-	-	2.22M	3

^{*} This includes Support Spaces

^{**} This includes AAP, Communication, Coordination, CwC/ C4D, Fundraising, Information Managent, PSEA and Reporting.