NATIONAL PLATFORM CHILE

March 2023







PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE AS OF END-MARCH

11,903

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 16
REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY

8 ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING ACTIVITIES
*R4V appealing organizations and implementing partners

DISAGGREGATION OF PEOPLE REACHED













HIGHLIGHTS

- In coordination with the Danish Refugee Council, R4V partners in Chile participated in a Protection Information Management (PIM) training, which aimed to pave the way for the first R4V joint needs assessment to be held in the country, in addition to strengthening knowledge on protection data management and tools.
- To strengthen the interagency work of R4V partners nationally and locally (the latter through the GTRM Tarapacá, based in Iquique, northern Chile), the first plenary sessions of 2023 were held. In these meetings, R4V partners planned joint actions for 2023, considering the current context of refugees and migrants in Chile.



FUNDING SITUATION FOR 2023
REQUIREMENT: 80.7M FUNDED: 1.8 M



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN CHILE

444K



PEOPLE TARGETED FOR ASSISTANCE IN 2023

90.4K

SITUATION

- During a visit by <u>President Gabriel Boric to Colchane</u> (along the border with Bolivia), he stated that one of the main obstacles in returning or removing refugees and migrants from Chile is the reluctance of the Bolivian and Venezuelan governments to receive them. Nevertheless, Bolivia has a firm stance of not accepting non-Bolivian citizens unless there is a bilateral agreement. For his part, Venezuelan Chancellor, Yván Gil, stated that Venezuela had not received any request for coordinated work with Chile regarding the deportation of Venezuelans. It is important to acknowledge, meanwhile, that R4V partners have previously noted that <u>a majority of Venezuelans may be refugees in need of international protection</u>, and the involuntary return of asylum-seekers or refugees to their country of origin would be a violation of the non-refoulement principle.
- Amnesty International published an investigation into the lack of regularization processes in Chile and the consequences for those refugees and migrants who entered the country using unofficial border points. The document identifies obstacles that prevent people needing protection from obtaining legal status in Chile. One key conclusion is that the absence of regularization pathways and difficulties accessing asylum procedures leaves Venezuelans who entered Chile irregularly in a highly vulnerable situation.

RESPONSE

- WASH: In March, 853 refugee and migrant children received hygiene supplies and services.
- FOOD SECURITY: R4V partners distributed food baskets and cash and voucher assistance (CVA), reaching 1,274 refugees and migrants from Venezuela in March. Those prioritized for assistance included women, families with children, and the elderly. Partners also provided in-kind assistance, reaching 545 Venezuelans with food kits, and 92 refugees and migrants received hot meals at the temporary shelters in the Tarapacá region.
- SHELTER: 240 refugees and migrants were targeted with temporary accommodation solutions, mainly through sectoral and multipurpose CVA, thanks to which 148 Venezuelans benefited from rental housing subsidies in various regions, including the Metropolitan, Biobío, Tarapacá, Antofagasta, and Los Lagos regions. Additionally, 92 refugees and migrants who recently arrived in the Arica and Parinacota, and Tarapacá regions benefited from temporary shelter. Interventions were also implemented in temporary shelters through the delivery of household items.
- INTEGRATION: During March, several initiatives were undertaken to promote the integration of refugees and migrants, providing support to 277 people. To increase the opportunities for Venezuelans to access decent work and improve self-reliance, the Integration Sector conducted various trainings on labor skills, self-employment, and entrepreneurship.
- **PROTECTION:** R4V partners implemented actions to strengthen protection and access to rights for refugees and migrants from Venezuela. Over 4,400 people received general protection services, including legal counseling, psychosocial support, and access to safe spaces. To commemorate International Women's Day (8 March), several talks were held at different temporary shelters in the Tarapacá and Metropolitan regions.
- **HEALTH:** R4V partners referred 12 children in need of specialized medical attention to receive primary care from the health system. In addition, R4V carried out campaigns to prevent HIV and other STIs in the Metropolitan Region.

SITUATION REPORT



- EDUCATION: R4V partners conducted capacity-building activities with educational community members, focusing on adopting intercultural approaches to promote the integration of refugee and migrant children and adolescents from Venezuela in the Metropolitan Region.
- NUTRITION: 43 refugee and migrant children between 0 and 59 months of age received nutritional assessments to identify acute malnutrition.
- CVA: 456 refugees and migrants benefited from multipurpose cash assistance in March, facilitating access to purchase goods and services to cover their basic needs.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES AS OF MARCH 2023







Shelter 844



Education 200



Integration 277



Protection 5,245



Health 12



Food Security 1,911



Humanitarian Transportation 15



Nutrition 43



Cash Assistance

456