NATIONAL PLATFORM CHILE

August - September 2023







PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE AS OF END-SEPTEMBER*

32.512

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 17 REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY

10 ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING ACTIVITIES *R4V appealing organizations and implementing partners

DISAGGREGATION OF PEOPLE REACHED















HIGHLIGHTS

- The second plenary session of the National R4V Platform was held on 8 August. On this occasion, the political and international cooperation context in Chile was analyzed, the results of the latest cross-border studies and monitoring exercises carried out by R4V partners were also discussed, as well as the next steps to follow, where the update of the RMRP 2024 and the Accountability to Affected Populations, process stand out.
- Between 16 and 23 August, the participatory group sessions for the Accountability to Affected Populations process by the National R4V Platform took place in Santiago, Iquique, and the Lobito transit site (Tarapaca region, northern zone of Chile). Over 80 people from Venezuela were gathered, providing their insights and levels of satisfaction regarding the services and benefits they have received through the coordinated response of R4V partners.



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



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN CHILE



PEOPLE TARGETED FOR **ASSISTANCE IN 2023**

SITUATION

- In August, the president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela received the diplomatic credentials of the new ambassador designated by Chile to Venezuela to ratify the intention of strengthening the relations between both countries. This position has been unoccupied since 2018 due to the differences between Venezuela and the previous Chilean administration. This is part of diplomatic progress between both nations in which, among other things, cooperation mechanisms are being established to address issues associated with Venezuelan mobility in the southern cone.
- On 17 August, the Ministry of the Interior revealed that there had been a 42 per cent drop in refugee and migrant entries through unofficial border points into the country, when compared to the same period in 2022. As of 6 August 2023, a total of 13,256 irregular entries have been detected, a significant decrease from the 23,012 recorded during the corresponding timeframe in the previous year. Among these cases, 48.3 per cent consist of Venezuelan nationals. These statistics pertain to individuals who are intercepted and apprehended by either Carabineros or the Armed Forces while attempting to enter through unofficial border points, subsequently being handed over to the Investigative Police for further processing.
- On 9 September, approximately 100 refugees and migrants, predominantly from Venezuela and Haiti, positioned themselves on the road connecting the border posts of Chacalluta (Chile) and Santa Rosa (Peru), disrupting vehicular traffic. This situation was not unexpected as R4V's monitoring in the area consistently observed an average of 70 to 80 refugees and migrants per day stranded in this area attempting to cross into Peru during previous days. The Mayor of Arica explained that this event was not a blockade but an accumulation of 100 people seeking information from the National Police of Peru. He emphasized that the human mobility crisis has been ongoing. He called upon the government to take the necessary measures to prevent humanitarian crises in that area, such as those registered in May.

RESPONSE

- SHELTER: During August and September, 982 refugees and migrants from Venezuela benefited from shelter solutions such as rental subsidies and temporary individual and family accommodation in different regions of the country.
- INTEGRATION: Regarding economic integration and peaceful coexistence, various activities and initiatives were carried out in which 421 refugees and migrants from Venezuela benefited. These activities include comprehensive support for strengthening gastronomic businesses, entrepreneurship courses, digital literacy workshops for entrepreneurs, and job orientations. In addition, talks were held on topics revolving around the fight against discrimination against the LGBTIQ+ refugee and migrant population, and collaborative co-design sessions in public spaces for children and adults were carried out.
- HEALTH: R4V partners in the health sector assisted in the respective period. There were 121 refugees and migrants who were effectively referred to primary healthcare centers during this period, strengthening their access to health in Chile.
- PROTECTION: Throughout August and September, 5,976 Venezuelans benefited from comprehensive protection services, encompassing on-site advisory operations on migration issues, as well as headquarters-based support from partner organizations.

SITUATION REPORT



Additionally, case management addressed regularization and access to fundamental rights. Informative talks covering essential aspects of the exercise of refugees' and migrants' rights were also conducted. Furthermore, workshops and training sessions covered crucial subjects such as human mobility, migrant childhood, and the prevention of human trafficking and smuggling. Key stakeholders, including Carabineros de Chile and school officials, actively participated in these sessions.

- FOOD SECURITY: A total of 696 refugees and migrants from Venezuela received food security assistance during August and September, with the main activities including the delivery of food kits for families and individuals and the provision of hot meals in temporary shelters.
- WASH: In August and September, 278 refugees and migrants and their families benefited from the distribution of hygiene kits, both for individuals and families, as well as deliveries of baby diapers.
- MCA: 1,209 refugees and migrants received humanitarian assistance through multipurpose cash assistance to cover their basic needs: 1,047 through multipurpose vouchers and 162 by direct monetary transfers.
- NUTRITION: 34 Venezuelans responsible for children aged 0-23 months received nutritional counseling, and the nutritional status of 54 children between 6 and 59 months was evaluated by professionals in the area.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES AS OF END-SEPTEMBER 2023



WASH 2,781



Shelter 3,920



Education 1,293



Integration



2,345



Protection 27,072



Health 335



Food Security 6,383



Humanitarian Transportation 143



Nutrition **297**



Multipurpose Cash Assistance

3,497