Protection Risks

In transit migrant and refugee children and adolescents

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Child and adolescent protection risk information system

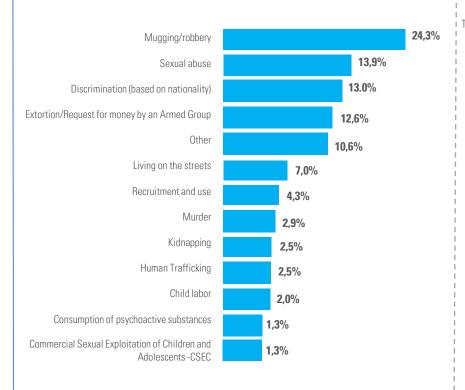
*UNICEF's protection risk identification tool for refugee and in transit migrant children in Colombia, as of November 27, 2023. Dashboard link:

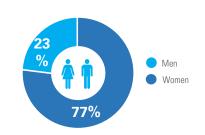


466 surveys conducted

2 qualitative exercises

Perceived occurrence of protection risks for children and adolescents*

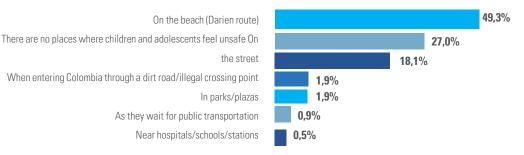




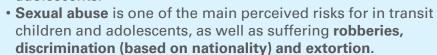
86% Venezuela 3,6% Haiti

7,3 % Ecuador 2.6% Colombia

Places where it is considered that children and adolescents may feel unsafe*.



- 17% of the people reported behavioral changes in children and adolescents (emotional changes).
- 25 possible cases of early unions have been reported, 18 of separated children and 6 of unaccompanied 15-17-year-old adolescents.



• According to those interviewed, it is estimated that **42%** of the people in transit are **children and adolescents**.

Case Reports from the Family Police Station in Necoclí

* UNICEF designed the case report format and shared it with the Family Police Station in 2023.



 113 reported incidents of rights violations against migrant children and adolescents (45% girls and 55% boys).



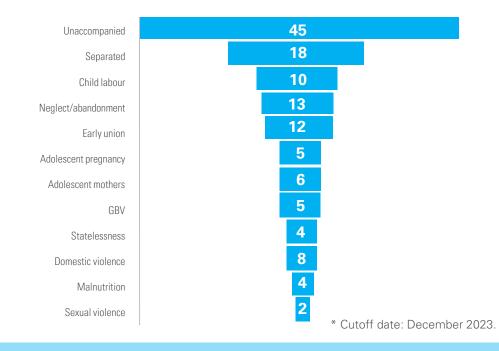
 71% are unaccompanied children and 28% have been separated from their parents or caregivers. No cases were reported in 2022 due to the lack of an identification and reporting tool.



 Statelessness cases are mainly due to births taking place while in transit in second movements and unaccompanied adolescent mothers without a regular status.



 There is evidence of a relationship between early unions, teenage pregnancies and gender-based violence.



The following map shows the main protection risks faced by refugee and in transit migrant children and adolescents. It highlights the main migratory routes to Darien, mainly from Necoclí and Turbo. The map is the result of consultations with children and adolescents, institutional actors and UNICEF's field work with implementing partners in the region.

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