

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

17.415

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 15
REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY BY
MAY11 ORGANIZATIONS
REPORTING ACTIVITIES
*R4V appealing organizations and
implementing partners

DISAGGREGATION OF PEOPLE REACHED

2.774
GIRLS7.125
WOMEN3.022
BOYS4.470
MEN-
OTHER <1824
OTHER ≥18

HIGHLIGHTS

- On **April 1st**, the first plenary 2024 of the GTRM Tarapacá took place, with attendance from public institutions, UN agencies, and civil society actors.
- On **April 25th**, the national platform held its second plenary meeting. The session identified planned and ongoing data collection efforts on migrants and refugees by platform partners, as well as the involvement of OHCHR to contextualize the adjustments and new human mobility regulations in Chile.
- On **May 9th**, the 1st national R4V sector leaders meeting was held to define working plans and key interventions for 2024. The following integration and multisectoral activities for May were also presented, aimed at engaging various sectors and enhancing cross-sector collaboration in these meetings.

FUNDING SITUATION FOR 2024
REQUIREMENT: 86M | FUNDED: 5.7M
6.6%REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
IN CHILE
532.7KPEOPLE TARGETED FOR
ASSISTANCE IN 2024
130.3K

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

- On **April 26th**, the government of Peru declared a state of emergency in border areas. This allows police and military to carry out operations to curb irregular movements. The announcement comes as, according to local police, hundreds of people in human mobility - including Venezuelan refugees and migrants- are stranded on the border with Chile, trying to enter the country.
- On **May 8th**, The National Migration Service (SERMIG) announced the expedited processing of a bill they introduced in July 2023. This bill proposes six key modifications to Law 21.325. Notable changes include expanding the grounds for expulsion due to crimes committed in the country of origin, such as domestic violence, and allowing the Undersecretary to enforce administrative expulsions even with pending judicial processes.
- Additionally, the bill proposes stricter penalties for human trafficking and for transportation providers that facilitate illegal entry, as well as new guarantees for documenting the identity of children and adolescents.
- On **May 14th**, the Chilean Congress approved President Gabriel Boric's request for a new 90-day extension of the armed forces presence in the border areas with Peru and Bolivia to prevent irregular flows and continue to protect national security.
- On **May 23rd**, Legislative Decree No. 78 established an advisory committee comprising representatives from 29 ministry undersecretaries, local and regional government associations, and international organizations (with advisory roles). The committee's primary role is to advise the Ministry of Interior and Public Security on implementing the National Migration Strategy (PNME) by formulating the "National Action Plan on Migration and Foreign Affairs". It will focus on key areas such as access to regularization mechanisms, family reunification, international protection, and border security.

PARTNERS RESPONSE

- INTEGRATION:** In April and May, this sub-sector carried out workshops for technical teams from 44 nurseries, kindergartens, and schools to promote intercultural actions and inclusion in the classroom and work with families. Also, 344 migrant and refugee children from 6 to 13 years old participate in Parkour, Climbing, and BMX workshops in Santiago, aiming to develop their socio-emotional skills and establish the habit of physical activity through a sporting discipline. All this through an inclusive approach that focuses on interculturality to promote their use of public spaces. In the context of socio-economic integration initiatives, 1,012 refugees and migrants accessed tools for labor inclusion, assistance with educational degree validation, training cycles for entrepreneurship and trades, inclusion in digital markets, and seed capital. These holistic interventions aim to ensure that the needs of all refugees and migrants are addressed, considering their diverse contexts.
- HEALTH:** 208 refugees and migrants received mental health care and guidance for their inclusion in the health system during this period. The inclusion of mental health in the interventions has shown positive results in improving family coexistence and in processing migratory grief.



SITUATION REPORT

- SHELTER:** Between April and May, 859 refugees and migrants received rental subsidies, along with support in accommodation, food, school enrollment, and socio-labor integration. Emergency shelter was also provided to family groups in need. The capacity of NGOs managing shelters and residences, and municipal emergency offices was also strengthened. This effort aimed to enhance key actors' technical and operational capabilities in coordinating and managing temporary shelters, ensuring an effective humanitarian response that guarantees protection, assistance, and services to migrants, refugees, and others in vulnerable situations.
- PROTECTION:** During the reporting period, comprehensive protection efforts were undertaken to support 3,676 migrants and refugees, focusing on human trafficking prevention, child protection, and addressing gender-based violence (GBV). Authorities and public institutions were trained on trafficking prevention and the risks faced by children on the move, while legal support was provided for children's registration. Additionally, Venezuelan refugees and migrants received guidance on HIV prevention and psychological support to combat discrimination, together with information sessions and workshops to inform about legal procedures for protection. Also, social workers were provided training on human mobility and child protection. These interventions highlight a holistic approach to protection, ensuring vulnerable populations' safety, rights, and well-being.
- FOOD SECURITY:** In 14 regions nationwide, 1,736 refugees and migrants received food assistance through family or individual food kits, food gift cards for local purchases, and shelter meals. These food security interventions are tailored to individuals' contexts and needs, using an intercultural approach to ensure relevance and effectiveness.
- WASH:** Platform partners provided critical WASH assistance between April and May by distributing 244 early childhood kits and 2,369 individual and group hygiene kits. These efforts aimed to address the essential hygiene needs of the affected populations, contributing to improved health and well-being.
- MCA:** 847 refugees and migrants received humanitarian assistance through multipurpose cash assistance to cover their basic needs through vouchers and direct monetary transfers.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Since August 2023, dozens of children and their families have been participating in the project "Promotion of Peaceful Coexistence through Sport" in Estación Central, Santiago, and Iquique. The initiative aims to promote coexistence and strengthen community life through sports and the installation of infrastructure in parks and plazas, creating safe and welcoming public spaces.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES AS OF MAY 2024

WASH 957	SHELTER 1.624	EDUCATION 408	INTEGRATION 606	PROTECTION* 20.720	HEALTH 156	FOOD SECURITY 2.677	HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORTATION 84	NUTRITION -	MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE 2.245

* Includes GBV, Child Protection and Human Trafficking and Smuggling

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