

CHILE



REFUGEES AND
MIGRANTS IN CHILE
457,324



PEOPLE TARGETED IN 2020*
254,000



FUNDING SITUATION**
FUNDED: **14.5%**
REQUIREMENT: **35,9M**

Situation


- Given a drop in new cases with 1,556 (the lowest rate in three months), the **Chilean Government has begun to gradually lift restrictions** in the country in an attempt to reactivate the economy, though areas with a high level of new cases remain under quarantine.
- According to the latest study published by the Catholic University of Chile, in one year 1.8 million jobs have been lost (between the civil unrest and the pandemic), and the unemployment has reached an historical rate of 12% from March to date. The COVID-19 has left almost 100,000 refugees and migrants without work. The employment rate of Chileans decreased by 20%, for Peruvians and Colombians were 22.9% and 35% respectively; however, the employment rate in Venezuelans increased by 15%.
- Regarding the new migration bill, President Piñera assured that he will "veto" the indications proposed by the opposition if adopted by the Congress. The most controversial measures are the following two: the creation of a new category for those seeking job opportunities in the country after having entered as tourists and the implementation of an extraordinary regularization for those who have pending applications or have irregular migratory status, allowing them to request a temporary residence visa, without being administratively sanctioned, within a period of 90 days from the entry into force of the law.

Response


- R4V partners have continued to deliver humanitarian aid, such as food kits to Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Santiago and northern cities of Arica, Iquique, Antofagasta and Coquimbo.
- Partners also provided cash-based interventions to 60 persons, providing access to basic goods and covering rent payments. In addition, emergency assistance was provided to around 1,289 refugees and migrants from Venezuela, addressing immediate food, protection, shelter and integration. In Antofagasta, partners focused their interventions in the provision of guidance on *Support Spaces* available.
- This has been complemented with the organization of different webinars on COVID-19 prevention related topics, economic inclusion and information on procedures, visas and immigration permits, which were held with the Ministry of Labour (focused on the provision of advice and training relating to labour rights and duties for refugees, migrants and social leaders).
- The National Platform together with Sectors have been coordinating a series of working sessions for the definition of priorities and objectives in the framework of the upcoming 2021 plan submission.
- Within the framework of the Quito Process the Government of Chile began to prepare the VI Round of the Chile Chapter to be held on 23 and 24 September, with the involvement of some of the platform's partners.




PEOPLE REACHED*



Integration
282



NFI
-



Food Security
636



CBI
60



Protection
68



Shelter
303

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