

# CHILE



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS  
IN CHILE

457,324



PEOPLE REACHED  
IN 2021\*

101,403



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

FUNDED: 11.6 M

REQUIREMENT: USD 46.1M

## Situation

- Variance of the official figures concerning irregular entries in Chile remain an issue. On one hand, the Police reports that over [10,600](#) people have entered the country through unofficial border points until September 2021. Over 80% of them entered through the Tarapacá Region, 17% through Arica and Parinacota, and 2.3% through Antofagasta. On the other hand, the Investigations Police reports this figure to be over [23,600](#). Throughout the entire year of 2020, the Investigations Police reports that 16,600 have entered the country irregularly.
- The Ministry of Health reported that since mid-august and throughout September more than [4,000](#) Covid-19 tests have been conducted at the Antofagasta bus terminal. According to R4V partners, early in September, daily crowding at the bus terminal reached highs of 700 hundred people, mostly from Venezuela.
- After a [request](#) from [regional authorities](#), the Minister of Defense and the Undersecretary of the Interior [announced](#) the reinforcement of border controls, the continuation of the collective [expulsions](#), and the creation of temporary quarantine shelters to receive irregular refugees and migrants.
- On 24 September, the police carried out an eviction order of [158 refugees and migrants](#) who were sheltering at a public square in Iquique (Plaza Brazil) in a 300-tent camp in precarious conditions. The order was issued by the national government's representation in the region of Tarapacá. After the eviction, 14 were detained after clashes with the police. On the following day, a [protest](#) gathered 5,000 citizens who complained about the lack of response from authorities about the current migrant situation. They were also complaining about how migrants end up occupying several public spaces and disrupting the lives of locals. There were episodes of aggression towards the migrants living on the square and the belongings of some of the families were burnt.
- Among some of the reactions to the eviction and protests, the Chilean Prosecutor's office opened an [investigation](#) and ordered protection measures for 16 children and elderly persons who were evicted. The Interior Minister regretted the events, but declared that the [expulsions will continue](#). The [Governor of Tarapaca](#) announced [bus services](#) would be arranged to support the evicted families who have parents in other regions to join them.
- On 8 September, the Ministry of Interior issued nationalization letter to 199 Venezuelans. So far this year, [1,350](#) people of diverse nationalities have received the citizenship. Most of the letters were issued to persons living in Metropolitan Region (907), Antofagasta (88) and Arica and Parinacota (66).

## Response

- R4V partners **provided temporary shelters** to the 158 refugees and migrants who were evicted from Plaza Brazil, in Iquique, on 24 September. Of these 42 were given room and board at hotels in the city (including 16 children and adolescents, 2 pregnant women and 2 people with disability) for an initial period of 15 days. They will be eligible for rental subsidy after this period. The others either left the city or resettled on other public spaces.
- R4V partners **assisted refugees and migrants with food and non-food items** (including hygiene kits) in Arica, Antofagasta and Iquique, as well as in the Metropolitan Region. In the city of Colchane, hot food is delivered once a day to those who seek shelter at the local church.
- 100 families** received rental subsidy in Iquique and **700 cash transfers** have been delivered to enable the purchase of hygiene items, food, and winter clothing.
- The health duos (1 doctor + social worker) will continue providing support to families who are in temporary accommodation in coordination with other R4V partners. Likewise, they will continue making daily visits to health residences and visiting other areas of the northern zone where it is required.
- On 14 September, **R4V partners** participated in the installation of an assistance post in the bus terminal. The regional government and municipality provide close support in the coordination carried out with the organizations at the bus terminal in order to provide a timely assistance to the PoC's.
- The RMRP 2022 planning process** has reached another milestone with the completion of partners activities submissions. In total, 14 partners submitted activities.



Health

34



Education

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Food  
Security

17,189



Integration

198



CBI

985



Protection

3.392



Shelter

898



Hum.  
Transp.

14



WASH

223