

# Southern Cone



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE SUBREGION  
**239,000**



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*  
**3,835**



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

**3%**

FUNDED: 1.4 MILLION

REQUIREMENT: 46.7 MILLION

## Situation

- As of 1 May, [Chile reopened 22 land border](#) crossings with **Argentina**, **Bolivia** and Peru that had been closed since 17 March 2020 after the arrival of COVID-19. In Desaguadero (Bolivia's border with Peru) R4V partners reported the entry of 114 refugees and migrants from Venezuela during the second half of the month entering through that border and requesting humanitarian assistance. Despite the fact that most Venezuelan refugees and migrants met the requirements for regular entry to Bolivia, due to lack of knowledge on the procedure, some were entering irregularly. Once in Bolivia, some Venezuelans who were informed by R4V partners about the difficulties with entry into Chile evaluated the possibility of continuing their transit to Argentina, Paraguay or returning to Peru. In terms of health and protection, R4V partners identified vulnerable groups of pregnant women and separated or unaccompanied children among those arriving. In Pisiga (at the border with Chile) departures of Venezuelans continued while the military presence on the Chilean side to control irregular entries diminished. On 10 May, partners observed 439 refugees and migrants leaving Bolivia for Chile in a single day at Pisiga (border with Chile), most arriving directly from Desaguadero and those who can not afford the transportation from Peru by organized criminal groups usually stay up to three days in Oruro. During the first half of May, an R4V partners' shelter in Pisiga received approximately 60 refugees and migrants, mostly Venezuelan women and girls. In the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, partners provided assistance to at least 32 refugees and migrants who had entered the country mostly irregularly (14) through Desaguadero (border with Peru) and Guayaramerin (border with Brazil). During the last week of May, R4V partners in Villamontes assisted some 15 refugees and migrants in transit to **Paraguay** with humanitarian assistance and advice to meet the current health requirements for entering the country.
- [According to data from the National Directorate of Migration](#), since the re-opening of borders in **Uruguay** on 1 November 2021, at least 4,900 Venezuelans have entered and remained in the country, representing an approximately 31 per cent increase in the refugee and migrant population. In Uruguay, partners raised concerns about delays in processing the certificate of arrival for refugees and migrants from Venezuela with the National Directorate of Migration, a prerequisite for obtaining the Uruguayan identity card, which is essential to guarantee access to health, education, legal employment and other rights.
- As of 10 May, the Government of Argentina authorized [granting temporary residence](#) for a period of up to one hundred and eighty days to foreign nationals of countries that do not require a tourist visa to enter the country (including Venezuelans) in order to provide services remotely through the use of computer, telecommunications or similar means, referred to as "digital nomads".

Response highlights\*\*\*



**ARGENTINA:** APdeBA, CAREF, FCCAM, IOM, Jesuit Migrant Service, MIRARES, Red Cross Argentina, UNHCR. **BOLIVIA:** Caritas Bolivia, Caritas Cochabamba, Caritas Switzerland, IICAB, IOM, Munasim Kullakita Foundation, Scalabrini Foundation, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision. **PARAGUAY:** Semillas para la Democracia, IOM. **URUGUAY:** ADRA, Idas y Vuelatas, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF.

- In **Argentina**, R4V partners provided hygiene kits, food, shelter, humanitarian transportation and cash transfers to refugees and migrants. Psychosocial assistance was provided through workshops, individual therapy and support groups. Entrepreneurs received seed capital, participated in home health aid courses for dependent people, and customer service courses. Partners also offered workshops on financial inclusion and assisted refugees and migrants with opening bank accounts.
- In **Bolivia**, R4V partners assisted refugees and migrants with migratory regularization processes and provided food and hygiene kits, medicines, and shelter support in La Paz, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, Oruro, Tarija, Pisiga and Potosí. Particularly in Pisiga, partners also facilitated communication with family members and provided temporary shelter vouchers, guidance and assistance in accessing health services.



Food Security	Hum. Transp	Health	Educ.	Integr.	WASH	Prot.	Shelter	CVA
65		107		121	67	1993	855	254

- R4V partners delivered food and health vouchers, multipurpose cash transfers, and household item kits to refugees and migrants from Venezuela in **Paraguay**.
- R4V partners in **Uruguay** carried out an integration workshop for refugees and migrants, providing information on migration regularization, public policies and educational integration processes. Partners also provided psychosocial care, food vouchers, cash transfers, and support for refugees and migrants participating in an entrepreneurs' fair in Rivera.

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