



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE AS OF END-FEBRUARY

6,252

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 16  
REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY15 ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING ACTIVITIES  
\*R4V appealing organizations and implementing partners

## DISAGGREGATION OF PEOPLE REACHED


  
10,49%  
GIRLS


  
41,69%  
WOMEN


  
9,88%  
BOYS


  
37,82%  
MEN


  
0%  
OTHER <18


  
0,09%  
OTHER ≥18

## HIGHLIGHTS

The [2022 National Informal Settlements Registry of the Ministry of Housing and Urbanism](#) revealed that 40 percent of heads of households in informal settlements in Chile are refugees and migrants (in 2019, it was 30 percent). More than half of the refugee and migrant population living in these types of settlements in Chile is concentrated in the Tarapacá (27 percent) and Antofagasta (24 percent) regions.

[According to the National Institute of Statistics, 476,451 Venezuelan<sup>1</sup> refugees and migrants were formally employed as of February 2023.](#) Only in 2022, the number of work visas granted to Venezuelan refugees and migrants reached 119,666. At the same time, the formal employment of Venezuelans decreased by 4.1 percent, and the rate of informal employment increased by 12.4 percent by the end of the year.

FUNDING SITUATION FOR 2023  
REQUIREMENT: 80.7M | FUNDED: 1.8 MREFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN  
CHILE  
444KPEOPLE TARGETED FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN 2023  
190.4K

## SITUATION

- According to the [Investigative Police](#) (PDI) at the national level, irregular entries of all nationalities decreased by 5 percent in 2022 compared to 2021 (56,586 to 53,875) with an estimated 75-80 per cent over both years being Venezuelans. Despite this general drop, entries to the Tarapacá region, the main gateway to the country during 2022, increased by 19 percent (13,078 to 15,577). These reports include both the number of refugees and migrants who self-reported to the national authorities and those identified by the PDI without necessarily their acquiescence (not including children and adolescents).
- In February, [Congress passed a law in which borders are considered critical infrastructure](#), allowing the Armed Forces to exercise movement control activities in such zones, including preemptive identity checks, searches of belongings and vehicles, and detention of those caught in the act of committing crimes.

## RESPONSE

- WASH:** In January and February, 462 refugee and migrant children received hygiene supplies and services, and 35 refugees and migrants benefited from hygiene kits in the Tarapacá region.
- SHELTER:** 668 refugees and migrants benefited from rental housing subsidies in various regions, including the Metropolitan, Biobío, and Los Lagos regions. Meanwhile, 250 refugees and migrants recently arrived in the Tarapacá Region benefited from temporary shelter.
- FOOD SECURITY:** A total of 1,422 individuals received food assistance from R4V partners. Among them, 1,159 received cash and vouchers for purchasing food items at local markets. Partners also provided in-kind assistance, reaching 191 Venezuelans with food kits and 72 refugees and migrants received hot meals at the temporary shelters in Tarapacá region.
- INTEGRATION:** Between January and February, several initiatives were undertaken to promote the integration of refugees and migrants, providing support to 408 people. These initiatives included activities such as job placement in companies seeking personnel, training for advisers on human mobility issues, technical workshops, awareness talks, integration activities for older persons with the assistance of nurses and psychologists, and advice on economic integration. Additionally, support was provided for the preparation of CVs, entrepreneurial endeavors, and other related matters.
- PROTECTION:** Child protection efforts encompassed various activities, including events to foster the regularization of children's legal status and to provide assistance to those children residing at the transit center in Lobito, Iquique. 1,070 children received basic services, information, psychosocial support, and accompaniment while activating networks to facilitate access to their rights. In addition, R4V partners provided social assistance and case monitoring for the regularization of legal status, access to the refugee recognition process, and continuous access to basic rights for 5,076 persons. Partners also held talks and seminars covering general topics related to human mobility, such as human trafficking and smuggling, which included the participation of public institutions.

<sup>1</sup> The figure is higher than the official numbers of the resident Venezuelan population reported by the Government, therefore an indication that the number of Venezuelans in Chile is much higher, especially since there is no official information on the exact number refugees and migrants from Venezuela in an irregular situation.



- **HEALTH:** R4V partners referred 28 children in need of specialized medical attention, to obtain primary care from the health system. In addition, 61 refugees and migrants were able to schedule health care appointments at no cost through agreements with academic institutions.
- **EDUCATION:** In addition to informal educational activities for the benefit of 359 young refugees and migrants, R4V partners held workshops on intercultural education and provided refugees and migrants with educational materials. Partner also held a participatory dialogue with 14 civil society organizations to address the right to education of refugee and migrant students.
- **NUTRITION:** 62 refugee and migrant children between 0 and 59 months of age received nutritional assessments to identify acute malnutrition.
- **CVA:** 56 refugees and migrants benefited from multipurpose cash assistance in January and February, which facilitated their access to purchase goods and services to cover their basic needs.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES AS OF FEBRUARY 2023



WASH  
497



Shelter  
844



Education  
359



Integration  
408



Protection  
5,076



Health  
89



Food Security  
1,422



Humanitarian  
Transportation  
18



Nutrition  
62



Multipurpose  
Cash Assistance  
56