

CHILE

June - September 2022

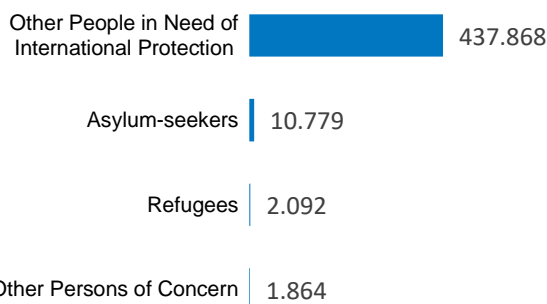
In the last quarter, arrivals of refugees and migrants on the border with Bolivia have continued. **Chile remains a final destination country** for many Venezuelans living in other Latin-American countries.

The Office in Chile is supporting the Government to enhance the humanitarian, protection, and solutions space for all persons of concern to UNHCR, precisely asylum-seekers and refugees of different nationalities, refugees and

migrants from Venezuela, and stateless persons or those at risk of statelessness, taking into consideration the differentiated needs of the targeted population.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

452,603*

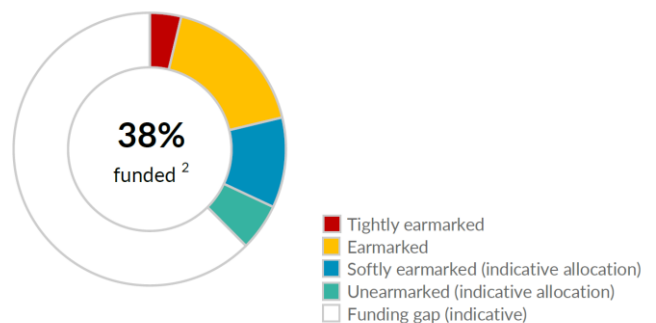


* The figures were collected from the Government of Chile. Other People in Need of International protection includes Venezuelan people residing in Chile, when not refugees or Asylum-seekers.

FUNDING (AS OF 10 NOVEMBER 2022)

USD 22.7 million

requested for the UNHCR operation in Chile

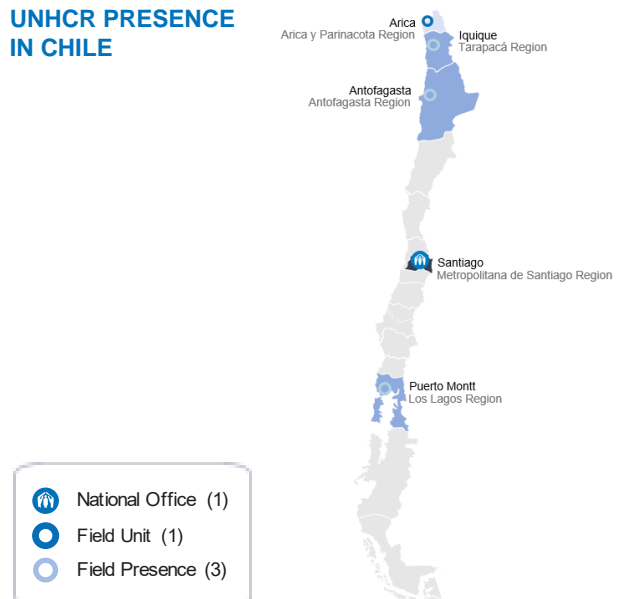


KEY FIGURES

- The total foreign population residing in Chile reached **1,482,390**^(**) people as of December 2021, representing 1.5% more than in 2020 and an increase of 14.1% compared to 2018. This equates to 7,7 percent of the country's population.
- In 2021, according to the Ministry of Interior of Chile and the Investigative Police (PDI) more than **56,000** people entered Chile through unauthorized entry points.
- Chile is the fourth destination for refugees and migrants from Venezuela; after Colombia, Perú, and Ecuador with over **444 thousand** lawfully residing in the country.

**This figure does not include persons who have entered the territory through unauthorized border crossing points.

UNHCR PRESENCE IN CHILE



Working with Partners

- In line with the "whole of society approach" envisaged by the Global Compact on Refugees and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, **UNHCR works closely with the national and regional governments, refugee communities, municipalities, civil society organizations, academy, the international community, and private sector** to ensure 'refugees' and 'migrants' protection and durable solutions.
- UNHCR has entered into partnership agreements **with World Vision International (WVI), the National Human Rights Institute (NHRI), Municipality of Santiago, Jesuit Migrant Service (SJM), Diego Portales University (UDP), International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), Vicaría Pastoral Social (VPS) and Colectiva Manifiesta** to provide shelter, food, hygiene, winter kits, legal counseling, medical, and psychosocial assistance to Venezuelan refugees arriving in the country. Through these agreements, UNHCR also works with FASIC, Fundación Madre Josefa, and Universidad Alberto Hurtado.
- **A total of 12 Chilean municipalities and one region (***) have joined the "Cities of Solidarity" program**, thereby committing themselves to carry out joint actions with UNHCR to guarantee the protection and socioeconomic inclusion of refugees and migrants in Chile. It considers training from UNHCR on international protection, provision of humanitarian aid for distribution, and the joint execution of projects that promote the employability of refugees and migrants.
- **UNHCR and IOM co-lead the National Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela**, composed of 24 partners, to ensure holistic responses to the plight of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Chile.

*** This partnership includes the municipalities of Arica, Estación Central, Santiago, La Pintana, Recoleta, Ñuñoa, Peñalolén, Valparaíso, Concepción, Talcahuano, Temuco, Puerto Natales, and the region of Magallanes

Results in 2022

(June to September 2022)



Legal and psychosocial assistance

>4,000



Non-food kits, food assistance, and cash grants to support basic needs and/or medical expenses

>3,800



Temporary Shelter

>2,000



Training and/or support for self-employment for inclusive market

>1,800

Main Activities

(June to September 2022)

Protection

- Assisted refugees and migrants with **legal advice, counseling, emergency shelter, and referrals to specialized services**. Support spaces.
- Conducted border monitoring through partnerships with the National Human Rights Institute (NHRI), the Legal Clinic of University Diego Portales, and the Jesuit Migrant Service - the latter with the **online app "MIGRAPP"**.
- Provided **psychosocial assistance** through partnership agreements with World Vision International, Jesuit Migrant Service, the Municipality of Santiago, and Vicaria Pastoral Social.
- Engaged with LGBTIQ+ refugees and migrants through the support of Fundación Colectiva Manifiesta, an organization created in 2021 to **provide humanitarian assistance and protection to the LGBTIQ+ community**. Also, with the help of UNAIDS, in 2022, three NGOs have offered peer support, access to information, and test for refugees and migrants in Santiago, Iquique, and Arica.

Shelter, food, and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

- Assisted with **the provision of shelter, food, cash grants, and hygiene kits** to the most vulnerable refugees and migrants in coordination with Regional Governments, Municipalities, and police (Carabineros).
- Provided **cash grants to support refugees and migrants with basic needs** throughout the country; some have benefited from **cash grants to cover medical conditions**.
- Promoted an interinstitutional response to the most urgent needs of Venezuelan families living in the streets, aiming at **boosting the Government's strategy "Programa calle" and particularly Plan Enlace Alameda**, in coordination with the Social Development and Family Ministry, Vicaría de la Pastoral Social and World Vision.

Durable Solutions

- Supported **livelihoods-oriented assistance for refugees and migrants to ensure their effective inclusion in economic recuperation efforts** in Chile and transition from a COVID-19 humanitarian to a post-COVID-19 recovery response in close coordination with the private sector and local governments.
- **Promoted dialogues between local governments** to carry out technical, sectoral, and tripartite exchanges to share good practices.
- **Implemented the "Emprende Hoy project"**, whose objective is to train and accompany 45 refugee and migrant entrepreneurs, including people from the host community, to **strengthen the training and management of their businesses and improve the marketing of their products**. This initiative also supports 20 entrepreneurs with financing to consolidate their businesses by delivering a contribution of USD 1,800.
- Continue to carry out the **Socioeconomic inclusion network with more than 20 organizations, to strengthen the integration and employability of refugees and migrants** by 1) Consolidating the ecosystem of programs and initiatives aimed at improving the employability of POCs; 2) Strengthening the capacities of the technicians and professionals of the organizations that make up the network; 3) Generating studies and achieve incidence for the socioeconomic integration of people in human mobility.

Interagency Coordination

- UNHCR continues to **co-lead the R4V Interagency Coordination Platform**, a regional response platform across 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was established in 2018 to respond to the Venezuelan refugee and migrant crisis. Under this framework, UNHCR remains **co-leader of the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants in Tarapaca (GTRM in Spanish) and leads the protection and multisector sectors in both instances.**
- The R4V National Platform worked on the **Refugees and Migrants Needs Assessment (RMNA) and the Response planning for 2023-2024 (RMRP)** in coordination with the Government of Chile.
- R4V started imparting the **communication workshop: "How to approach communication on Refugees and Migrants based on Evidence and International Law."** The first seminar occurred at the Regional Ministerial Secretary of Justice of the Tarapacá Region (City: Iquique).

Public Information/ External Relations

- **Provided timely and adapted information about protection services and assistance available to refugees and migrants** using the website help.unhcr.org and other public materials, such as brochures.
- Continue to **promote healthy environments and recovery of the public space** by improving outdoor educational spaces in northern Chile and promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusion between host communities, refugees and migrants, in collaboration with Mi Parque Foundation and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- UNHCR and IOM **launched the digital campaign "Somos Encuentro"** to promote a more favorable environment. It seeks to **compile and highlight stories of inclusion, cultural exchange, and community dialogue** that foster bonds of empathy and solidarity between people and promote non-discrimination behaviors, attitudes, and actions.
- **UNHCR and World Vision produced the book "Y si fueras tú."** Through a visual journey of 15 illustrations made by Chilean and foreign artists, it reflects the different stages, contexts, and stereotypes that refugees and migrants must face when they are forced to leave their country of origin until they reach the territory where they decide to settle. The exhibition at a large scale could also be seen at the Cultural Center La Moneda in Santiago (Chile) from 13 September to 3 October. The Spanish version of the book can be found here: www.Ysifuerastu.cl

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