# NATIONAL PLATFORM CHILE

July 2024







PEPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE AS OF END-JULY\*

31.715



ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 11 REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY IN DECEMBER



10 ORGANIZATIONS
REPORTING ACTIVITIES
\*R4V appealing organizations and implementing partners

#### DISAGGREGATION OF PEOPLE REACHED













#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Education Sector, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, conducted a 2025 School Admission Training workshop. This initiative is aligned to enhance educational inclusion for migrant and refugee children and establish robust support systems to guide foreign families through the admission process and provide them with the necessary accompaniment.
- On July 25th, the partners of the R4V Chile platform convened to validate the methodology for calculating People in Need (PiN) by sector, which will form part of the 2024 Refugee and Migrant Needs Assessment (RMNA). This assessment focuses on identifying individuals whose well-being and living conditions are at risk or have been disrupted and who cannot restore minimum decent living conditions without additional assistance.



FUNDING SITUATION FOR 2024
REQUIREMENT: 86M | FUNDED: 1.5M
1.9%



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN CHILE 532.7K



PEOPLE TARGETED FOR ASSISTANCE IN 2024

# **NATIONAL OVERVIEW**

## Venezuelan elections at a national level

- Observers from Chile, Panama, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Mexico, and Spain were denied entry into Venezuela for the electoral process, raising
  concerns within the international community about the transparency of the elections.
- Only 2,659 individuals were eligible to vote in the electoral process, despite the significant interest shown by the gatherings outside the Venezuelan embassy in Chile. The main obstacle was the requirement for an updated passport, a document many Venezuelans in Chile do not have.
- Chilean President Gabriel Boric has expressed doubts about the election results announced by the National Electoral Council of Venezuela, calling them "difficult to believe." He has called for greater transparency in the documentation and counting process to ensure the legitimacy of the outcome.
- Due to widespread criticism of the electoral process and results published by the National Electoral Council, the Venezuelan government, under President Nicolás Maduro, ordered the immediate withdrawal of diplomatic staff from several countries, including Chile, and announced the recall of its own diplomats from those nations.
- Following Nicolás Maduro's re-election, Chile has announced plans to enhance border security with Peru and Bolivia. Manuel Monsalve, Chile's Undersecretary of the Interior at the Border Security Council in Colchane, revealed that the country will reinforce its borders with increased aerial surveillance and the relocation of biometric control equipment from Arica to Huara. Chile aims to coordinate with neighboring countries to effectively manage the flow of refugees and migrants, ensuring security and order at its borders amidst the ongoing political situation in Venezuela.
- On July 31st, the National Migration Service of Chile said that Venezuelan nationals can exit the country regardless of their migratory status. This measure allows them to do so with a valid or expired identity card or passport.

# PARTNERS RESPONSE

- SHELTER: 446 refugees and migrants from Venezuela received subsidies that enabled them to access safe housing. Additionally, 150 individuals were accommodated in shelters as temporary solutions. These interventions are crucial for sustainable integration processes in the country, as housing is a primary need for newly arrived families facing high living costs.
- **EDUCATION**: To promote the advancement of inclusive educational systems, 171 children participated in alternative education programs designed to help them bridge academic gaps and smoothly transition back into formal education. These programs, led by psychologists and educators, allow children to become accustomed to national vocabulary and teaching methods, ensuring a continuous integration process and helping them to reestablish their educational goals.

## SITUATION REPORT



- INTEGRATION: significant efforts are being made to foster the inclusion of 175 refugees and migrants through various initiatives. These included providing access to food preparation sessions with health regulations and offering nutritional and commercial advice. Entrepreneurship training programs continue for refugees and migrants to engage in inclusive market initiatives, including workshops on obtaining driving licenses. Digital connectivity is also being enhanced through access to online spaces. Moreover, guidance on LGBTIQA+ issues and migration-related topics is being provided to over 180 public and private institution servants. Collectively, these activities contribute to the integration and empowerment of refugees and migrants, promoting their active participation and inclusion in host communities.
- HEALTH: Mental health care was provided to 53 refugees and migrants, alongside workshops focused on human mobility and health and access to free or low-cost medical consultations. These initiatives were designed to meet the immediate and long-term health needs of refugees and migrants, ensuring they receive holistic support for their overall well-being.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Promoting inclusion through empathy and understanding

On July 19th, The Chilean Episcopal Conference (CECH), a partner of the platform, presented the study "I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME: A Christian Perspective on Migration."

- PROTECTION: Over 3,030 refugees and migrants received legal assistance and other protection mechanisms. For example, pregnant women received relevant information to prevent statelessness. Other refugees and migrants received guidance on HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and psychological support was offered to help them cope with discrimination in Chile. These comprehensive efforts ensure that refugees and migrants are well-informed and supported in their protection and integration processes. In terms of specialized protection systems, women and girls from Venezuela received training on detecting and protecting against gender-based violence. Additionally, health system staff and national police services were trained on protocols for preventing and responding to human trafficking. Furthermore, 2,631 children and their guardians benefited from dedicated protection measures. This included access to safe spaces for women and girls, emotional support for individuals, and referral services for children who need special assistance with health services, social security, or justice systems. Individual case management was provided to children, ensuring tailored support. These activities collectively contribute to a robust protection framework, addressing both gender-based violence and specific needs related to child protection.
- **FOOD SECURITY:** 490 refugees and migrants in Chile received food assistance across six regions. The food assistance included individual and family food kits and prepared meals provided in shelters.
- MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE: 605 multipurpose cash assistance were provided to refugees and migrants to address their immediate
  needs, such as food, shelter, health, WASH, or education, while also boosting local economies, reducing administrative costs, and promoting
  social cohesion within host communities.
- WASH: platform partners assisted 466 migrants and refugees with hygiene kits designed from a differentiated approach for individuals, families, women, and children.

## **DIRECT BENEFICIARIES AS OF JULY 2024**







SHELTER **2.092** 



EDUCATION 579



INTEGRATION 620



PROTECTION\* 26.372



HEALTH 176



76 FOOD SECURITY



HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORTATION 106







MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE 2.845

## **OUR PARTNERS**





























































<sup>\*</sup> Includes GBV, Child Protection and Human Trafficking and Smuggling