



Darien Response

January – December 2022

In 2022, **248,284** refugees and migrants crossed the Darien jungle in search of **protection, safety, and a better life**. It is an 86% increase from the **133,726** that risked the journey in 2021. Mainly from South America (Venezuela and Ecuador), but also from Haiti, Cuba, India, and Afghanistan, these refugees and migrants arrive at the Migrant Reception Centres (ERMs), in Darien border with Colombia, with urgent needs of protection and multi-sectorial assistance. **UNHCR, local and national authorities, and partners** continue working together to address the Protection, GBV, Health, Shelter, and Legal needs of refugees, migrants, and host communities in Darien and Chiriqui.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS January – December 2022



41,685

cubic feet of wood

235

cubic yards of gravel

Along with electrical supplies, tools, and other materials provided for the construction of showers, flooring, and other shelter and WASH needs at the ERMs



30,000+

People reached with information on the journey's risks, Panama's asylum system and services available at the ERMs*



94,000

Core Relief Items distributed at the ERMs and in host communities



16,104

People received primary healthcare and first aid services



720+

People received counseling and legal assistance services related to Panama's asylum system



49

Large tents installed at the ERMs and host communities, providing shelter from harsh weather conditions



587

Government officials and partners from 18 institutions and NGOs trained on international protection, statelessness, GBV, and camp management



2,600+

People supported with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS)



1,793

Food hampers and nutrition kits distributed at the ERMs and in host communities



753

People interviewed in monthly protection monitoring exercises

The boundaries and names shown, and designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

*The figure accounts for all refugees, asylum seekers, migrants as well as members of transit and host communities in Darien reached with information directly and indirectly.