Mixed Movements Response
January – April 2023

In 2023, 127,687 refugees and migrants crossed the Darien jungle in search of protection and better opportunities - six times more than in the same period of 2022 when 19,925 people undertook this dangerous journey. Most come from countries in the region, such as Venezuela, Ecuador, Haiti*, and Colombia, while others come from as far as India, China, and Afghanistan.

UNHCR, national authorities, and partners work together to respond to protection, gender-based violence, health, shelter, and legal needs of refugees and migrants, as well as support transit and host communities in Darien and Chiriqui.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS January – April 2023

- **20,800+** People reached with information on the risks of the journey, Panama’s asylum system and services at the ETRMs*
- **6,452** Non-food items (including Core Relief Items) distributed to people at the ETRMs, transit and host communities
- **9,031** People received primary healthcare and first aid services at the ETRMs
- **380** People received counseling and legal assistance services related to Panama’s asylum system
- **2,344** People supported with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS)
- **2,318** People accessed safe spaces at the ETRMs
- **420** People interviewed in monthly border protection monitoring exercises
- **2** Motor canoes donated to partners and local authorities in order to facilitate transportation to transit and host communities
- **700+** Cubic feet of wood, and other construction materials provided to address shelter needs at the ETRMs