



Mixed Movements Response

January – August 2023

In 2023, **333,704 refugees and migrants** crossed the Darien jungle in search of protection and better opportunities - **three times more** than in the same period of 2022. Most come from Venezuela, Ecuador, Haiti*, and Colombia. Many come from as far as China, India, and Afghanistan.

UNHCR, national authorities, and partners respond to protection, gender-based violence, health, shelter, and legal needs of refugees and migrants and support transit and host communities in **Darien and Chiriquí**.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

 **25,000**

People reached with information on the risks of the journey, Panama’s asylum system, and services at the ETRMs*

 **9,680**

Non-food items (including Core Relief Items) distributed to people at the ETRMs, transit, and host communities

 **9,993**

People received primary healthcare and first aid services at the ETRMs

 **5,900**

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

 **3,636**

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

 **10,000**

People benefitted from medicines donated to the Panamanian Red Cross, supporting health services at ETRMs

 **700+**

Cubic feet of wood, and other construction materials provided to address shelter needs at the ETRMs

 **22**

Refugee Housing Units provided for shelter at Alto Playón host community

 **2**

Canoes were donated to the government, supporting work in host communities

 **845**

People interviewed in border protection monitoring exercises

 **712**

Officials trained on international protection and statelessness



El Tucán

UNHCR’s Communication with Communities (CwC) initiative informs about the risks of the jungle and contributes to evidence-based decision-making.

1,470,000 Views

43,300 Interactions

160 Digital products published on Facebook and TikTok

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*1 Including children of Haitian parents born in Brazil and Chile *2 ETRMs are Government-run Temporary Migrant Reception Centres. The figure accounts for all refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants in Darien and Chiriquí reached with information directly and indirectly.