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

**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

- **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 (MH-PSS)
- **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

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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.

**Sources:** UNHCR monitoring data, Government statistics

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