

Chile

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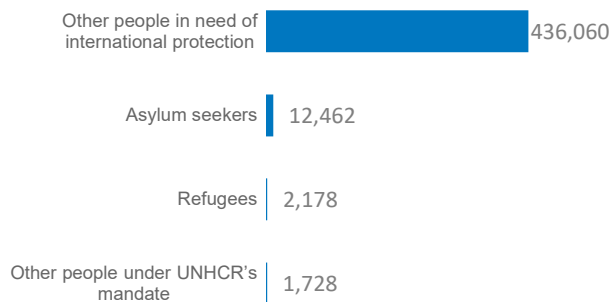
Chile is a destination country for people who have been forcibly displaced. Most are Venezuelan nationals, and many entered the country through unofficial border crossing points with Peru and Bolivia.

UNHCR is supporting the government to strengthen the humanitarian response, as well as enhancing humanitarian, protection, and long-term solutions for all forcibly displaced people, including asylum-

seekers, refugees, stateless persons or at risk of statelessness, and other in need of international protection, as well as their host communities, considering their differentiated needs.

POPULATION UNHCR SERVES

452.428

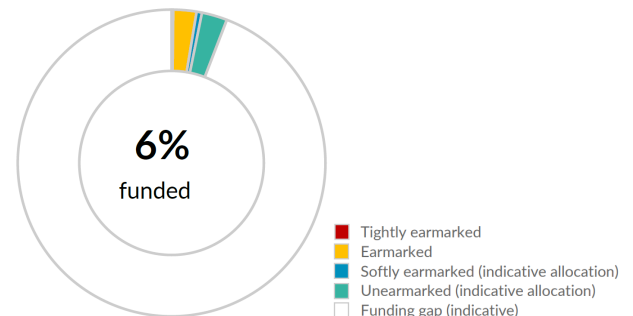


* "Other People in Need of International Protection" includes Venezuelans residing in Chile, when not refugees or asylum seekers. These figures do not include people in an irregular situation who entered the country through unofficial crossings. ** Figures as of June 2023.

FUNDING (UPDATED AS OF 31 JANUARY 2024)

USD 31.2 million

Requested for UNHCR's operation in Chile.



UNHCR PRESENCE

Personnel:

30 National staff and affiliate workforce

6 International staff

Offices:

1 National Office in Santiago (Metropolitan Region)

1 Field Unit in Arica (Region of Arica and Parinacota)

1 Field Presence in Iquique (Tarapacá Region)



Through the "Close the Loop" project, UNHCR is promoting environmental sustainability by reducing the impact on the carbon footprint while implementing its activities in Chile. During the closure of the project, a community garden was remodeled to promote peaceful coexistence among neighborhood residents of La Pintana. ©UNHCR/Eugenia Paz

Working with partners

- In line with the "whole-of-society approach" envisioned by the Global Compact on Refugees and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, **UNHCR works closely with national and regional governments, refugee communities, municipalities, civil society organizations, academia, the international community, and the private sector** to ensure protection and durable solutions for forcibly displaced people.
- **UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are co-leading the National Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V Platform)**, composed of 26 partners, to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive response to the difficult situation of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, as well as their host communities in Chile. Under this structure, the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (GTRM) was established in 2022 in the Tarapacá Region, serving as the local arm of the national platform for the northern zone. **UNHCR also leads the protection and multisectoral sectors in both instances.**
- UNHCR co-leads with IOM the **Human Mobility Group, an instance that is developed under the Framework for Cooperation for Sustainable Development** in Chile, as well as other agencies, funds, and programs of the United Nations System, which share information on the different initiatives and activities they carry out to respond to the context of human mobility in Chile.
- **UNHCR works with Civil Society Organizations** (national and international) to implement an **effective protection response and durable solutions for forcibly displaced people.**

Main activities

Protection

- **Provide technical, financial, and programmatic support to the Government in developing relevant legislative and policy frameworks**, including the right to seek and receive asylum and access to decent work.
- **Assist people in situations of forced displacement and others needing international protection with legal advice, guidance, and referral to specialized services**, primarily through the Support Spaces (SS), a regional network promoted by the R4V Platform, where information, guidance, and services are provided. In addition, provide psychosocial assistance through collaboration agreements with World Vision International, Jesuit Migrant Service, and Vicaria Pastoral Social.
- **Conduct participatory diagnostics, a vital tool for UNHCR's work and response planning.** Through them, it is possible to know and systematize the risks and protection needs faced by people in forced displacement and to listen to different solutions proposed to the problems that affect them.
- **Promote favourable attitudes, contribute to the generation of empathy for forcibly displaced persons**, and prevent/reduce discrimination against them through national campaigns against xenophobia, and **quick-impact projects to promote peaceful coexistence.**

Durable Solutions

- **Strengthen national and local institutional capacities, promote public policies for socioeconomic and labor inclusion, and improve social and cultural opportunities** for people forcibly displaced, allowing them to integrate and contribute positively to their communities.
- **Promote alliances and partnerships with the private sector, employers, workers' organizations, and relevant stakeholders.** This ensures a whole-of-society approach and gives refugees and host communities access to decent work and livelihoods.
- **Foster livelihood opportunities through women's business training** to include them in market value chains.
- **Promote access to decent employment and labor rights** through the [Inclusive Market web platform](#) and expand business opportunities for small entrepreneurs through a digital showcase.
- **Promote the inclusion** of forcibly displaced persons in their host communities and **access to the social protection system** through the continuous training of municipal officials.

Basic Needs

- **Provide emergency shelter** to forcibly displaced people in a situation of increased vulnerability in coordination with national authorities and local governments.
- **Promote and strengthen the conditions of the transitional shelter in Lobito (Iquique, north of the country)** in coordination with national and local authorities and related entities.
- **Promote an inter-institutional response to the most urgent needs of families** in situations of forced displacement who are **homeless**.
- **Provide cash assistance** to help people meet their basic needs **through vouchers and a digital wallet**, benefiting local economies.
- **Complement the efforts of other actors to provide health to the most vulnerable forcibly displaced people** in coordination with national authorities, local governments, and other UN agencies.

Empowerment, Self-Reliance, and Welcoming Communities

- **Develop direct actions with host communities to promote integration** between forcibly displaced persons and host communities.
- **Promote peaceful coexistence with host communities by improving spaces for public use and supporting the development of social cohesion activities.**
- **Coordinate with local governments to promote the empowerment of communities**, seeking to generate a positive impact.
- **Strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations** working with forcibly displaced people in their host communities.

Financial Information

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