Total Entries 2022: 211,355
Entries Oct. 2022: 59,773

Source: Migración Panamá (November, 2022)
Daily arrivals in October 2022:
Source: Migración Panamá (November, 2022)
A reduction in the number of arrivals is observed after the 19th October, six days after the US-DHS announcement.

Monthly arrivals in 2022 by region of origin:
Source: Migración Panamá (November, 2022)
A progressive increase in the number of arrivals of refugees and migrants from South America and Middle East and North Africa is observed from the beginning of the year.
Mixed Movements: Protection Monitoring
Darien Province, Panama-Colombia border
November 2022

The UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) collects monthly information on the characteristics, vulnerabilities and protection needs of refugees and migrants who enter Panama through the province of Darien at the southern border with Colombia. The information is compiled through individual interviews conducted at the migratory reception stations (ERM) of San Vicente and Lajas Blancas. The preliminary results presented here are indicative only and should not be interpreted as representative of the total population of refugees and migrants who cross the border through the Darien jungle.

Demography

Sex of interviewed individuals
- Men: 75%
- Women: 25%

Average Age
- 34 years

Highest education level reached by interviewed individuals
- None or without primary completed: 6%
- Primary: 24%
- Secondary: 51%
- Vocational training: 3%
- University: 16%

Nationality of interviewed individuals
- Haiti: 21%
- Ecuador: 21%
- Venezuela: 17%
- Colombia: 14%
- Cuba: 9%
- Dominican Republic: 7%
- Others: 11%

Other nationalities include: Ghana, Afghanistan, Somalia, Eritrea, Congo, Chile, Cameroon, Pakistan y Afghanistan

Country of residence in the last year
- Ecuador: 29%
- Colombia: 19%
- Brazil: 15%
- China: 12%
- Cuba: 6%
- Venezuela: 6%
- Dominican Republic: 3%
- Others: 11%
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54% of the interviewed individuals left their country of origin/residence:
One to four weeks ago

Main reasons for leaving country of origin

- Limited access to employment: 64%
- Victim of threats and violence: 47%
- Fear due to violence and general insecurity: 36%
- Lack of access to food: 34%
- Lack of access to medical services/medicines: 22%
- Lack of access to education: 6%
- Discrimination: 4%

Main reasons for leaving country of residence

- Limited access to employment: 72%
- Victim of threats and violence: 33%
- Fears due to violence and general insecurity: 24%
- Lack of access to food: 17%
- Other: 14%
- Discrimination: 12%
- Lack of access to medical services/medicines: 9%
- Lack of access to education: 6%

Documents carried by the family

- National Identity Document: 47%
- Valid Passport: 38%
- Birth Certificate: 13%
- Expired Passport: 9%
- None: 9%
- Resident Permit: 8%
- Other: 2%

Do you intend to stay in Panama?

- Yes (13%)
- No (87%)

Have you previously applied for asylum?

- Yes (15%)
- No (85%)

Did you pay any person to guide you through the jungle?

- Yes (87%)
- No (13%)

Interviewed people who reported not paying a guide, described guiding themselves through the jungle using the existing informal colored plastic signs, as well as having traveled with other groups that did have a guide.

Most of interviewed individuals (79%) reported United States as their final destination country

Around 12% reported Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico or Guatemala as their main destination

Around 74% of interviewed venezuelans reported not having the intention to return to their country in the next 12 months. Those with intentions to return (21%), only half of them reported having the intention to return for more than one year.
7 out of 10 people interviewed reported receiving information about the journey and making decisions about it based on the information received from friends and relatives who had already made. They also received information through TikTok (21%), Facebook (12%) and Youtube/Instagram (18%), WhatsApp/Telegram (11%), among others.

Did you experience any mistreatment or abuse during the journey through the jungle?

No (60%)
Yes (40%)

Around 51% of interviewed individuals reported being victim of robbery and fraud during their journey through the jungle.

Additionally, 19% reported being victim of threats, intimidation and other incidents.

Main Needs

88% Cash
15% Medical care
14% Clothes
12% Information and legal assistance
11% Food
9% Internet/Phone calls
7% Others
5% Baby and children items
3% Water

The greatest need reported was cash to pay for outbound transportation from the transit center (ERM) to another ERM nearby the border with Costa Rica.

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