FACT SHEET

Chile

April 2023

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

UNHCR is supporting the Government to enhance the humanitarian, protection, and solutions space for all forcibly displaced people, precisely asylum- seekers and refugees of different nationalities, refugees, and migrants from Venezuela, and stateless persons or those at risk of statelessness, considering the differentiated needs of each population.

POPULATION UNHCR SERVES

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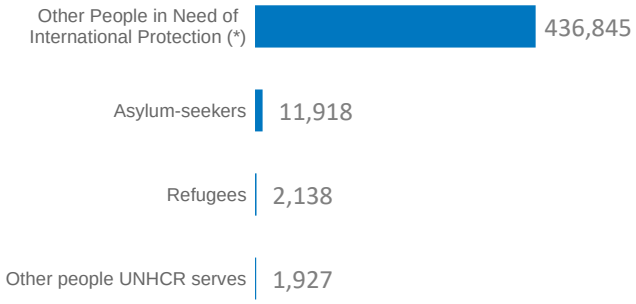
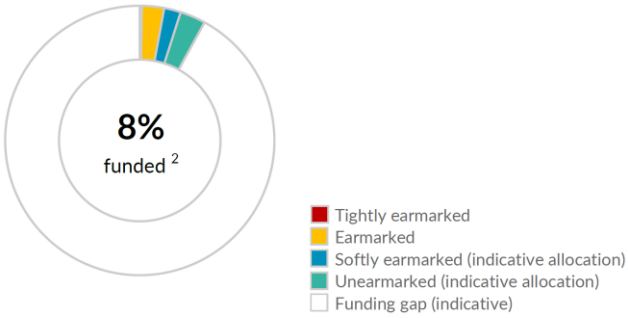


** Other People in Need of International protection include Venezuelan people residing in Chile, when not refugees or asylum-seekers. This number does not include persons in an irregular situation due to their entry through an unauthorized crossing border points.*

FUNDING (AS OF 5 APRIL)

USD 31.5 million

requested for the UNHCR operation in Chile



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

37 National Staff and affiliated workforce

5 International Staff

Offices:

1 National Office in Santiago (Metropolitan region)

1 Field Unit in Arica (Arica and Parinacota Region)

3 Field Presence in Iquique (Tarapacá Region), **Antofagasta** (Antofagasta Region) and **Puerto Montt** (Los Lagos Region)

Promoting the well-being and development of children of the America School in Arica (Arica and Parinacota region), through the inauguration of a mini sports court, where Chilean families and refugee and migrant families interact with each other. ©UNHCR/Eugenia Paz

Working with Partners

- In line with the "whole of society approach" envisaged by the Global Compact on Refugees and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, **UNHCR works closely with the national and regional governments, refugee communities, municipalities, civil society organizations, academy, the international community, and private sector** to ensure 'forcibly displace people's protection and durable solutions.
- **UNHCR and IOM co-lead the National Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V Platform)**. As of 2023, the platform comprises 24 partners to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive response to the plight of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, as well as those of people from the host communities in Chile. Under the R4V structure, the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (GTRM in Spanish) 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 multisector sectors in both instances.**
- UNHCR works with the **Human Mobility Group, instance under the Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development**, and led by UNHCR and IOM, as well as other agencies, funds, and programs of the United Nations System, share information on the different initiatives and activities they carry out to respond to the context of human mobility in Chile.

Main Activities

Protection

- Work to **provide technical, financial, and programming support to the Government in developing relevant legislative and policy frameworks**, including access to decent work.
- **Assist forcibly displaced people and others in need of international protection with legal advice, counselling, and referrals to specialized services,** especially throughout the Support Spaces (SS), a regional network promoted by the R4V Platform, where information guidance and services are provided. Provide psychosocial assistance through partnership agreements with World Vision International, Jesuit Migrant Service, Vicaría Pastoral Social, and Colectiva Manifiesta Foundation.
- **Carry out participatory assessments, a key tool for UNHCR's work and response planning**. Through them, it is possible to learn about and systematize the protection risks and needs that forcibly displaced people face and listen to the solutions proposed by them to the problems that affect them.
- **Promote favourable attitudes, continue building empathy for forcibly displaced people**, and prevent/reduce discrimination towards them through national anti-xenophobia campaigns.

Durable solutions

- **Strengthen national and local institutional capacities and promote public policies for socioeconomic inclusion, labour insertion, and enhanced social and cultural opportunities** for forcibly displaced people, allowing them to integrate and positively contribute to their communities.

- **Promote alliances and partnerships with the private sector, employers, workers' organizations, and relevant stakeholders**, ensuring the whole-of-society approach and enabling access to decent work and livelihoods for refugees and host communities.
- **Foster livelihood opportunities through women entrepreneurship training** to include them in value market chains.
- **Promote access to decent employment and labour rights through the Inclusive Market web platform** (Mercado Inclusivo in Spanish) and broaden marketing opportunities for small entrepreneurs through a digital showcase.
- **Promote the inclusion** of forcibly displaced people in their host communities **and access to the social protection system** through continuous training with municipal officers.

Basic Needs

- **Assist with emergency shelter** for the most vulnerable forcibly displaced people in coordination with the national authorities and local governments.
- **Improve and strengthen the conditions of a transitory shelter in Lobito (Iquique, north of the country)** in coordination with national and local authorities and related entities.
- **Promote an interinstitutional response to the most urgent needs of homeless** forcibly displaced families.
- **Provide cash grants** to support forcibly displaced people to cover their basic needs **through vouchers and digital wallet money**, benefitting local economies.
- **Complement other actors' efforts to provide health to the most vulnerable** forcibly displaced people in coordination with the national authorities, local governments, and other UN agencies.

Community Empowerment, Self-Reliance, and host communities

- **Develop direct actions with host communities to promote integration** between forcibly displaced people and the host communities.
- **Coordinate with local governments to promote the empowerment of communities** to have a positive impact.
- **Strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations** that work with forcibly displaced people in their host communities.

Financial Information

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