FACT SHEET

Chile

December 2024

Chile is a destination country for people who have experienced forced displacement. While the majority are of Venezuelan, Colombian, and Haitian nationality, there is an increase in the arrival of people from other nationalities, such as Ecuador. **UNHCR is supporting the Chilean State to protect, assist, and empower** refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons, and others people in need of international protection, enabling them to access sustainable solutions and livelihoods. This, in turn, aims to provide tools for effective integration into their communities, enhancing their role as active agents in the country's development.

POPULATION UNHCR SERVES

540.691

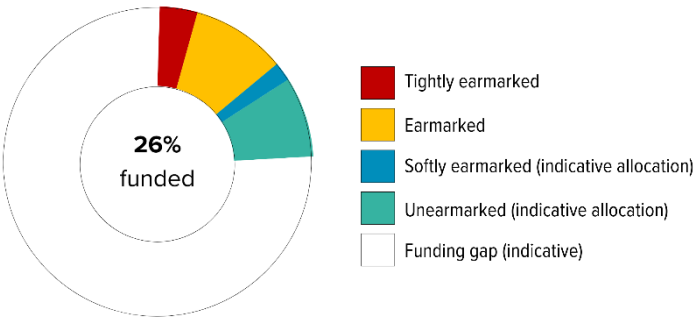
Other people in need of International protection (*)	524.227
Asylum seekers	12.362
Refugees	2.411
Stateless persons under UNHCR'S mandate	1.691

** This category includes Venezuelan residents in Chile who are not refugees or asylum seekers.*
*** All figures as of June 2024.*

FUNDING (UPDATED AS OF DECEMBER 2024)

USD 31.2 millions

Requested for UNHCR operations in Chile



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

40 National and affiliate staff

6 International and affiliate staff

Territorial coverage:

1 National Office in Santiago

1 Field Unit in Arica (Arica and Parinacota Region)

1 Field presence in Iquique (Región de Tarapacá)

Participants in the Cartagena+40 Ministerial Event, where the Declaration and Action Plan of Chile 2024-2034 were adopted, reflecting Chile's leadership in promoting international protection and UNHCR's commitment to its implementation. ©UNHCR

Main Activities

Solutions

- **Strengthen national and local institutional capacities, while promoting public policies for socio-economic inclusion, labor integration, and the improvement of social and cultural opportunities** for people forced to flee, enabling them to integrate and contribute positively to their communities.
- **Promote partnerships and collaborations with the private sector, employers, workers' organizations, and relevant stakeholders,** ensuring a “whole-of-society” approach and enabling access to decent work and livelihoods for refugees and host communities.
- **Foster livelihood opportunities and financial inclusion through business training, with a special focus on women**, to include them in market value chains.
- **Promote access to decent employment and labor rights** through the "Inclusive Market" web platform and expand commercial opportunities for small entrepreneurs through a digital showcase.
- **Promote the inclusión** of people who have been forced to flee in their host communities and **access to the social protection system** through the continuous training of municipal officials.

Empowerment, Self-Reliance and Host Communities

- **Implement direct actions with host communities to promote integration** between people forced to flee and host communities.
- **Foster peaceful coexistence with host communities** by improving public spaces and supporting the development of social cohesion activities.
- Work with the media and provide useful tools to journalists to **promote ethical and responsible coverage of news related to refugees and people in need of international protection.**
- **Coordinate with local governments to promote community empowerment,** seeking to generate a positive impact.

Strategic Partnerships

Aligned with the holistic and "whole-of-society" approach of the Global Compact on Refugees and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, **UNHCR works closely with national, regional, and municipal governments, refugee communities, civil society organizations, academia, the international community, development actors, and the private sector** to ensure the protection and inclusion of people forced to flee.

UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) co-lead the National Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V Chile Platform), comprising 29 partners, to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive response to the situation of Venezuelans and their host communities. Under this structure, the Refugee and Migrant Working Group (GTRM) was established in the Tarapacá region, serving as a local arm for the northern zone.

UNHCR also co-leads, alongside IOM, the **Human Mobility Group under the Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework** in Chile. This group facilitate the exchange of information on various initiatives and activities responding to the human mobility context in Chile among UN agencies, funds, and programs in the country.

UNHCR works with civil society organizations and refugee-led organizations to implement an effective protection and solutions response for forcibly displaced persons.

- **Strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations** working with forcibly displaced people within their host communities.

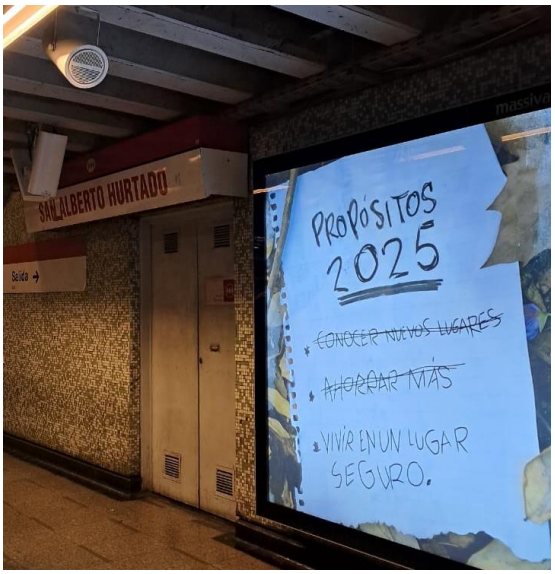
Shelter and Basic Needs

- **Provide emergency shelter assistance** to people forced to flee who are in situations of heightened vulnerability, in coordination with national authorities and local governments.
- **Enhance and strengthen reception mechanisms** in the Tarapacá region, in coordination with national and local authorities and relevant entities.
- **Expand access to mental health services** by providing psychological care to individuals in need of international protection.
- **Provide cash assistance** to help refugees meet their basic needs **through vouchers and a digital wallet**, benefiting local economies.

Protection

- Provide **technical, financial, and programmatic support to the government in developing tools, public policies** and legal frameworks to facilitate the inclusion and international protection of those in need.
- Support the Chilean government in leading **regional processes such as Cartagena+40**, consolidating commitments for durable solutions and regional cooperation.
- Assist forcibly displaced people and others in need of international protection with **legal advice, guidance, and referrals to specialized services.**
- Support state **initiatives** on the **prevention of and response to gender-based violence.**
- Ensure that the **voices of people forced to flee,** regarding their needs and solutions, **are at the center of UNHCR's activity design and planning**. To this end, we promote the development of community-based organizations, conduct participatory assessments, and maintain open lines of communication.
- **Promote favorable attitudes, foster empathy towards people who have been forced to flee,** and prevent/reduce discrimination through national anti-xenophobia campaigns and **quick-impact projects that promote peaceful coexistence.**

More than 300 children and their families celebrated Christmas at "The Great Mink'A Christmas Party" in Alto Hospicio, organized by the Mink'A Social Center with UNHCR's support. The event provided a multicultural gathering space for people of diverse nationalities, featuring games, gifts, and community-building activities, strengthening solidarity. ©OTV



With the support of Metro de Santiago, UNHCR launched the "Christmas Resolutions 2025" campaign, inviting reflection on the realities of refugees. The initiative, visible in stations and trains on lines 1 and 5, aims to raise community awareness about the importance of hospitality and solidarity. ©ACNUR

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