

Chile

DECEMBER 2024

In Chile, forcibly displaced people continue to face **challenges in accessing the territory, regularizing their legal status, and integrating into the labor market and host communities**. This situation is exacerbated by the rise in **discrimination and xenophobia**, largely associated with the current perception of insecurity within Chilean society.

In this context, the **legislative agenda is increasingly centered on security**. Additionally, **many people are leaving Chile for third countries**, mainly through the border with Peru, due to the lack of regularization mechanisms that allow them to access formal employment and stabilize in the country.

UNHCR continues to strengthen strategic partnerships with the public and private sectors to provide **assistance, protection**, and solutions, as well as to develop tools that **empower people in need of international protection** on their path to real and effective socio-economic **integration**.



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KEY FIGURES

1.625.074

Estimated foreign population in Chile as of December 31, 2022, equivalent to **8.3%** of the total resident population in the country.

182.105

Adults in irregular situations registered in the Biometric Registration process (**90.9%** Venezuelan nationality) as of December 2023.

540.691

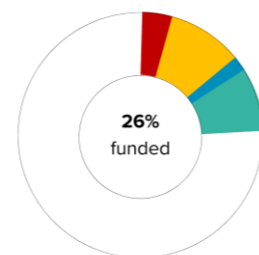
Total number of people under UNHCR's mandate in Chile as of June 2024.

- **2.411** refugees
- **12.362** asylum seekers
- **1.691** stateless persons
- **524.227** people in need of international protection

FUNDING (AS OF DECEMBER 2024)

USD 31,2 millions

Requested by UNHCR in Chile for 2024*



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

Main Results

(Update October to December 2024)

SOLUTIONS

- The "**Santiago Cocina**" program continued to provide **51** refugees, migrants, and members of host communities with access to a community kitchen with health permits. This access allows them to **safely prepare and sell their products**, strengthening their autonomy and employment opportunities.
- "**Inclusive Market**" supported over 300 people in mobility situations in their socio-economic inclusion. Additionally, **24 people participated in digital connectivity training**, partners provided over **800 seed capital grants**, **450 people attended training sessions**, and companies took part in **socio-labor diagnostics and awareness activities** to promote the employment inclusion of refugees and migrants.
- In Arica, the first "**Independent Employability Skills Training Day**" took place as part of the Labor Projection Program, which aims to train 450 people in the Metropolitan Region and Arica and Parinacota. Additionally, **142 individuals validated their degrees and certified their competencies**, improving their job opportunities. Furthermore, **34 people attended Spanish courses**, strengthening their language skills to navigate their environment with greater confidence.
- More than **400 families in Arica now enjoy renovated public spaces near Puerta Norte Square**. The project, Supported by **UNHCR and led by the Municipality of Arica**, the project enhanced the multi-sports court, exercise equipment, children's play area, and community center, fostering coexistence and strengthening community bonds.



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For Rosa Díaz, a local resident, the renovation of Puerta Norte Square in Iquique represents a significant change for the entire neighborhood: "**The space looks spectacular**, I loved it. I'm grateful to all the entities that supported this wonderful transformation, which was much needed and **will help bring neighbors together** while encouraging everyone to take care of these spaces that had been abandoned".

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

- In **Santiago and Iquique, caregivers of children and adolescents participated in workshops** focused on parenting and community coexistence. Additionally, over **270 children joined socio-sports workshops** promoting physical activity with an inclusive and intercultural approach. At the same time, **educational teams in kindergartens and schools strengthened their intercultural work competencies** through dedicated workshops.
- At **Centenario School in Iquique, three students were recognized with the UNHCR award for their solidarity and inclusive spirit**. The ceremony was attended by approximately **170 children, 320 caregivers**, and other members of the school community.
- As part of **integration projects, community leaders** strengthened their roles and enhanced their competencies in designing, applying for, and implementing social projects through **specialized workshops**.
- **Centenario School in Iquique** celebrated the end of the school year with an artistic and sports event that brought together over **900 people**, including **students, families, and teachers**. The activities included Zumba, relay games, and cycling workshops aimed at **promoting multiculturalism, strengthening community bonds, and promoting a healthy lifestyle**.



The end-of-school-year activity at Centenario School in Iquique aimed to strengthen the appreciation of diversity, promote multiculturalism, and foster closer ties among members of the school community, which has a high percentage of foreign students. © UNHCR/Mikkel Adasme

SHELTER AND BASIC NEEDS

- To **support stability and improve the living conditions** of people in mobility situations, UNHCR, through its partners, provided around **1,000 rental subsidies, while 109 people accessed emergency shelter** to meet their immediate temporary housing needs. Additionally, **57 families**

received **direct deposits and vouchers**, offering essential financial support for their daily sustenance.

- A total of **130 people received individual psychological care**, supporting their emotional well-being and helping them cope with the challenges associated with their mobility situation.

PROTECTION

- **To guarantee the rights of people who have been forced to flee**, 102 people received **legal assistance** in the Metropolitan, Tarapacá, and Arica and Parinacota regions. At the **Lobito Transitional Facility** in Iquique, staff provided **guidance and advice** on rights and essential services. In addition, to strengthen the handling of cases requiring international protection, **training courses were conducted for Lobito officials**.
- Through the national **phoneline and chatbot**, **318 people accessed key information** about the asylum process, regularization mechanisms, and other services. The **MigrApp platform** continued to be an essential tool for delivering timely and accessible information to people in mobility situations. UNHCR also support the provision **legal information and representation to enhance protection against statelessness**.
- During this period, Christmas activities were organized in collaboration with the **Red de Apoyo Solidario, OTV, and Iglesia Sacramentinos**, benefiting **400 children**. Additionally, an **arpillera workshop** was held for women in mobility, promoting cultural expression and resilience.
- In **Santiago, Iquique, Alto Hospicio, and Arica**, 14 participatory assessments were conducted, engaging 126 individuals, including refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons or those at risk of statelessness.
- In November, UNHCR, IOM, UNDP, and FAO organized the seminar "**Human Mobility, Climate Change, and Environmental Degradation**" in Santiago, bringing together key stakeholders to **gather evidence and coordinate efforts to support the National Human Mobility Roundtable, led by SENAPRED in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.
- UNHCR has supported various initiatives, including **the launch of a migrant cookbook with MIGRANTAS**, a **discussion on gender-based violence** with **UN Women, SJM, CIJIS, and MIGRANTAS**, and the seminar "**Migrants Speak**" organized by **Compromiso Migrante**.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

- In December, the **Regional R4V Platform** launched the **Joint Needs Assessment (JNA)**, a collective effort involving **29 partner organizations**, including United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, and civil society groups. This analysis aims to inform the **2025-2026 Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP)**, **optimize current interventions, mobilize new resources**, and **analyze trends** to better adapt the response to emerging challenges.

Partners



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