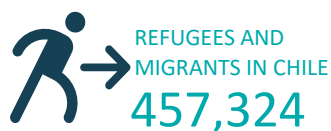


CHILE



Situation

- **The situation of migrants and refugees who enter irregularly continues to be a concern in the northern border regions of Chile.** According to data from *Carabineros* (Chilean police) and the Army of Chile, so far in 2020, 1,478 people have irregularly entered the country. In the same regard, between September and October self-denunciation for irregular entry has increased by 337 per cent, of which Venezuelan refugees and migrants represent 95 per cent.
- Regarding the Migration bill, during the last days of November the Parliament Mixed Commission agreed on the pending articles that had generated a conflict between both chambers of the Congress, among them the transitorial article 8 about regularization of irregular migrants in Chile, where it was established that only those who have irregularly entered before March 18, 2020 (date of the national border closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic) would have the access to regularize their migratory situation. Although a few important steps are still pending on the bill, the agreement between both chambers ends an eight year drafting process.
- According to the epidemiological report of the Ministry of Health that characterized the international migrant population with COVID-19, between February 28 and November 19, out of a total of 610,783 cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases, 44,980 (7.4 per cent) of the people have been registered with a nationality other than Chilean. 35.5 per cent corresponds to cases among Venezuelans and 26.9 per cent to cases of the Peruvian community.

Response

- **Partners also continued with their activities related to the provision of food items (4,210 people), non-food items (3,024 people), shelter (573 people), cash-based support (987 people) and protection activities (3,500 people).** Even though this assistance has been provided throughout Chile, it has been an important focus on the northern regions of the country.
- In the framework of the Quito Process, a series of webinars were organized during November on themes such as migration and health, Voluntary Return, Trafficking in Persons, the impact of COVID-19 on the Venezuelan refugee and migrant population, among others. This was one of the last activities implemented by Chile before hand-over to Peru on November 27.
- **Pfizer BioNTech's first COVID-19 vaccine will arrive in Chile, the first country in South America** in inoculating their population. The first 10,000 doses - coming from Belgium - of a 10 million order of this vaccine will allow the start of Chile's vaccination program, prioritizing health workers in the critical sectors. The authorities aim to inoculate 80 per cent of Chile's population of 19 million by the first semester of 2021.
- **The National Platform finalized the Chile Narrative Chapter for the RMRP**, which was prepared alongside Sector Leads. Additionally, with regards to the close of the year and the upcoming launch of the RMRP 2021, the Platform with the Sector Leads had meetings to discuss and evaluate 2020 results and the challenges expected for 2021.



Integration

656



NFI

3,024



Food Security

4,210



CBI

987



Protection

3,500



Shelter

573