

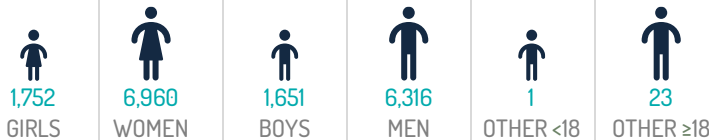


PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE AS OF END-MAY

16,705

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 13
REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY11 ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING ACTIVITIES
*R4V appealing organizations and implementing partners

DISAGGREGATION OF PEOPLE REACHED

FUNDING SITUATION FOR 2023
REQUIREMENT: 80.7M FUNDED: 1.8 MREFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
IN CHILE

444K

PEOPLE TARGETED FOR
ASSISTANCE IN 2023

190.4K

HIGHLIGHTS

- During May, the preparation process of the refugees and migrants' **Joint Needs Assessment of the R4V Chile Platform** began with follow-up meetings with the close collaboration of R4V partners in different regions of the country with high Venezuelan population in destination (Antofagasta, Coquimbo, Metropolitan, Maule and Biobío regions). This is the first exercise of this type carried out by the National Platform in Chile.
- On 18 and 19 May, the R4V Chile Platform Protection Sector's co-leadership participated in the meeting of the Regional Protection Sector, engaging in information exchange with fellow co-leaderships across the Americas and defining priorities and collaboration strategies at the regional level.

SITUATION

- On 7 May, a new election was held to choose the body members tasked with drawing up Chile's new constitution. The far-right Republican party finished first, obtaining 23 of 51 seats. The president of the Republic, Gabriel Boric, [urged the party not to commit the same mistakes that they made at the time since, according to Boric, the previous process, with a leftist majority of constituents, failed for not properly listen to those who thought differently](#). During the drafting process, topics of utmost significance for refugee and migrant rights, like the right to seek and receive asylum, will be included in the agenda.
- In late April and early May, refugees and migrants attempted to cross the Chacalluta-Santa Rosa border crossing between Tacna, Peru, and Arica, Chile, to enter Peru. Due to insufficient documentation, the Peruvian National Police turned them away, leading to [hundreds of mainly Venezuelan refugees and migrants stranded at the international political border between the two posts](#), posing protection risks, especially for children, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and other vulnerable groups. The situation improved significantly from the second week of May onwards, thanks to the coordinated response from the Chilean government (primarily through the National Service for Disaster Prevention and Response, SENAPRED, for its acronym in Spanish), R4V Platform partners and other organizations. This comprehensive response included arranging a [return flight to their country of origin for 115 Venezuelans on 7 May](#) and providing referrals to shelters in the city of Arica.
- The Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs received on 11 May the Secretary General of Foreign Policy of Chile, who headed the visiting Chilean delegation in Caracas. One of the purposes of the visit was to [explore alternatives that allow Venezuelan nationals in Chile to return voluntarily to their country of origin](#), establishing communication channels and mechanisms that enable voluntary return options with specific deadlines.
- On 17 May, the Senate approved the extension of Decree 78, extending for another 90 days the border control carried out by the Armed Forces in the northern regions of Chile. On the occasion, [the Minister of Defense stressed that the measure has led to the containment of the entry of more than 9,000 people through unofficial border points](#).

RESPONSE

- WASH:** In May, 51 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were provided with diapers and 237 with hygiene kits throughout Chile, particularly in the northern regions.
- FOOD SECURITY:** In May, partners of the R4V Chile Platform assisted in food security for 308 refugees and migrants, encompassing deliveries of food kits for families (115 beneficiaries) and individuals (115), provision of food in shelters (85), delivery of boxes facilities (50) and support in food assistance facilities (15).



- SHELTER:** R4V partners supported improving the infrastructure of temporary collective shelters during May while simultaneously providing individual accommodation for 64 refugees and migrants and delivering short-term rental support for 647. Additionally, within the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants of the Tarapacá Region, 25 managers of temporary collective shelters were trained on the topic by R4V partners to strengthen the articulation between the organizations that provide the first response.
- INTEGRATION:** In May, 145 refugees and migrants benefited from comprehensive care and advice in economic integration and livelihoods, self-employment and digital tools, and labor rights. In addition, 52 refugees and migrants from Venezuela completed entrepreneurship courses, and R4V partners' talks on social and labor inclusion and strategies for a successful job search reached 249 people. Finally, 189 people from public and private institutions received guidance on purchasing human mobility and the rights of the LGBTQIA+ refugee and migrant population.
- PROTECTION:** 965 refugees and migrants received protection assistance and orientation by R4V partners in places such as the Lobito transit site and public counselling sessions in parks. Regarding child protection, 510 children were aided with psychosocial support, personalized attention to cases and referrals to social security and justice services during May. Also, talks on children's regularization and awareness raising on the situation and rights of children on the move reached 146 public officials and workers from organizations dedicated to the subject.
- HEALTH:** R4V partners carried out individual health promotion and prevention actions on the ground for 3,214 refugees and migrants during May. In addition, 28 refugees and migrants were oriented on the prevention of HIV and other STIs, also receiving HIV tests, and Platform partners referred 75 to health services and institutions. Also, the primary health system referred and cared for ten children who required specialized medical care.
- NUTRITION:** R4V partners provided 12 refugee and migrant children from Venezuela with evaluation and counseling on their nutritional status.
- CVA:** During May, 255 refugees and migrants benefited from multipurpose cash assistance, facilitating their access to purchase essential goods and services to cover their basic needs.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES AS OF MAY 2023

