



Mixed Movements Response

January – April 2023

In 2023, **127,687 refugees and migrants** crossed the Darien jungle in search of protection and better opportunities - **six times more** than in the same period of 2022 when **19,925 people** undertook this dangerous journey. Most come from countries in the region, such as Venezuela, Ecuador, Haiti*, and Colombia, while others come from as far as India, China, and Afghanistan.

UNHCR, national authorities, and partners work together to respond to protection, gender-based violence, health, shelter, and legal needs of refugees and migrants, as well as support transit and host communities in **Darien and Chiriquí.**


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS January – April 2023


20,800+

People reached with information on the risks of the journey, Panama's asylum system and services at the ETRMs*


6,452

Non-food items (including Core Relief Items) distributed to people at the ETRMs, transit and host communities


9,031

People received primary healthcare and first aid services at the ETRMs


380

People received counseling and legal assistance services related to Panama's asylum system


2,344

People supported with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS)


2,318

People accessed safe spaces at the ETRMs


420

People interviewed in monthly border protection monitoring exercises


2

Motor canoes donated to partners and local authorities in order to facilitate transportation to transit and host communities.


700+

Cubic feet of wood, and other construction materials provided to address shelter needs at the ETRMs



UNHCR's new CwC project informs about the risks of the jungle and contributes to evidence-based decision-making.

The initiative was launched on [Facebook](#) and [TikTok](#) this April.

The boundaries and names shown, and designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

*1 Including children of Haitian parents born in Brazil and Chile *2 ETRMs are Government-run Temporary Migrant Reception Centres. The figure accounts for all refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants in Darien and Chiriquí reached with information directly and indirectly.

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