**General information on the survey**

Data collection for this analysis was conducted remotely from 6 May to 7 June 2021, using as a sample a total of 1220 persons, all asylum seekers and refugees aged 60 and over. The sample was obtained randomly from UNHCR’s database (proGres v.4), ensuring a representative sample of the registered population.

The age group of 60 years and over was selected because, during this period and according to the Government of Costa Rica’s vaccination plans, it corresponded to the group that was being vaccinated throughout the country.

**Characteristics of the surveyed population**

### Distribution of respondents by country of origin

- **Venezuela**: 36.4%
- **Colombia**: 36.4%
- **Nicaragua**: 18.5%
- **NCA**: 8.2%
- **Others**: 2.5%

### Distribution of respondents by current legal status

- **Refugee**: 13.6%
- **Asylum seeker**: 9.5%
- **Asylum seeker (formalized claim)**: 38.5%

**Population vaccinated against COVID-19**

More than half of the respondents (54%) have already received at least the first dose of the vaccine against COVID-19. This percentage drops to 39% for the population living in Costa Rica’s Northern Zone and rises to 96% for the rest of the population.

#### Proportion of persons vaccinated according to their age, insurance modality and legal status

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<th>Age group</th>
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<td>Under 60 years</td>
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#### Health insurance modality

- **Yes, under other modality**: 74%
- **Yes, under UNHCR-CCSS**: 54%
- **With no health insurance**: 25%

#### Legal status

- **Recognized refugee**: 68%
- **Asylum seeker (formalized claim)**: 54%
- **Asylum seeker (pending formalization)**: 33%

**Population not yet vaccinated against COVID-19**

46% of the respondents have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19, the vast majority because they have not been called to schedule their appointment or because they do not want to get vaccinated.

As per the graph to the right, the percentage of those who have not been vaccinated because they do not want to do so is significantly higher in the Northern Zone (25%) compared to the rest of the territory (15%).

**Reasons why respondents have not yet been vaccinated**

- **I have not been scheduled**: 42%
- **I have already been scheduled but I don't want to go anyway**: 37%
- **I have not been scheduled, but I don't want to go**: 21%
- **I have been scheduled but I have not gone due to another reason**: 9%

### Distribution of respondents by current legal status

- **Asylum seeker**: 19.2%
- **Refugee**: 13.6%
- **Asylum seeker (formalized claim)**: 38.5%
- **Asylum seeker (pending formalization)**: 39.7%

**Reasons why respondents do not want to get the COVID-19 vaccine**

The most common reasons people mentioned why they do not want to get vaccinated are:

1. **Distrust or fear of the vaccine (65%)**
2. **Side effects (53%)**
3. **Allergies or specific medical conditions (23.5%)**

* Percentages based on the individuals who said they had no intention of getting vaccinated.