



Border Response

January – December 2024

In 2024, **302,203 refugees and migrants** crossed the Darien jungle in search of protection and better opportunities – **42 per cent less** than in 2023. Most are from Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, and Haiti.* Many care from as far as China, India, and Afghanistan.

UNHCR, national authorities, and partners respond to protection, health, shelter, and legal needs of refugees and migrants and support local host communities in **Darien and Chiriqui**.

KEY ACTIVITIES

 **49,614**

People informed on protection rights, Panama's asylum system, and services in Darien and Chiriqui

 **9,936**

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

 **5,534**

People received primary healthcare and first aid services at the ETRMs

 **31,813**

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

 **500**

People supported with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), including safe spaces

 **712**

Government officials trained in international protection and statelessness

 **2,870**

People interviewed in protection monitoring exercises, jointly with UNICEF

 **80**

Solar streetlamps, +1,000m² of shade space, and 2 tents (400m²) installed at ETRMs and local communities

 **4**

Peaceful coexistence projects implemented in host and transit communities

2 multipurpose sports courts and a child-friendly area built in local host communities and ETRMs



El Tucán

UNHCR's Communication with Communities (CwC) initiative informs about the risks of the jungle and contributes to evidence-based decision-making.

32M

Views

1,7M

Interactions

515

Digital content published on Facebook and TikTok

Figures are cumulative since the campaign's launch in 2023.

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

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

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