



IOM IN PANAMA

For more than 15 years, one of IOM's two Administrative Centres has been operating in Panama, as well as the Office of the Special Envoy (OSE) for the Regional Response to the Venezuela Situation and the Country Office or Mission. In total, IOM has 3 offices in Panama City and one sub-office in the Darien province, near the border with Colombia.

IOM Panama has 196 staff members, 153 of which are national and 43 are international officers.

In Panama, the Mission's programmes and projects are implemented in five regions, at more than 10 sites, by 25 staff members who receive administrative and technical support from colleagues from the Panama Administrative Centre and the OSE.

We are present in these regions:



AREAS OF WORK

- Strengthening capacities for migration management and border management.
- Trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling.
- Labour migration.
- Sustainable integration of migrants.
- Protection and assistance to vulnerable migrants.
- Migration and health.
- Operations and emergencies.

ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY AND MEMBERS OF HOST COMMUNITIES



112 migrants residing in the country received legal orientation and advice (migration, work and family).



Workshops/Training sessions for migrants and members of host communities

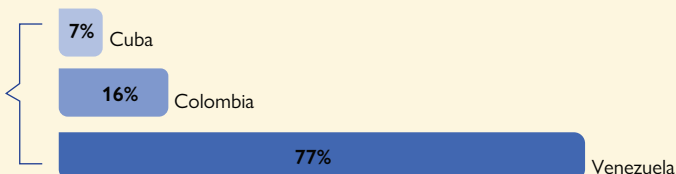
1,432 people participated

Topics: Communication for Development, migratory regularization, psychosocial and socioeconomic integration.

Assisted Voluntary Return

31 people returned voluntarily to their countries of origin or habitual residence with IOM assistance and **20** people were guided on the process.

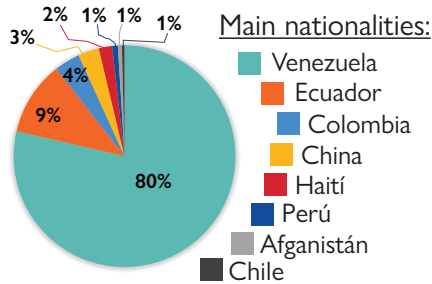
Main nationalities of returnees



OPERATIONS AND EMERGENCIES



157,214 migrants crossed the Darien jungle in August and September 2023, **almost twice as high** as the data recorded during the same period in 2022.



77%



23%

Data from September 2023 published by the National Migration Service

Donations



41,796 Meals.



53 Medical equipment
2,022 Medical supplies.
1 Ambulance



1,606 Building materials and furniture
4,139 NFI.
54 Electronic devices.



164 migrants in transit in the country received medical attention at the Temporary Migration Reception Centres (ETRM) located in the provinces of Darien and Chiriqui.

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)



According to the results of the July Flow Monitoring Survey conducted in the provinces of Darien and Chiriqui:

- **78%** reported that their main source of information about the route were family members and friends who had previously migrated.
- **62%** indicated that they did not have information about the regular ways to migrate.
- More than **60%** reported not having had enough information about the danger of the route, the insecurity they might encounter, or the difficulty of the route. Economic/financial reasons continue to be the main motivation for migration among respondents, while the second is insecurity/violence.

STRENGTHENING OF CAPACITIES



Workshops/Training sessions for government, civil society, and private sector partners

309 people participated

Topics: trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling, labour migration, border management, migration governance, camp coordination and camp management.

COMUNICATIONS



7,663 people reached through digital media.

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