

# Darien Border Protection Monitoring 2022-2023

**UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)**

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## Identification

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### SURVEY ID NUMBER

PAN\_2023\_BPM\_v01\_M

### TITLE

Darien Border Protection Monitoring 2022-2023

### ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM

BPM 2022-23

### COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Panama	PAN

### STUDY TYPE

Other Household Survey [hh/oth]

### ABSTRACT

Darien is Panama's largest and poorest province. Bordering Colombia, the province hosts a 60-mile-deep jungle, the only breaking point of the Pan-American Highway, linking the continent from south to north. Darien is a transit location for thousands of refugees and migrants, most of them coming from Haiti, Venezuela, Cuba, and African and South Asian nations.

According to official statistics of the Panamanian National Migration Service (SNM), from 2010 to 2020 some 120,000 people crossed through this area. In 2021 and 2022, Panama faced an unprecedented mixed movement crisis, with nearly 400,000 people making this perilous journey through the jungle. In 2022, a total of 248,284 people entered the country irregularly through Darien.

Before they arrived at the Darien jungle, many of these refugees and migrants had previously crossed multiple countries often through unofficial border crossings, resulting in increased protection risks. These vulnerabilities were further exacerbated, during their journey through the jungle, by many risks and incidents which include, but are not limited to, thefts, physical and sexual attacks, murder, and extortion. Many of these refugees and migrants were also undocumented, limiting their access to basic services.

Due to protection concerns, in July 2022, UNHCR started collecting monthly information on the characteristics, vulnerabilities, and protection needs of refugees and migrants entering Panama through the Darien jungle.

### KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

### UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individual

## Version

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### VERSION DESCRIPTION

Version 2.1: Edited, cleaned and anonymised data.

## Scope

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### NOTES

The scope includes:

- individual demographics
- movement details
- protection
- basic needs

## TOPICS

Topic
Protection
Food security
Basic Needs

## Coverage

## GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Data collection happened in key transit points in Darien and Chiriqui provinces such as: reception points San Vicente, Lajas Blancas, and Los Planes de Gualaca, in addition to the city of David and the town of Paso Canoas.

## Producers and sponsors

## PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)	UN

## Sampling

## SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Given the dynamic and challenging context for data collection in these locations, the surveys were collected using non-probability quota sampling. A stratified quota was drawn using proportions from the Panamanian National Migration Service's official statistics, based on the top ten nationalities in transit. A minimum of 100 surveys were collected during each monthly data collection cycle.

## Data collection

## DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2022-06-28	2023-06-08

## DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

## DATA COLLECTION NOTES

Data collection was conducted by UNHCR Multi-Functional team with staff based in Panama, Darien and Chiriquí offices, through a structured tool deployed from UNHCR's secure server on KOBO Toolbox platform.

## DATA COLLECTORS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	UNHCR	UN

## questionnaires

## QUESTIONNAIRES

The questionnaire contained the following sections: introduction, personal information, reasons for leaving the country of

origin, reasons for leaving the country of establishment, destination country, arrival and access to territory, protection incidents, specific condition, access to food and basic services.

## Access policy

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## Metadata production

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### PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
UN Refugee Agency	UNHCR	UN	Metadata producer
Development Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library

### DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2023-08-15

### DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Identical to a metadata (UNHCR\_PAN\_2023\_BPM\_v2.1) published on UNHCR catalog (<https://microdata.unhcr.org/index.php/home>). Some of the metadata fields have been edited.

## data\_dictionary

Data file	Cases	variables
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