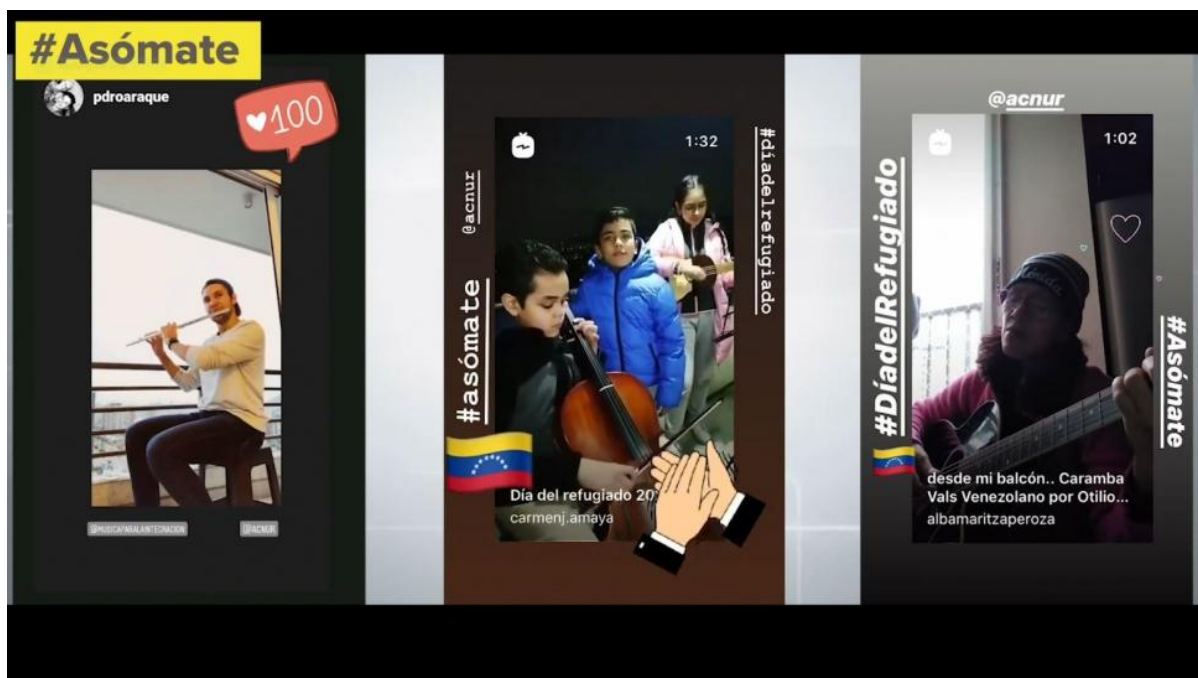


CHILE NEWSLETTER

A month of commemorating refugees

This June, we had **multiple opportunities to commemorate refugees in their diversity**. Among the various initiatives that UNHCR led or supported were the **celebration of World Refugee Day** on 20 June. UNHCR, alongside hundreds of Chileans, sent a strong message of **collective support and solidarity with refugees worldwide**. UNHCR also celebrated **Pride Month** with the launch of the **first national LGBTIQ+ network in Chile**. UNHCR is also **working on an online platform to address xenophobia and strengthen social cohesion in Chile**. Finally, and in an important show of **complementarity of efforts**, **UNHCR supported** the important winterization campaign launched by the Ministry of Social Development and Family in June.



Many members of *Fundación Música para la Integración* joined the campaign #Asómate and uploaded their videos on social networks

1. Celebrating World Refugee day with musicians in Chile and around the world

"From Tierra del Fuego to Canada, there are thousands and thousands of people who have had to run away from their homes and restart their lives in a new country. It is important, now more than ever, to show empathy and reach out to those in need. With this message, I join the cause of UNHCR".

With these words **Shakira** kicked off this year's World Refugee Day campaign, in which national

and international artists came together virtually to commemorate World Refugee Day.

In Chile, world-known artists **Javiera Parra, Américo, Pablo Ilabaca and Anita Tijoux** stood on their balconies and at their windows on this chilly winter's day to **express their solidarity with refugees and migrants during this pandemic**, and send a strong signal **against the**

stigmatization that refugees and migrants have been faced with in recent months.



Shakira, singer and UNICEF goodwill ambassador, called for empathy this World Refugee Day

The Venezuelan displacement situation is the **second largest in the world** and has heavily impacted countries in the region.

Chile is the third-largest recipient of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the region, as close to 500,000 persons have sought to re-establish their lives here. Many of them need both legal and physical protection in these difficult times.

The agency is working closely with national and local Government and relevant institutions to complement and support the national response to support vulnerable refugees, migrants and Chileans. **The international community has an important role to play in supporting these efforts, ensuring that some of the most vulnerable have a roof over their head and meals on their tables in this difficult time.**

Ana Ferrero, UNHCR's Head of National Office in Chile highlights the importance of collaboration in this time: "[w]ith the support of the international community and donors represented in Chile, we are working closely with the national government, state institutions, local governments and Chilean host communities to respond to this challenge. This is a joint effort with the United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes, partners, civil society organizations, the private sector and refugee and migrant organizations themselves in Chile".

UNHCR invites partners to **continue showing solidarity with refugees and migrants and**

taking a strong stand against discrimination, racism and stigmatization every day, building on the important momentum built during World Refugee Day.

2. LAUNCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL NETWORK OF LGTBQI+ REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN CHILE

During this year's virtual Pride March on 29 June 2020, UNHCR and Fundación de Ayuda Social de las Iglesias Cristianas (FASIC) jointly launched the first national network of LGTBQI+ refugees and migrants in Chile. Bringing together LGTBQI+ and feminist refugee and migrant civil society organizations, the network seeks to **reinforce existing protection mechanisms for LGTBQI+ refugees and migrants in Chile, develop peer-support systems and facilitate exchanges between the different organizations.**

LGBTQI+ refugees and migrants often bear particular hardships due to their sexual orientation in their countries of origin, during displacement and upon arrival in their new country of asylum. The network hopes to create a safe space for LGBTQI+ refugees and migrants in Chile and further collaboration across the different community-based initiatives.



EVENTO FAMILIAR - GRATUITO
28 de Junio
Día Internacional del orgullo LGBTQI+

Para compartir un momento juntos y celebrar la diversidad, te invitamos al lanzamiento de la **Red Nacional de personas migrantes y refugiadas LGTBQI+** en Chile, y a la presentación del Libro cartonero de Testimonios de personas LGTBQI+ en movilidad humana.

Performance a cargo de Paulette Favres!

Día: **Domingo 28 de junio**
 Hora: **18:00hrs**

Acceso libre a través de
 Instagram live: @lamaricartera
 @FASIC_Refugio
 Facebook live: @FASIC
 Canal Youtube: Fundación FASIC

Muchas personas se ven obligadas a huir de sus hogares y países tras sufrir rechazo, persecución y amenazas debido a su **orientación sexual o identidad de género**. El día internacional del orgullo LGBTQI+ busca sensibilizar, concienciar y señalar la **importancia de la protección de los derechos humanos** de las personas **lesbianas, gays, transgénero, bisexuales, e intersex.**

UNHCR ACNUR FASIC LA MARICARTONERA

Flyer for for launch of the first national Network of refugee and migrant LGBTQI+ organizations

During the launch of the network, a set of handbound books containing testimonies shared by LGBTQI+ individuals in Chile were presented. The books were presented under the title "200 words in a suitcase – LGBTQI+ tales of displacement, migration and shelter", a joint publication of La Maricartонера, FASIC and UNHCR. A free online version of the publication

can be accessed here:
https://issuu.com/lamaricartera/docs/libro_2020_palabras_en_una_maleta_diversa_versi_n

3. ADDRESSING XENOPHOBIA AND STRENGTHENING SOCIAL COHESION

On May 8, 2020, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stated that “the Covid-19 pandemic continues to unleash a tsunami of hate and xenophobia, scapegoating and scare-mongering” and urged governments to “act now to strengthen the immunity of our societies against the virus of hate.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic may exacerbate the situation of refugees and, at the same time, expose them to stigmatization and discrimination. To help address xenophobia early on, UNHCR in Chile is developing multiple projects that seek to promote inclusive environments.

In October, the agency will launch a virtual



campaign titled **#DeCorazón**, consisting of an online platform that will link refugees and migrants offering art, history, and other types of online free classes with interested Chileans. The platform aims to become a place of convergence, where refugees and migrants interact with nationals, sharing with them their culture, talents, knowledge, and skills.

4. “PLAN INVIERNO PROTEGIDO” – A CAMPAIGN SUPPORTED BY UNHCR

Winter and sub-zero temperatures have arrived in the Southern Hemisphere. In Chile, consistent rainfall and low temperatures have marked the past few weeks, affecting vulnerable refugees and migrants and homeless persons and increasing the risk of infections.

The Government has taken important steps to address this situation, with the launch of a “Plan

basic items to particularly vulnerable individuals in Chile, including refugees and migrants.

UNHCR has supported this effort, which involved a donation of 3,700 winterization kits to vulnerable individuals, ensuring access to warm winter clothes that would protect them during some of the coldest weeks of the year.

“I want to thank UNHCR for its support. The Ministry of Social Development and Family does not only appreciate this effort but will make sure to **channel it to some of the most vulnerable people in need**”, said the Minister of Social Development and the Family, Cristián Monckeberg, at the the launch of the campaign on 26 June.



Cristián Monckeberg, Minister of Social Development and the Family deliver aid kits to vulnerable people.

In response, the Head of the National Office of UNHCR in Chile, Ana Ferrero, stated that “the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Chile supported this initiative, **as a token of gratitude to the generosity with which Chile has received the Venezuelan population.** Winter has just begun, so we must act quickly. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chilean government and especially the Ministry of Social Development, for allowing us to be part of this plan and, of course, to our donors, because thanks to their generosity, we were able to participate and ensure access to assistance for those who need it most

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“*Invierno Protegido*” in June 2020. The Ministry of Social Development and Family, which is leading this effort, is providing warm winter clothes and

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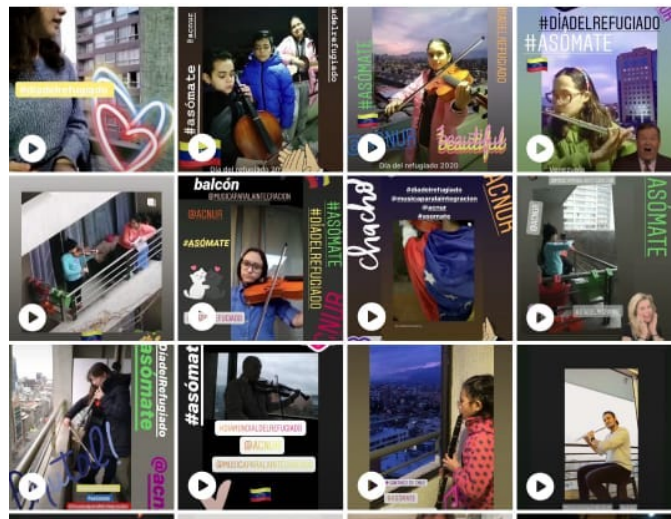
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