

## BRAZIL



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL  
 148.782 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE  
 102.504 ASYLUM SEEKERS  
 461.41 REFUGEES  
 (PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 2019)



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE  
 10275



FUNDING SITUATION =  
 FUNDED: 54.7 M  
 REQUIRED: 87.5 M  
 FUNDING GAP: 32.8 M (37%)

## Situation

- On 2 October, Brazilian authorities approved Ordinance nº 470/2020, which extends by an additional period of 30 days the exceptional and temporary restrictions on entry by land or sea for refugees and migrants regardless of nationality, due to COVID-19. The measures remain the same as those in previous months, explicitly stating that Venezuelans do not benefit from exceptions, regardless their status or family ties in Brazil. The failure to comply with the Ordinance will lead to deportation and disqualification of the asylum claim.
- On October 19, the Federal Police extended all documents of refugees and migrants expired after March 11, 2020 until 16 March 2021, provided that refugees or migrants will remain in national territory during this period. The lockdown and other restrictive measures imposed by several states and cities in response to the COVID-19 crisis have impacted not only business but also all public services, slowing down both documentation processing and assistance provided to refugees and migrants.
- According to Caixa Econômica Federal data released on 3 October, over 149,000 refugees and migrants have benefited from the COVID-19 emergency basic income, including 42,519 Venezuelans. Of the 10 municipalities where the majority of refugees and migrants benefitting from the program live, 8 are in Roraima.

## Response

## Education

- Sector partners, with the support of the Federal University of Amazonas (UFAM) and the Municipal Education Department, launched a four-month-project called **Language, Culture and Technology for the Promotion of Citizenship and Covid-19 Prevention**. Classes will take place until February 2021, and 19 Venezuelans children and adolescents living in municipal shelters will participate in this initiative in order to facilitate their transition to formal schooling.

## Health

- To prevent and treat sexually transmitted diseases in Roraima State, R4V partners organized a training on "combined HIV prevention" to prepare members of health committees to conduct health promotion activities among refugees and migrants in shelters in Boa Vista. In addition, confidential Syphilis and hepatitis B and C, and HIV test were conducted in the shelters in Pacaraima.
- More than 200 pregnant refugee and migrant women, including indigenous women, received antenatal care support in shelters and settlements in Boa Vista and Pacaraima. Additionally, 500 women received contraceptives.
- R4V Partners launched a **booklet** to raise awareness about the possible impacts of social isolation and pandemic on mental health. Produced in Spanish, the material aims to provide information and strategies that may support the psychological health of the refugee and migrant population in Brazil, and to fight stigma and prejudice around the issue.



## Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- A total of 1500 refugees and migrants were voluntarily relocated from Amazonas and Roraima states to other parts of Brazil by bus or flight through family and social reunification (1,065 individuals), were matched with employment (180 individuals) or were received in shelters managed by R4V partners (255 individuals).
- Sector partners signed a partnership with **Banco do Povo Crédito Solidário**, a microcredit institution in São Paulo to promote the financial inclusion of refugees and migrants through access to microcredit loans for entrepreneurs.
- To support refugees and migrants integrating into the Brazilian labour market, Operation Welcome, local government actors and R4V partners, inaugurated a **Training and Reference Centre in Pacaraima**, the entry point of refugees and migrants in Brazil. The centre will offer vocational trainings to Venezuelans and Brazilians.
- Sector partners organized the **XVI National Meeting of the Solidarity Network for Refugees and Migrants – RedeMiR, with the theme: "Refugees and Migrants: Context, Pandemic and Integration"**. On that occasion, partners also launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the publication "**Migration and Asylum: Action in Networks and Welcoming Practices in Brazil**". The publication aims to contribute to the exchange of best practices among organizations working with refugees and migrants in different contexts and locations.
- In order to strengthen the support of the private sector in the economic integration of refugees and migrants in



Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	NFI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH	CBI
1,457	2,827	1,030	1,948	3,631	5,554	299	10,067	446	551	2,540

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Curitiba, Paraná State, **partners organised outreach visits to 10 companies from different sectors including in the food industry, restaurants, transport, logistics and retail.** During these visits, a wide range of topics were covered including the hiring process and advantages of employing qualified refugees and migrants.

## Nutrition

- **R4V partners continued their regular nutritional surveillance activities in shelters in Roraima and Pará,** and in Government Public Health Facilities in Roraima. Children under 5, pregnant and lactating women were screened for malnutrition and targeted caregivers received counseling for appropriate feeding.
- **A new information system was developed by the sector to support the teams that work in the nutritional surveillance of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in shelters and spontaneous settlements in Roraima, Amazonas and Pará.** The new system, which has already been rolled out, allows data collection in real time and outlines the epidemiological and nutritional profile of refugee and migrant populations living in these areas. The system is also integrated with the information systems of the Brazilian Ministry of Health.

## Protection

- Partners from the Protection Sector and the Child Protection Sub-sector organised **a 5-module training in Pará and Amazon states about the rights of refugee and migrant children and adolescents** (indigenous and non-indigenous). The training covered a wide range of topics including prevention and identification of sexual abuse, child labor and trafficking. The modules reached more than 1,300 people from 40 municipalities, among them guardian counselors, municipal counselors for the rights of children and adolescents, State and municipal social assistance authorities, health and education public servants and members of the judiciary system.
- **To celebrate World Children's Day, arts, sports and leisure activities were organized by partners in Belém and Boa Vista.** A total of 600 children living in shelters participated in these events.
- The Gender Based Violence (GBV) Subsector, together with the State Coordination of Public Policies for Women (*Coordenação estadual de políticas para mulheres*) and multiple local and humanitarian organizations, **revised and**

**updated referral pathway guidelines for women survivors of GBV in Roraima.**

- **The human trafficking sub-sector developed a training guide to strengthen counter-trafficking and enhance protection of and assistance to the most vulnerable Venezuelans in Roraima State.** The guide equips local state institutions and R4V partners with the necessary knowledge and practical skills to actively identify, protect victims of trafficking (VoT).



## Shelter/NFI/Food Security

- In Manaus, sector partners **organised Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) trainings for shelter managers, including public servants, UN and civil society organisations staff.** The participants improved their skills in management and coordination of shelters, coordination of services, care and maintenance, community participation, site closure, among others. These trainings are part of the sector's broader strategy to build capacity among local actors and are adapted to the Brazilian context.



## WASH

- **WASH partners celebrated the Global Handwashing Day,** an annual day aimed to design creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands at critical times. On that occasion, hygiene kits were distributed for children, adolescents and their caregivers in Belém and Santarem, Pará State.
- **WASH education and hygiene promotion activities remained a priority intervention** and reached over 12,000 individuals in official shelters and spontaneous housing arrangements in Amazonas, Roraima and Para States, as well as indigenous communities in Pacaraima and the Maternity Hospital in Boa Vista.
- The sector continued to provide WASH services in Roraima and Amazonas states **including safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene items. Over 593,800 litres of treated water** were provided by truck to refugees and migrants living spontaneous settlements and those using the space located around the Bus station in Boa Vista. In addition, **5,550 liters of sodium hypochlorite solution for disinfecting environments** was provided to indigenous communities, spontaneous settlements, and shelters of Operation Welcome, reaching around 8,000 individuals in Roraima.

\* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in the month of October.

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