



499 K REFUGEES &
MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL
420.951 RESIDENCE PERMITS
40.279 ASYLUM-SEEKERS
103.713 REFUGEES



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2023 WITH
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE*
86.1K



FUNDING SITUATION*

13.2% FUNDED: USD 16.1 M
REQUIREMENT: 122 M

Situation

- From 1 to 4 August, the **Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, Amina J. Mohammed, visited Brazil**. During her visit in Brasilia, the Brazilian Government and the UN System in Brazil signed the new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for 2023-2027, which guides the partnership between Brazil and the UN in implementing the 2030 Agenda in the country. R4V partners actively participated in the UNSDCF elaboration process, resulting in the systematic inclusion of the refugee and migrant population in multiple components of the new framework.
- According to the Humanitarian-Logistics Taskforce of Operation Welcome, in August, **nearly 400 refugees and migrants were sleeping on the streets of Pacaraima every week**. There was a slowdown in the operations of the Reception and Documentation Centre, which partially contributed to this situation, as it resulted in a prolonged wait for refugees and migrants to receive health cards and vaccinations. This is a mandatory step before proceeding with their journeys to Boa Vista.
- Brazil reached the milestone of over 10,000 indigenous refugees and migrants from Venezuela living in the country, of whom about 66% are of Warao ethnicity**. To address the complex challenges faced by this population in accessing goods and services, such as food, education, and healthcare, R4V partners have highlighted the importance of strengthening culturally sensitive response measures. As part of a larger initiative by the Federal Government to strategically expand coverage of social programs by registering people in vulnerable situations in the Unified Registry for Social Programs (CadÚnico), more than 4,300 indigenous people were registered as of August. In Roraima, R4V partners played a crucial role in a large-scale effort to boost registrations.

Response



Education

- The Education Sector promoted an intercultural exchange that brought together adolescents from the Pium indigenous community in Roraima. The initiative facilitated interaction between Brazilian indigenous groups and Venezuelan adolescents from various ethnic groups, including Warao, E'ñepa, Kariña and Pemón, who reside in Boa Vista. This second edition of the Cultural Exchange took place at the Antônio Dias de Souza Cruz Indigenous State School and focused on traditional sports and games such as log racing, archery and fishing. A group of refugee and migrant adolescents from Jardim Floresta and Rondon 1 shelters documented the event through photography and reporting, and interviewed other participants and local leaders, as part of the "Super Panas on the Radio" communication initiative.



Health

- R4V partners joined Roraima's State Secretariat of Health in facilitating three training courses for health professionals and humanitarian workers on combination HIV prevention. The training covered the most updated prevention strategies and tools, guidance on how to provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS and how to address stigma and discrimination.

Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- On 3 August, R4V partners supported the Companies with Refugees Forum to promote another edition of Coffee with Companies: Employability of Refugees in Boa Vista-Roraima. The event included sharing of good socio-economic integration practices of refugees and migrants, as well as strategies to strengthen the dialogue between the private sector and R4V partners operating in Boa Vista.
- R4V partners held an Employability Fair in the city of Curitiba. The event focused on fostering refugees' and migrants' autonomy through job guidance, preparation, and referral to work opportunities. Over 150 people participated in the Fair, including staff from the human resources departments of five large companies in the region, together with refugees and migrants.
- In the month of August, 2,478 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were supported through the Interiorization Strategy, of whom 524 were supported by the Job Placement modality.



Nutrition

- R4V partners continued their monthly nutritional surveillance program and screenings at the border crossing point, shelters, and local health facilities of Pacaraima and Boa. A total of 1,022 people were screened for malnutrition, including 281 children under

* Accumulated figures from 01/01/2023 up to 31/08/2023.

the age of 5, and 26 individuals living with disabilities. In Pacaraima, health-nutrition monitors screened 49 children using the mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) tape methodology. In addition, partners monitored 321 pregnant or lactating women and provided counseling on appropriate feeding to 162 caregivers of infants and children aged 0-23 months.



Protection

- On 4 August, R4V partners in São Paulo supported the Federal Police with the launch of the 7th phase of Operation Horizon, a taskforce focused on access to documentation for refugees and migrants in vulnerable situations. Altogether, the initiative – which has been in place since 2022 – has enabled 6,500 people, including Venezuelans, to obtain or renew their documentation as a first crucial step to access services in the country.
- The Protection Sector participated in two public hearings organized by the National Chamber of Deputies on 9 August. The first, in the framework of the Permanent Committee on International Migration and Refugees (CMMIR), explored how the legislative branch can contribute to improve the reception and integration of refugees and migrants. The second hearing, held by the Commission for Human Rights, Minorities and Racial Equality (CDHM), debated the situation of refugees and migrants in Brazil and some of the challenges they face, such as language barriers and unemployment.
- On 22 August, partners joined the Brazilian Women's House (Casa da Mulher Brasileira) to carry out a protection assessment with refugees and migrants who engage in survival sex in Boa Vista. Participants brought up their difficulties in accessing formal job opportunities, an issue that was even more prominent among transgender women. One profile identified included people who had arrived recently in the country and ended up engaging in survival sex as a quick way to

generate a basic income and alleviate their most urgent needs.



Shelter/Food Security

- During the month of August, the Janokoida indigenous shelter in Pacaraima was operating above its maximum capacity, with an average of 415 people accommodated in the space. This was the result of a steady influx of indigenous refugees and migrants entering through Pacaraima, coupled with the fact that their average length of stay in the shelter is twelve months, making it difficult to ensure their sustainable transition out of the space. The sector continues to engage in community consultations to assess their willingness for voluntary relocation to the indigenous shelter in Boa Vista, which can provide improved living conditions and more dignified accommodations.
- In Manaus, the self-reliance strategy designed to assist people in their transition out of shelters successfully reached over 500 people, including 213 indigenous people. Refugees and migrants received comprehensive support from the sector together with local and state authorities. The strategy included the provision of cash assistance, essential kitchen items, cleaning and hygiene kits, referrals to public social assistance programs, as well as three months of monitoring to facilitate their exit from shelters and enable them to live autonomously.



WASH

- The WASH Sector supplied shelters in Boa Vista and Pacaraima with household bleach, other cleaning materials and personal protective equipment (PPE) for cleaning and disinfection.
- Partners ensured appropriate water quality standards of shelters and spontaneous settlements in Roraima, through cleaning and disinfection of drinking water sources, as well as testing for residual chlorine. Both actions benefitted nearly 7,000 individuals.

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	MPC	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
6,183	34,020	9,443	12,448	25,031	12,304	2,331	62,578	25,979	25,272

* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in August 2023 ** New Beneficiaries consolidated as of August 2023.