

Situation Report



227,100

refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the Caribbean¹



3,259

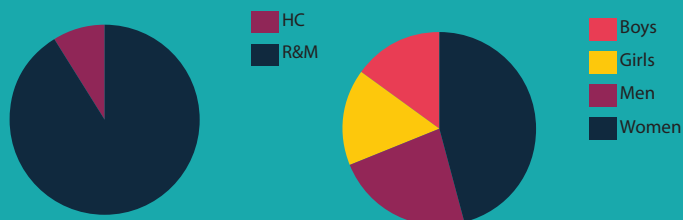
persons reached with direct assistance³



Funding Situation:

\$0 reported funded of **\$64.67M** required²

0%



Refugees & Migrants from Venezuela

2,978

Women

1,506

Girls

510

Host Communities

281

Men

755

Boys

487

People Reached by Sector



Education
0



Protection
1,458



Food Security
284



Child Protection
473



Health
390



GBV
83



Humanitarian Transportation
53



Human Trafficking & Smuggling
0



Integration
166



Shelter
191



WASH
27



Cash and Voucher Assistance

USD \$105K distributed to **670 persons** for Food, Integration, Protection, Shelter, and Multipurpose Cash.

(1) Projected population by end of 2024 (2) Source: FTS. Funding can take some months to update, and does not include funding provided at regional level, so the actual figure may be higher. (3) All assistance figures are cumulative for the year to date.

Situation

Aruba

In January, [Aruba extended its commercial flight ban to and from Venezuela for another 90 days](#) (with the exception of some maritime trade with trader's permits). The announcement by the Aruba Chamber of Commerce followed an indication by the Aruban Prime Minister in earlier January that they would lift the ban.

Curaçao

In February, partners in **Curaçao** reported a slight rise in cases of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) compared with previous months. Affected individuals, including Venezuelans, contacted R4V partners for support, including shelter, food, health services, and protection.

Dominican Republic

The **Dominican Republic** issued approximately 25,158 visas, of which 21,509 were for temporary workers and 3,649 for students. By the end of February, the General Directorate of Migration (DGM, acronym in Spanish) had distributed 22,335 identity cards to Venezuelans in the country.

Guyana

Following the **Guyana-Venezuela Joint [Declaration of Argyle for Dialogue and Peace](#)** of December 2023, tensions between Guyana and Venezuela subsided slightly at the start of the year, although reports from the field depict two instances of pushbacks of newly arrived Venezuelans at the border. The Guyana authorities emphasized its commitment to humanitarian assistance for Venezuelans and confirmed that the official policy remains unchanged, yet a variance in local practices for admission and documentation has been observed, reflecting a nuanced approach during periods of fluctuating tensions.

Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago authorities [announced that the first tranche of 815 extended minister's permits would be ready for collection on 4 March 2024](#), for Venezuelans who had submitted renewal requests between 20 June and 11 August 2023. On 1 February, the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard [detained 27 Venezuelans, including three children, for irregular entry](#) into the country. The nation also [recorded its first human trafficking conviction](#), sentencing the trafficker to 15 years. Partners have pledged support to the new heads of the [Counter Trafficking Unit, who promised to tackle the human trafficking scourge in the country by creating a digital platform to aid victims of trafficking \(VoTs\) more effectively](#), along with a resource map and referral mechanism for better support coordination. Concerns have been raised that Venezuelan refugees and migrants are [being paid under the minimum wage](#). The Ministry of Labour has indicated that the increased minimum wage applies to all persons, including documented and undocumented individuals.

Response

Food Security

R4V partners distributed cash and food vouchers in Guyana, Curaçao, and the Dominican Republic to assist Venezuelan refugees and migrants. In Guyana, vouchers totalling approximately USD 1,100/GYD 250,000 (USD 1,200) supported 19 households (including 41 Venezuelans and 22 host community members) for essential goods and food. Curaçao partners provided food vouchers worth around USD 8,300, reaching 186 Venezuelans. In the Dominican Republic, USD 4,900 in food vouchers benefitted 35 Venezuelans, including 26 women and 9 men.

Protection

Partners across the Caribbean sub-region offered crucial legal and social work services to Venezuelan refugees and migrants. In Aruba, partners offered legal counselling and direct legal support for 62 Venezuelans, and conducted human rights workshops for 98 refugees, migrants and host community members, while also providing social support to refugee and migrant women. In Curaçao partners enhanced local capacities for legal services, benefitting 63 refugees and migrants through a Help Desk and direct legal counselling. Trinidad and Tobago partners also facilitated

a workshop on human rights law for 132 officials and provided comprehensive assistance to 603 refugees and migrants, including new arrivals. Additionally, legal workshops and support were offered to 40 Venezuelans in February. In Guyana and the Dominican Republic, partners provided legal information sessions for 36 individuals and support for 39 Venezuelan children, respectively, in obtaining legal identity documents (birth certificates, passports). Dominican Republic partners continued to support refugees and migrants from Venezuela during various phases of the Venezuelan Normalization Plan.

Child Protection

In February, partners in the Dominican Republic hosted a two-day PSEA training for 24 facilitators from community organizations to assist in Child-Friendly spaces. The training featured two modules on PSEA (Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) led by the partner's PSEA focal point and supported by the Mental Health Institute. Additionally, 434 new beneficiaries, including 301 Venezuelan refugees and migrants along with 133 members of the host communities, received psychosocial support through 12 established child-friendly spaces in various locations in the Dominican Republic. This service targeted refugee and migrant populations as well as host communities. Curaçao and Guyana partners provided baby kits to support the newborn babies of refugees and migrants.

GBV

In February, stakeholders in Curaçao were trained on GBV during two sessions, benefiting a total of 10 participants. Guyana partners provided GBV case management to GBV survivors in January and February. Guyana partners conducted two training sessions, reaching 20 service providers on prevention, mitigation, and response to GBV among refugees and migrants. The initiative aimed at capacity building among community leaders and key governmental personnel for rights promotion and gender equality. Guyana partners hosted information sessions on mixed movements, public services, and document procurement for 82 participants, mainly Venezuelans. Guyana partners launched a women's empowerment group and provided MHPSS and financial support to five women, including four Venezuelans and one host community member. In February, Guyana partners hosted sessions on GBV topics specifically designed for adolescent girls and women, directly benefitting 13 Venezuelans.

Trafficking in Persons

In Trinidad and Tobago, a partners conducted a workshop to improve law enforcement techniques for identifying trafficking victims (VoTs) and facilitate their participation in criminal proceedings. The workshop included 30 members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), the Coast Guard, and the Counter Trafficking Unit.

Health

In January and February, R4V partners in the Dominican Republic provided USD 1,500 and USD 3,900 for medical care to 41 Venezuelans. A partner healthcare initiative provided USD 5,400 in cash and voucher assistance (CVA) for diagnosis and medications to 36 Venezuelans, comprising 28 women and 8 men. In Curaçao, six Venezuelan women received mental health support, and partners in collaboration with Orthodont Clinic offered dental care to 35 Venezuelans. Additionally, 123 refugees and migrants received health services, including home visits and sexual and reproductive health support.

Humanitarian Transportation

In January and February, a Curaçao partner started a three-month short-distance humanitarian transportation program for students and children, enabling 28 Venezuelan refugees and migrants to access transportation services to and from school. Guyana partners also provided transportation assistance through cash to five households benefitting 35 Venezuelans in January and eight in February, enabling them to purchase essential items such as food.



Integration

In January, Guyana hosted an integration workshop for refugees and migrants as well as stakeholders/duty-bearers, providing the opportunity for information sharing between potential beneficiaries and providers of services essential for Venezuelans' safety, well-being, and regular stay requirements. In February, Guyana hosted livelihood and economic empowerment events for 40 Venezuelans, including 34 women and 6 men. Aruba's skills mapping exercise benefitted 56 refugees and migrants, mostly Venezuelan women. Trinidad and Tobago partners implemented two initiatives in Chaguanas benefitting refugees and migrants, including a Community Outreach and Public Transport App and a related Community Campaign and Mapping Catalogue to improve mobility and reduce transport's environmental impact. In February, partners in the Dominican Republic provided financial assistance totalling USD 5,200 to 46 Venezuelans for costs associated with the Venezuelan Normalization Plan (PNV). R4V partner's free immigration services hubs also attended to 1,582 Venezuelans related to the PNV. Dominican Republic partners also began the "[Emprende Business Strengthening Programme](#)," reaching 100 refugees and migrants with guidance on building viable businesses.



Shelter

In January, partners in the Dominican Republic delivered mobile transfers to four Venezuelans under the CBI-Pin Pesos program, enabling them to cover rental and utility costs. In February, partners also provided three months of rental support for 110 vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Curaçao partners offered cash assistance for rent to nine Venezuelan refugees and migrants, with 29 receiving household items; three more received rental aid in February. Additionally, partners provided rental assistance to seven households in Guyana, focusing on unemployed and single parents.



WASH

In January, 13 individuals from four Venezuelan families in Guyana received hygiene and baby kits. Two baby kits were also distributed in February. Curaçao partners also distributed kits to nine Venezuelan women.

Active Partners*

Aruba: HIAS, PADF, *VeneAruba Solidaria*

Curaçao: IOM, PADF, *Human Rights Defence Curaçao, Salú pa Tur Foundation, Venex Curaçao Foundation*

Dominican Republic: UNHCR, UN Habitat, *Fundación de Emigrantes y Refugiados Sin Fronteras Para El Mundo (FERFM), Dominican Institute for Integrated Development, Heartland Alliance International, Venezuelan Emigrant Foundation (FEV)*

Guyana: IOM, HIAS, UNHCR, *Blossoms Inc, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition, Ministry of Education*

Trinidad and Tobago: UNHCR, UNODC, UN Habitat, PADF, *La Casita, Women's Institute for Alternative Development, Family Planning Association, Living Water Community*

* Appealing Partner, Implementing Partner. Based on partners reporting monthly activities to the R4V Platform.

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