ARUBA & CURAÇAO





REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN ARUBA AND CURAÇAO*

44,500



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**



Situation¹

- Venezuelans continue to seek safety in Aruba and Curação as a result of the worsening political, socio-economic and human rights situation in Venezuela. Refugees and migrants from Venezuela keep risking dangerous boat journeys to reach both islands, exposing them to death-at-sea risks, smuggling and human trafficking as well as detention and deportation.
- Parliamentarians from Aruba, Curação and the Netherlands discussed the situation of Venezuelans on the Dutch Caribbean islands during the Inter-Parliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO) that was convened in Curação on 7 and 8 January. An R4V Platform representative held a pre-session briefing for the Parliamentarians to discuss issues related to the Venezuelan situation, including detention conditions, collective deportations, and the role of the UN and local NGOs in providing assistance.

Response

- Partners in Aruba and Curação continued to provide direct emergency assistance to the most vulnerable refugees and migrants from Venezuela and host communities. Food assistance and non-food items, including hygiene and kitchen kits, were provided to 238 Venezuelan households and 15 host community households.
- In Curação, a medical clinic provided 265 consultations to undocumented refugees and migrants on the island, who are not able to benefit from national health insurance, as well as members of the host community. Services consequently provided included basic health care, reproductive health, prenatal and maternity care, contraceptives, as well as HIV and diabetes care.
- Protection activities in Aruba and Curação included advocacy interventions, capacity building and legal and psychosocial support to individual cases. In Aruba, 26 vulnerable refugees and migrants benefited from case management services, while 10 received psychosocial care.
- In Curação, a partner organized a two-day training on human trafficking and smuggling to 41 individuals, including

- representatives from the Government of Curação and local NGOs. Participants acquired skills to improve the identification, referral and protection of victims of human trafficking. As a follow up to the workshop, partners will support the development of standard operation procedures and continue to provide support and capacity building related to human trafficking to the Government and civil society.
- Engagement on education remained prominent in Aruba and Curação. In Aruba, partners have assisted an increasing number of Venezuelan families who have sought assistance in enrolling their children in local schools and launched discussions on avenues for collaboration with the government. In Curação, partners provided after-school Dutch language tutoring to 20 Venezuelan children and youth enrolled in primary and secondary schools in order to provide them with academic support and facilitate their integration.



= Education

21

Food Security 248

Health

269

NFI

NFI

Protection

75

67

¹ This report covers the situation in the Caribbean before the COVID-19 pandemic.

^{*} Estimated population by end of 2020 | ** From 01/01/2020 | *** Source: FTS Website

ARUBA & CURAÇAO

Health Food Security



Operational Overview - Who does What and Where



Activities by Sector

ARUBA

