

## BRAZIL



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL  
264,617 (DECEMBER 2019)



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE  
12,114



FUNDING SITUATION = 32,3%  
FUNDED: USD 28,3 MI  
REQUIRED: USD 87,5 MI  
FUNDING GAP: USD 59,2 MI

## Situation

- In Brazil, COVID-19 cases and casualties continued increasing. As of 31 July, 2,662,485 confirmed positive cases and 92,475 deaths were recorded in the country. Despite the rising figures, many states are reopening.
- Entry restrictions for foreign nationals have been extended until the end of August with the approval of Ordinance nº 1/2020. The measures remain the same as the ones contained in the previous ordinances, except for minor changes: restrictions for the entry of Venezuelan nationals by land or sea remain, regardless of their migratory status; the entrance by air is now allowed for persons of all nationalities, upon presentation of a migratory visa; the entrance by air is not allowed in the following States: Mato Grosso do Sul, Paraíba, Rondônia, Rio Grande do Sul e Tocantins. Failure to comply with the Ordinance will lead to deportation and disqualification of the asylum claim.
- During July, the Area for Protection and Care (APC) in Boa Vista hosted 55 persons (2 Venezuelans and 53 Brazilians), of which 13 were under intensive care. In total, 641 persons have been isolated in the Protection Area since its opening. Currently, the area has 284 beds of which 30 are for intensive care, meaning that at the end of the month there were still 17 beds available. The APC staff includes 65 Venezuelan health workers alongside Brazilian professionals.

## Response



## Education

- R4V partners designed a capacity building strategy for education professionals of the States of Roraima, Amazonas and Pará. In cooperation with local authorities, teachers and school managers will receive online trainings on how to welcome and integrate refugee and migrant children and adolescents in the formal education system.
- Moreover, the Education Sector is assisting stakeholders and local authorities to implement protocols for the upcoming reopening of schools. In Partnership with UNDIME (National Union for Municipal Education Union Leaderships), recommendations will be disseminated to support school management in the preparation and compliance of health and sanitation guidelines.
- The Education Sector trained UN staff on Intercultural Competencies amid COVID-19 to better respond to the challenges of migrant and refugee populations exposed to a disproportionate risk of infection. The training of trainers (ToT) aims to build resilience of social and healthcare workers, reinforcing their adaptability to different cultural contexts and needs.



## Integration / Interiorization / Hum. Transportation

- The COVID-19 Contingency Plan and its monitoring protocols continue to be implemented in all stages of the internal relocation process, in cities of origin, transfer centres and destination cities.
- In partnership with the Sector and CONARE, the Central Bank of Brazil delivered a ToT on financial education for civil society and government institutions. The first training took place in July and two more are expected to happen in August and September. The new trainers are expected to replicate these learnings with refugees and migrants.
- An on-line interactive Portuguese course was newly offered to refugees and migrants in 7 shelters of Boa Vista.
- A transit shelter in Brasilia is under renovation, to improve the reception conditions for refugees and migrants that are internally relocated to the capital city through the job placement scheme. Moreover, the infrastructure upgrading of a training centre in Salvador was completed. The space will be used to deliver professional courses for vulnerable refugees and migrants in order to promote their integration in the labour market.



PEOPLE REACHED\*

| Education | Food Security | Health | Hum. Transp. | Integration | NFI    | Nutrition | Protection | Shelter | WASH   | CBI   |
|-----------|---------------|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 1,138     | 1,589         | 7,674  | 1,255        | 1,311       | 10,988 | 3,561     | 11,717     | 5,963   | 11,294 | 1,752 |


**Health**

- **The Health Sector continue to monitor the incidence of COVID-19 among refugees, migrants and host communities.** Moreover, continuous support was provided to the APC through the hiring of health professionals, the donation of medical equipment and of personal protective gear. In addition, primary health care services are being delivered in shelters and spontaneous settlements through roving teams and mobile clinics.


**Nutrition / WASH**

- **Nutritional surveillance activities were carried out in 27 shelters in the states of Roraima, Amazonas and Pará.** In this framework, children aged 6-59 months were provided with nutrition supplements to prevent undernutrition, and pregnant and lactating women received daily micronutrient tablets (including iron/folic acid).
- Moreover, in an indigenous shelter, a **Vitamin A supplementation program was launched for Warao children and counselling on appropriate feeding was conducted with targeted caregivers (men and women) of boys and girls aged 0-23 months.** Nutritional surveillance and support have been a crucial strategy to guarantee minimum health standards for refugee and migrant children, especially in the context of the socio-economic crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic.
- **WASH actors provided essential WASH services and supplies to shelters, spontaneous occupations and indigenous communities in Boa Vista, Pacaraima and Manaus.** Continuous access to safe water was ensured through water trucking to 10 spontaneous occupations in Boa Vista. In addition to the occupations already serviced, extra handwashing facilities were installed and water storage capacity increased in two additional spontaneous occupations. Regular CBI distributions continued in the partner-run shelters, to enable the access to hygiene items for COVID-19 prevention.
- **The WASH sector finalized a joint consultative exercise for the adoption of a WASH strategy.** The sector adopted a more articulated coordination structure, consisting of a national WASH sector and local WASH committees in Pará, Amazonas, and Roraima, all with strong participation of relevant governmental institutions. In

addition, the sector developed joint priorities, activities, quality standards and an upgraded information sharing tool to improve progress monitoring.


**Protection**

- In order to raise awareness on and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Estatute on Children and Adolescents (ECA in its Portuguese acronym), **the Protection Sector and its Child Protection Subsector supported the translation in Spanish of a comic book and a short video produced in partnership with Canal Futura and Childhood, explaining in a ludic and simplified way the relevance of the ECA for the protection of all children and adolescents in Brazil.** Materials can be found [here](#).
- **The Sector and the GBV Subsector conducted eight informative sessions for staff (including Operação Acolhida military counterparts) in the Área de Proteção e Cuidado (APC) in Boa Vista/RR.** The sessions focused on the prevention of GBV and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).
- **Due to the challenges related to access to documentation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sector has enhanced its advocacy efforts towards relevant government counterparts to ensure refugees and migrants have basic rights (e.g. access to social programs and registering new-borns).**


**Shelter/NFI/Food Distribution**

- In Pacaraima, R4V partners are providing technical support for the planning of a new shelter space that will be managed by civil society to receive vulnerable refugees and migrants. The R4V is assisting this initiative through situational and operational assessments and technical guidance on shelter minimum standards.
- A significant response gap has been identified by the sector in the **Northeast region, which has received an increased influx of Indigenous Warao. The sector will provide support to find durable shelter solutions for this population.**
- **Partners continue to coordinate their actions in order to provide food for refugees and migrants living in spontaneous settlements.** As of the end of July, such support reached half of the families in this type of accommodation in Pacaraima and Boa Vista.

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