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



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE
22,062



FUNDING SITUATION =
FUNDED: USD 33.1 M↓
REQUIRED: USD 87.5 M↑
FUNDING GAP: USD 54.4 M↑

Situation

- In August, CONARE recognized an additional 7,787 refugees based on the implementation of the Cartagena declaration through a prima-facie procedure. Brazil has now recognized over 46,000 Venezuelans as refugees, and has extended the implementation of this modality for an additional twelve months.
- Entry restrictions for foreign nationals have been extended until the end of September with the approval of [Ordinance n° 419/2020](#) on August 26th, 2020. The measures remain the same as those in previous months, establishing exceptional and temporary entry restrictions by land or sea of foreigners regardless of nationality. The decree explicitly states that Venezuelans do not benefit from exceptions (family reunification and migratory visa status), unless authorized by the government on a case-by case basis. The failure to comply with the Ordinance will lead to deportation and disqualification of the asylum claim.
- As border restrictions continue, dozens of foreigners (mostly Venezuelans) in conditions of vulnerability or seeking refugee status waited on the bridge that divides Brazil (Acre) and Peru (Iñapari) unable to enter either country. Two groups tried to enter Brazil by land, but only one was successful and then forced to return by the Federal Police. However, the Federal Public Defender's Office (DPU) submitted two ordinary lawsuits arguing that the forced return violated fundamental rights, and that the situation of the groups waiting on the bridge violated the principle of integral protection of children and youths (present among the group). [The Federal Court ruled in favor of DPU's motion](#) and [ordered the suspension of the forced removal those individuals](#). The DPU then filed a [public civil action](#) to extend these rights to any person in vulnerability that entered Brazil with ongoing border restrictions, however, it was revoked by a Federal Court.
- For the gradual resumption of activities at the Documentation and Interiorization Centre (PITRIG) in Manaus, a quota of 100 slots (50 for asylum-seekers and 50 temporary residents) per day has been issued. R4V partners have ensured that at least ten appointments per day are given to recognized refugees seeking permanent residency permits, following CONARE's prima facie decision. Also, some 1,000 persons received support with temporary residence applications this month.

Response

Education

- R4V partners conducted a [webinar](#) to share successful educational practices for schools that include refugee and migrant pupils. The event, addressing educational approaches and the right to education, resulted in the launch of three videos on childhood education, indigenous education and Portuguese teaching for youth and adults.
- As part of a capacity-building strategy, [the Sector organized online training sessions for teachers](#). The two initial monthly sessions reached over 6,000 professionals from the state of Roraima. Another course on [intercultural competencies for education](#) was also promoted targeting health and education authorities as well as civil society organizations' staff.
- To support safe school reopenings, the Sector translated a ["practical guide"](#) into Portuguese that was launched during an online event for the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP). The tool was designed to support coordination and program teams in the planning of an integrated, inclusive and risk-based strategy for school reopening.

Health












- Partners have continued to support the COVID-19 response in Roraima by strengthening specialized support to the clinical section of the Area of Protection and Care (APC), the field hospital built by Operação Acolhida in Boa Vista.
- Training on Health Situation Analysis, based on different health indicators for decision making, was carried out for the technical team of the Municipal Health Secretariat in Boa Vista. More than 200 vulnerable pregnant women in shelters, indigenous shelters, settlements and other sites participated in community-based Sexual and Reproductive Health activities. Various group sessions were conducted on raising awareness on SRH care structure and emergency obstetric care services available in Manaus, Boa Vista and Pacaraima.



Integration / Interiorization / Hum. Transportation

- R4V partners organized the webinar "Women and Interiorization" whose objective was to improve the gender-based analysis of interiorization data, strengthen the leadership and overall participation of women in the process to identify and meet their protection needs, and mobilize



										
Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	NFI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH	CBI
923	1.034	7.236	1.510	2.441	13.371	5.290	23.334	4.832	1.339	1.494

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the private sector to support their socio-economic integration.

- **As a result of the continuous efforts to promote Operation Welcome's interiorization strategy**, 965 people living in shelters were registered for internal relocation in August. During the same period, 1,300 beneficiaries were relocated by plane and bus from Amazonas and Roraima states.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Citizenship, **the sector presented the main outcomes of a study on the "socio-economic integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants and the interiorization strategy"**. The research highlights the positive impact of interiorization on the local integration of its beneficiaries and stresses the importance of a strong coordination among all stakeholders involved to ensure the empowerment of refugees and migrants, for them to meaningfully contribute to their host communities.
- **R4V partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the technology company Levee to promote refugees' and migrants' employability and promote their exit from shelters.** The agreement stipulates the incorporation of refugees' and migrants' labor profiles on the Levee on-line platform for job placement.

Nutrition

- The sector carried out **nutritional surveillance activities for malnutrition in 27 shelters in Roraima, Amazonas and Pará.** Boys and girls aged 6-59 months received nutrition supplements to prevent undernutrition, and pregnant and lactating women received daily micronutrient tablets including iron and folic acid. Targeted caregivers, including both men and women, of children aged 0-23 months, received appropriate feeding counselling.
- **In Pará, the Tapanã shelter opened a breastfeeding support area** and conducted workshops on breastfeeding and healthy feeding for children and adolescents. Nutritional surveillance and support have been important factors to ensure adequate health conditions for children in shelters who have been severely affected by the loss of livelihoods caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A wide range of activities, such as webinars with health professionals, group discussions and photo exhibitions were conducted to **celebrate the world breastfeeding week in Amazonas, Pará and Roraima.**

Protection

- **In order to mitigate the negative impact of the temporary suspension of documentation and other public assistance services** due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

the sector advocated for measures to guarantee the access of refugees and migrants to social rights and to the labour market. It was proposed to the responsible national bodies to issue a normative act that expressly extends, for twelve months, the validity of all documents expiring up to three months after the expected resumption of state services. **The GBV subsector conducted joint training sessions on the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)** for the new army contingent of Operation Welcome in Roraima. 32 women and 266 men from the new contingent participated.



Shelter/NFI/Food Distribution

- **The sector continues to support the Federal Government strategy to relocate Venezuelans living in spontaneous settlements.** This month, 267 people living in the oldest spontaneous settlement in Boa Vista were referred to shelters, provided with humanitarian assistance to rent a house, or were relocated to other cities under the interiorization strategy.
- **The establishment of 8 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) donated by to FUNPAPA for the Tapanã shelter in Belém was finalized** on 21 August. Five of these RHUs will be used for the schooling of young children aged 0 to 5 and the other three as offices for the shelter staff. The sector is collaborating with FUNPAPA in the development of a fire safety plan.

WASH

- In Roraima, WASH partners worked closely with other sectoral coordination groups of Operation Welcome such as the spontaneous settlements and indigenous peoples working groups. Together, they **assessed WASH conditions in the clinical section of the Área de Proteção e Cuidado (APC) and coordinated hygiene promotion activities in all shelters and 15 spontaneous settlements in Roraima.** WASH interventions in Roraima, Amazonas and Pará states have been a determining factor contributing to the low number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- **This month, the sector continued providing essential services and safe water in spontaneous settlements, shelters and indigenous communities.** Over 390,000 litres of treated water were supplied by water trucks, over 3,000 litres of sodium hypochlorite solution for cleaning and hygiene kits were delivered, and additional handwashing structures were set up in Boa Vista. In Manaus, new drinking and handwashing stations were installed in the new indigenous shelters.

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