

## BRAZIL



**REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL**  
 148.782 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE  
 102.504 ASYLUM SEEKERS  
 461.41 REFUGEES  
 (PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 2019)



**PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**  
 26105



**FUNDING SITUATION = FUNDED: 45.3 M**  
**REQUIRED: 87.5 M**  
**FUNDING GAP: 42.2 M (52%)**

## Situation

- **Entry restrictions for foreign nationals have been extended until the end of October** with the approval of [Ordinance n° 456/2020](#) on 24 September. The measures remain the same as those in previous months, establishing exceptional and temporary entry restrictions by land or sea for 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.
- **The United States Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo and Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ernesto Araújo visited Boa Vista, Roraima, on 18 September.** This high-level delegation included a visit to the Triage and Screening Center of the “Operation Welcome” where they met with a Venezuelan family. During his visit, Secretary Pompeo announced an additional US\$ 348 million of humanitarian assistance to help Venezuelans refugees and migrants in the region, including US\$ 30 million to support refugees, migrants and host communities in Brazil.

## Response

### Education

- **As part of a capacity-building strategy of the sector**, two new online seminars on education in displacement contexts reached a total of 9,500 participants. Most were education professionals from the state of Roraima. Links: [①](#) [②](#)
- **In order to support education managers to plan the reopening of schools with in-person classes**, the sector rolled out an open self-assessment tool on WASH to evaluate COVID-19 preparedness in education facilities. Link: [①](#) Also, the Sector is advocating for the adoption of risk-based strategies for a safe reopening of schools, in municipalities with a high number of refugees and migrants including Boa Vista, Pacaraima, Belém and Manaus.
- **The Super Panas Radio**, that broadcasts content for non-formal education for refugee and migrant children and adolescents out of school was now set out online. [①](#) [②](#)

### Health

- **Partners continue 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 set by Operation Welcome in Boa Vista. Also, mobile health units continue to operate in Roraima, with doctors available to provide primary health care to refugees and migrants in shelters and spontaneous settlements, as well as host communities. In Boa Vista, training on health situation analysis was carried out for the technical team of the municipal health department, in order to qualify analysis of different health indicators and support decision making.
- **Training on combined HIV prevention was conducted with health authorities of Roraima state and Boa Vista and**

**Pacaraima municipalities, as well as health committees of Operation Welcome shelters.**



### Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- As part of a broader strategy to strengthen the engagement of the private sector in the socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants, **R4V partners managed to secure 67 jobs for Venezuelans in five states.** The human resources team of a construction company in Roraima was also trained on the procedures to contract refugees and migrants, enabling the hiring of 350 of them.
- **In partnership with the department for Labor Inspection, R4V partners launched the campaign Proteja o Trabalho** (Protect Work) aiming to provide information to employers and workers (including refugees, migrants and host communities), on the measures adopted by the federal government to preserve income and labour rights during the pandemic, as well as COVID-19 prevention. The materials include informative booklets and live transmissions.
- R4V partners and the Brazilian Central Bank conducted the **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the “Train the Trainers”** online course on financial education, targeting governmental actors, staff from civil society organizations and community leaders.
- **The Federal Government launched the Revalida (Revalidate) program** to subsidize the costs of title validation for foreign medical doctors, who want to work in Brazil. R4V partners supported 45 refugee and migrant women to access this program providing them with information, financial support to cover the costs involved in taking the revalidation test and referring to the Public Defender's Office those who required legal support in order to participate in



Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	NFI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH	CBI
3191	5796	13334	1284	2748	20789	3729	15849	4547	10601	2502

the program.

### Nutrition

- **R4V partners conducted nutritional surveillance activities** in shelters and public health facilities of Roraima and Pará.
- **Nutritional preventive activities were carried out in shelters by providing pregnant and lactating women with daily micronutrient tablets** (including iron/folic acid) and by assisting caregivers (men and women) of boys and girls aged 0-23 months with counseling for appropriate feeding.
- **An additional nutritional assessment was conducted with 226 children** in five shelters in Belém and 96 children in a shelter in Santarém.

### Protection

- **As part of an exercise involving five more countries in the region, the sector is conducting a survey on evictions** in order to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the access to housing.
- **With the arrival of the 9<sup>th</sup> contingent of Operation Welcome in August and September**, the Sector and its GBV Subsector conducted sessions on Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), training 11 women and 123 men.
- On account of the rise in domestic violence incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic, **awareness-raising sessions were conducted with the Casa da Mulher Brasileira** to discuss mechanisms for preventing and mitigating gender-based violence specifically among Venezuelan indigenous people.
- **In Belém, the Child Protection Subsector organized group discussions** to reinforce self-confidence and self-esteem with 20 adolescents living in Tapanã shelter. Activities included arts, music and photographic sessions.
- **As a strategy to prevent human trafficking**, R4V partners created a **flyer with information to recognize the signs of this human rights violation**, as well as **useful tips to mitigate risks**.
- **Child Protection partners are implementing PRIMERO CPIMS+** in Belém, Manaus, Boa Vista, Pacaraima and Rio de Janeiro. The inter-agency and open source software platform, in which 15 partners are involved aims to facilitate

effective case management for vulnerable children, family tracing and reunification of children.

### Shelter/NFI/Food Security

- **R4V partners launched a food assistance programme aimed to support the most vulnerable refugees and migrants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.** The first e-vouchers were distributed this month in São Paulo and Santa Catarina, two states with the largest numbers of relocated Venezuelans. The objective is to reach 4,000 people by the end of the year, covering a wide range of states, especially in the Northeast, South, and Southeast regions.
- **The Bernardo Coutinho spontaneous settlement has been deactivated in Boa Vista on 25 September**, as part of Operation Welcome's plan to return public buildings to the government of Roraima. Its residents have been relocated to Operation Welcome shelters, referred to the Interiorization Strategy or voluntarily moved to other places across the city. As of 25 September, 1,400 refugees and migrants still lived in spontaneous settlements in Boa Vista.

### WASH

- **Hygiene promotion remained a priority for the sector that reached over 3,200 individuals** in shelters and spontaneous settlements. Activities included daily monitoring visits, meetings with local WASH committees, hand washing workshops, mobilization for cleaning/disinfection and maintenance of common areas. Over 30 WASH monitors conducted regular focus group discussions to gather and systematize feedback from affected population to improve service delivery.
- The sector continues to provide WASH services in Roraima and Amazonas states including **safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene items. Over 377,000 litres of treated water were trucked** to some 2,000 refugees and migrants living in spontaneous settlements and those using the space located around the Bus station in Boa Vista. In addition, **4300 litres of sodium hypochlorite solution** for disinfecting environments was provided in 10 spontaneous settlements and 6 shelters of Operation Welcome. In Manaus, WASH actors installed additional handwashing stations and laundry spaces for Taruma-Acú II and Tarumã-Centro.

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