



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS FROM VENEZUELA IN BRAZIL **261 K**

145,462 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE
 96,556 ASYLUM-SEEKERS
 46,343 REFUGEES
 (PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2020)



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2021 WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**
16 K



FUNDING SITUATION*

2.0% FUNDED: 2.03 M
 REQUIREMENT: 98 M

Situation

- In May, the Office of the Presidency, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, and the Ministry of Health twice updated the Ordinance that extends exceptional and temporary entry restrictions to the country. Ordinances [653/2021](#) and [654/2021](#) included India in a flight ban alongside the UK and South Africa and clarified maritime crew disembarkation procedures. Both decrees, however, maintained the determination that exceptions to the land and sea entry ban (e.g. family reunification or residence permits) do not apply to Venezuelans.
- On 3 May, [severe flooding](#) in Manaus damaged the structure of Operation Welcome's Reception, Documentation and Relocation Centre (PITrig) and the Manaus Transit Shelter (ATM). In coordination with the Army and local authorities, R4V partners promptly acted to evacuate 91 refugees and migrants from the ATM to Operation Welcome's operational base and provide them with food and NFIs; refer the five people injured to the local health system; and conduct a damage and loss assessment in the support spaces. As a result, Operation Welcome's Task Force activated a Crisis Committee, holding regular meetings with R4V partners. On 11 May, a temporary PITrig was opened at Operation Welcome's base, and R4V partners, together with the Army and Federal Police, coordinated the site's new registration and documentation flow. In addition, refugees and migrants participating in the relocation strategy were accommodated at Vila Olímpica, where R4V partners are carrying out relocation and transportation activities.

Response



Education

- To improve access of refugee and migrant children and adolescents to education and protection services, **R4V partners conducted capacity-building sessions for 145 humanitarian professionals working in emergency sites in Boa Vista, Manaus, and Belém.** The sessions addressed strategies for increasing school enrolment and retention, handling incidents of violence, and COVID-19 preparedness, prevention, and response. Strengthening local capacities is among the sector's priorities.



Health

- In observance of Menstrual Hygiene Day (28 May), **R4V partners held information sessions on menstrual health and hygiene for 40 refugee and migrant women and girls from Venezuela, aged 14 to 45.** The sessions addressed reproductive rights and how to access local healthcare services. In addition, participants received hygiene kits containing soap bars, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and reusable period underwear.



Integration/ Interiorization/ Humanitarian Transportation

- In May, a total of [1,228 refugees and migrants](#) from Venezuela were voluntarily relocated from the states of Amazonas and Roraima to other parts of Brazil by R4V partners who provided transportation via bus or flights, for refugees and migrants who were matched with employment opportunities (49), housed in R4V

partners' shelters (135), or reunited through family and social reunification programmes (1,043 individuals).

- **R4V Integration partners launched the document "[The Interiorization of Venezuelans in the Institutional Modality: Lessons Learned, Challenges and Opportunities](#)".** The publication highlights the effectiveness and sustainability of the socio-economic integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants relocated from Boa Vista to institutional shelters in different parts of Brazil since 2018. It also underscores that participants have expressed high levels of satisfaction with the services provided at all stages of the relocation strategy, from pre-departure preparation to reception at the destination.
- 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 secured 15 jobs for relocated Venezuelans in Santa Catarina's textile industry.** The partners worked closely throughout the reception and integration phases with the hired refugees and migrants and their families, including offering accommodation, food support and orientation during the hiring process.



Nutrition

- **R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programme and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus, Belém, and Santarém and public health facilities in the State of Roraima.** In total, 431 children under the age of 5 (including 293 Indigenous Warao children) and 209 pregnant and lactating women were screened for malnutrition. In addition, 825 counseling sessions on appropriate feeding

were held for 663 caregivers of infants, girls, and boys aged 0-23 months, of which 321 were indigenous people.



Protection

- **Protection Sector partners conducted a capacity-building program for 50 public servants from various cities in Pará to strengthen their knowledge and response to refugees' and migrants' needs.** The first session focused on prevention and response to GBV, followed by a second session on asylum seekers' rights and access to documentation and procedures. Also in May, a new reference center called *Espaço da Pessoa Refugiada e Migrante* was [opened](#) in Belém, Pará. With the support of R4V partners who equipped the space and promoted capacity-building activities for the local team of the Department of Justice and Human Rights, this support space will provide assistance with regularization and documentation, including access to the asylum procedure, for refugees and migrants living in Pará, strengthening their autonomy and protection.
- **In May, R4V Protection Sector and GBV Subsector partners held the [First Meeting of Refugee and Migrant Women from the North in Roraima](#).** The event contributed to strengthening a humanitarian response that centers the needs and demands of the population of interest. Throughout the event, refugee and migrant women presented to humanitarian actors and public officials their needs and challenges regarding access to documentation and services, economic empowerment, gender-based violence, and LGBTIQ+ phobia. The event was attended by 160 refugee and migrant women and 88 stakeholders.
- **In May, the Human Trafficking Subsector held a capacity-building activity for R4V members** "General aspects of identification, assistance (good practices) and referral of victims of human trafficking in Brazil." The workshop addressed the national legal framework on human trafficking, referral mechanisms, and good practices on direct assistance. Fifteen humanitarian professionals working directly in preventing and

combating human trafficking with a focus on Venezuelan refugees and migrants attended the seminar.



Shelter/Food Security

- **On 8 May, a fire broke out at the El Dorado Hotel in Manaus, where Venezuelan and Brazilian families lived, because of a short circuit in the building electrical network.** R4V partners rapidly coordinated a needs assessment with state and municipal authorities to provide protection and assistance to the 119 affected people, the majority of whom were Venezuelan and Brazilian families. Two adults and five children were injured and received medical attention. R4V Brazil produced a [joint press release](#) (in Portuguese).
- To assist with response planning, **R4V partners issued a [monitoring report on the living conditions of refugees and migrants in rented housing in Boa Vista](#).** The report provides a profile of the respective living spaces, average rental prices, WASH and health conditions, and education and livelihoods information of the interviewed population.



WASH

- **R4V partners conducted a review of WASH conditions in 7 Indigenous shelters and spontaneous settlements in Belém and Ananindeua, in Pará.** Each of the sites evaluated had several critical deficiencies, including lack of access to safe water, the absence of toilets, poor drainage, lack of privacy in bathrooms and showers, and a lack of personal hygiene items, including menstrual hygiene products. Conditions are being improved over time through occasional interventions by local organizations and the communities themselves.
- **R4V WASH partners concluded infrastructure improvements in Boa Vista for the Venezuelan population.** At Operation Welcome's transit centres, the bathrooms were upgraded; in spontaneous settlements, partners benefitted over 360 Venezuelan refugees and migrants with the installation of several elevated water tanks connected to a newly added water supply, piped sewer connection, and bathrooms.

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	CBI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
1,143	978	2,524	1,228	10,386	2,768	372	10,077	3,845	2,316

* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in May 2021.