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261.4 K 144.996 RESIDENCE 79.133 ASYLUM-SEEKERS 46.923 REFUGEES (PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2021)*



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

123.500 K



FUNDING SITUATION***

19.1%

FUNDED: 18.7 M REQUIREMENT: 98 M

Situation

- On 12 July, the Brazilian Government announced the distribution of USD 1.2 million in federal resources to 16 municipalities in 11 states spread across the country receiving refugees and migrants from Venezuela through the voluntary relocation programme. The allocated funding will be enhance the municipalities' capacity to provide adequate social services and integration opportunities to the most vulnerable Venezuelans.
- Since 25 June, date of the enactment of Ordinance 655 flexibilizing entry restrictions for refugees and migrants from Venezuela, the Federal Police in Pacaraima has issued 6,246 entry permits (as of 30 July). Since the Venezuelan side of the border remains completely closed, the great majority of persons who could access documentation either entered through irregular crossings or were already in Brazilian territory. R4V partners continue to work with the army in handling the influx of new arrivals and supporting the Federal Police with pre-documentation procedures to regularize the existing backlong.

Response



Education

An Active School Search Steering Committee composed of the Departments of Education, Health, and Social Assistance and several civil society organizations was created in the municipality of Boa Vista, Roraima State, with the support of the Education Sector. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to support the successful implementation of education policies and child protection networks across Brazilian municipalities aimed at identifying and monitoring children and adolescents who are out of school or at risk of dropping out, a problem that was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Health

R4V partners continued to support the local public health system by providing primary health care consultations and psychological support to Venezuelans and host communities living in rural and urban areas, including spontaneous settlements in Roraima and Amazonas States.

Integration/Interiorization/Humanitarian Transportation

As part of its strategy to increase the participation of young Venezuelans in the formal labour market, R4V partners and the Center for School Business Integration (CIEE) launched the booklet "Apprenticeship- hiring young refugees: questions and answers for employers'. This initiative aims to raise awareness on Brazil's legal framework which requires all medium and large-sized companies to have 5 to 10 percent of their workforce made up of apprentices, who must be between 14 and 24 years old and enrolled in formal education.

- In July, in Rio Grande do Sul State, R4V partners facilitated the employment of 173 Venezuelans though the platform Connect Brasil. The online forum, launched at the end of June, provides employment matching services where companies can find suitably qualified job seekers and add diversity to their team. The Connect Brasil team provides overall support with the application and hiring process of refugees and migrants.
- In the month of July, R4V partners provided assistance to 40 refugees and migrants with the costly and bureaucratic process of obtaining a driver's licence. R4V partners will also provide support for those who have obtained their driver's licences to be matched with employment through the voluntary relocation strategy.



Nutrition

R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programme and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus, Belém, and Santarém. In total, 544 children under the age of 5 were screened for malnutrition. Also, 321 pregnant or lactating women received daily micronutrient tablets (including iron/folic acid). Lastly, 1142 counseling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of girls and boys aged 0-23 months.



Protection

- Protection partners informed 30 indigenous persons living in Boa Vista of the recognition of their refugee status, and delivered their Refugee Certificates.
- On 23 July, the Sector presented a proposal to support the Municipal Plan for People in a situation of homelessnees Street-like Situation to be led by the Municipal Secretary of Women, Social Assistance and Citizenship (SEMASC) of Manaus. The proposal envisages support to refugees and migrants in a situation of homelessness through access to documentation and

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- rights, provision of NFIs, and providing specific protection intervention for persons with specific needs.
- Children born in Brazil without a birth certificate are invisible to the authorities, and, therefore, face multiple barriers in accessing education, health and protection services, that help secure their fundamental rights. In a joint initiative by the Child Protection Subsector and local authorities, birth certificates were issued to children whose parents or legal guardians are refugees and migrants from Venezuela, including from indigenous communities.
- Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence Subsectors, with support from the respective regional Subsectors, delivered the training "Remote psychosocial support model for Venezuelan refugee and migrant girls and adolescent survivors of gender-based violence" to 45 child protection specialists, psychologists and social workers from the local protection network in Boa Vista and Manaus.
- To expand its reach and strengthen its efforts against GBV, the Subsector launched two sets of video trainings addressing Gender-Based Violence and Protection Against Abuse, Exploitation and Sexual Harassment (PSEAH). In an appealing visual with graphic format to engage two different audiences -humanitarian actors and refugee and migrant populations- the videos are being used in training and informative sessions in Operation Welcome facilities in Boa Vista.
- To commemorate the World Day Against Trafficking, Subsector partners held a wide range of events, including movie screenings and informative sessions in Boa Vista and Manaus. In addition, partners launched a <u>publication</u> with selected court rulings on trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and modern-day slavery, in partnership with the Brazilian Association of Federal Judges (AJUFE).



- In Manaus, R4V partners distributed shelter kits (hammocks, blankets, solar lamps, and kitchen sets) to civil society partners, the Municipal Department for Women, Social Assistance and Citizenship, and Amazonas' State Department of Health. The shelter kits aim to address the basic household needs of refugees, migrants, and Brazilians affected by recent floods in Amazonas.
- In Belém, the R4V shelter sector held a three-day Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) training for 33 humanitarian actors working at local indigenous shelters and social assistance services. The training was supported by the Brazilian Ministry of Citizenship.

WASH

- As part of a plan to address wastewater and stormwater management in Operation Welcome shelters, R4V partners and the Brazilian Army's technical team constructed a biodigester septic tank and drainage field at the recently inaugurated Rondon 4 shelter in Boa Vista, providing protection and dignity to 981 refugees and migrants. Similar systems are under construction at Rondon 5, expected to shelter up to 1000 refugees and migrants once it opens.
- R4V WASH partners completed installing 16 bathroom modules and portable toilets in the indigenous communities of Tarau Parú and Cantá in Roraima state, benefitting over 1,000 Brazilian and Venezuelan indigenous people. In Cantá, both drinking water and sanitary sewer piping were also installed, dramatically improving WASH conditions for the 100 indigenous refugees and migrants in the community who previously lived in the Kaubanoko spontaneous settlement.
- R4V partners also made improvements in two spontaneous settlements in Roraima, benefiting 150 vulnerable refugees and migrants by installing five utility sinks for laundry, a water reservoir connected to three bathrooms in João de Barro and a 200 liters drinking water tap standn the Terra Prometida.

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