

## BRAZIL



261.4K

144.996 RESIDENCE  
79.133 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
46.923 REFUGEES  
(PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2021)\*PEOPLE REACHED IN 2021 WITH  
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*\*

20k



FUNDING SITUATION\*

2.6%

FUNDED: 2.5 M  
REQUIREMENT: 98 M

## Situation

- On 22 June, **Brazil took over the Pro Tempore Presidency from Peru and officially started Chapter VIII of the Quito Process.**
- On 23 June, the Brazilian Government approved [Ordinance 655](#), which introduces changes in the exceptional and temporary entry restrictions into Brazil for Venezuelans affected by the humanitarian crisis.

The entry of foreigners of any nationality into the country by land remains restricted (except at the border with Paraguay), however Ordinance 655 allows for: **i) free transit between “twin cities” in Venezuela and Brazil; ii) entry to Brazil of Venezuelan nationals and legal residents of Venezuela and their subsequent regularization; iii) regularization of all Venezuelan nationals, who entered Brazil irregularly between March and June 2021.**

Under the current framework, the access to the Brazilian territory through the official border point of Pacaraima is conditioned to mandatory sanitary controls, including COVID-19 testing and vaccination. However, since the Venezuelan side of the border remains closed, irregular entries continue to be predominant. R4V partners are supporting Operation Welcome in handling the influx of new arrivals and the identification and referral to assistance for the most vulnerable cases. Moreover, they are supporting the Federal Police with pre-documentation procedures for all the refugees and migrants who entered the country after the closure of the border in March 2020, who can finally seek legal status in Brazil under Ordinance 655.

## Response



## Education

- In a [joint statement](#), the Sector and representatives of the Warao indigenous community, called upon the Municipal Council for Indigenous School Education in Manaus to adopt a resolution that would guarantee equal access to education for indigenous refugee and migrant children. The document was well received by local authorities and will serve as a basis for developing inclusive and culturally-adapted education policies.



## Health

- R4V partners continued its support to the local public health system by providing primary health care consultations and psychological support to Venezuelans and host communities living rural and urban areas, including spontaneous settlements. This month, they deployed additional medical staff to strengthen the capacity of the *Núcleo de Saúde*, a health facility operated by the *Operation Welcome*.

Integration/ Interiorization/ Humanitarian  
Transportation

- As part of their strategy to strengthen the engagement of the private sector in the economic integration of Venezuelans, R4V partners and the Global Compact Network Brazil launched the “Companies with Refugees” Forum. The initiative seeks to promote the exchange of experiences and best practices on recruitment strategies, diversity policies, training and inclusion of refugees in the workplace. The forum is

already composed of 21 strategic partners from a wide range of sectors, including retail and social media.

- In June, R4V partners provided overall support including transportation, job search support and temporary housing to a total of 1,467 Venezuelans, who were voluntarily relocated from the states of Amazonas and Roraima to other parts of Brazil through the *Interiorização* programme. About 74 per cent of them were reunited through family and social reunification, 20 per cent were matched with employment opportunities and 9 per cent housed in shelters.
- As part of their efforts to advance economic inclusion and empowerment of refugee and migrant women, R4V partners launched the “Beauty Beyond Borders Project” with the support of *Virada Feminina* and the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights. With the theoretical and practical skills acquired during the vocational trainings, the 200 participants will be able to find employment or become microentrepreneurs in the beauty industry. To help them to gain more control over their lives, the project will also offer informative sessions on GBV reporting mechanisms, health and labour rights.



## Nutrition

- R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programme and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus, Belém, and Santarém. In total, 396 children under the age of 5 were screened for malnutrition. In addition, 720 counseling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of girls and boys aged 0-23 months.

 Protection

- The Protection Sector and the GBV Subsector launched two brochures, the first on [domestic violence and the services offered at House of Brazilian Women \(Casa da Mulher Brasileira](#), Brazil's innovative public centre offering an integrated package of services to survivors of gender-based violence) and the latest on [sexual harassment at work](#).
- At the request of the Department of Labour, Assistance and Social Development (SETADES), and with the support of the State Public Defender's Office, R4V partners provided training to all 78 municipalities of Espírito Santo State, South East Region, to strengthen their capacity to provide integration and protection services to Venezuelan refugees and migrants from indigenous communities.
- The Child Protection Subsector held a regional meeting to discuss the protection and regularisation of unaccompanied and separated children. Humanitarian and Government actors from Brazil, Colombia and Mexico presented best practices and experiences, reinforcing the importance of policies that guarantee the application of the principle of 'the best interest of the child'.
- R4V partners gathered to improve their skills on identification, assistance and referral mechanisms of victims of human trafficking. The second edition of this training was delivered online by Subsector partners, as part of their strategy to build capacity among all stakeholders involved in the response and enhance

protection of and assistance to the most vulnerable refugees and migrants.

 Shelter/Food Security

- In Boa Vista, Operation Welcome and R4V partners inaugurated a new shelter with a capacity of 750 people. Called *Rondon 4*, the infrastructure is part of Operation Welcome's strategy to increase the overall shelter capacity in the municipality so to provide dignified temporary accommodation to the most vulnerable new arrivals.

 WASH

- The sector continued to provide WASH services in Roraima and Amazonas states including safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene kits. Over 558,000 litres of clean water were provided by truck to refugees and migrants living in spontaneous settlements and those using the space located around the bus station in Boa Vista. In addition, 10,000 liters of sodium hypochlorite solution (used for disinfecting environments) was provided to indigenous communities, spontaneous settlements, and shelters of Operation Welcome, reaching around 9,500 individuals in Roraima.
- WASH education and hygiene promotion activities remained a priority intervention in official shelters and spontaneous housing arrangements in Roraima and Amazonas states.

## R4V Brazil Platform Partners

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| Education | Food Security | Health | Hum. Transp. | Integration | CBI   | Nutrition | Protection | Shelter | WASH   |
|-----------|---------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------|---------|--------|
| 847       | 4,088         | 2,425  | 1,467        | 2,469       | 2,236 | 396       | 8,749      | 7,224   | 10,342 |

\* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in June 2021.