



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE SUBREGION*

224,000



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**

14,361



FUNDING SITUATION

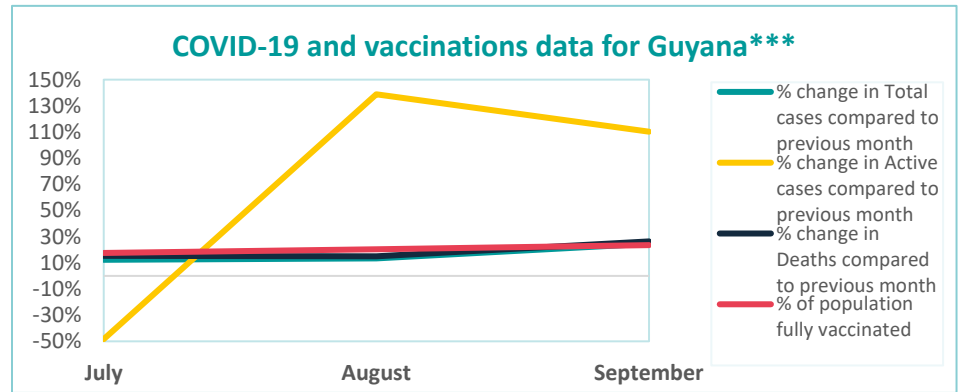
FUNDED: \$2.17 MILLION

REQUIREMENT: \$7.3 MILLION



Situation

- Guyana saw a sharp spike in active COVID-19 cases until August when infections declined thereafter, while the rate of total infections and deaths steadily increased, and restrictions remained in place. The increase in cases created suspicion that [the Delta Variant was present in Guyana](#), yet it has not been officially confirmed.



Vaccination campaigns continued and the national vaccination programme remained accessible to all interested refugees and migrants (R&Ms). By the end of September, [23.53% of the population were fully immunized](#) against COVID-19, and [45.2% had received first doses](#). Shortages of the Sputnik V vaccine resulted in approximately 80,000 persons having to wait longer for second doses. The US CDC categorized Guyana as level 4 for COVID-19 prompting the Health Minister to encourage all persons to be inoculated. Despite this, he indicated that [there was no intention to close Guyana's borders](#) while [safety remains the top priority](#) as authorities cautioned against the breach of pandemic measures or face prosecution for breaking protocol.

- Businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic saw reduced employment for many R&Ms, especially in service sectors, including bars and restaurants operating under limitations. Mandatory proof of vaccination was implemented to enter closed public spaces. Rent and food assistance continue to be a dire need as R4V partners continue their efforts to support R&Ms.
- Authorities proposed to better integrate R&Ms into Guyana's workforce, by making the Central Recruitment and Manpower Agency (CRMA) accessible to them and assisting with job placements in safe environments.
- One R4V partner published a [report](#) on labour mechanisms in the Caribbean, highlighting those that facilitate regular labour migration in the region while identifying challenges, good practices and recommendations to strengthen recruitment processes for all stakeholders.
- Separately, CARICOM reiterated their ["unwavering support" for Guyana](#) in its ongoing border dispute with Venezuela over a large portion of the country, while [Venezuela snubbed Guyana's](#) campaign to use the International Court of Justice to settle the border controversy.



PEOPLE REACHED**

Education	Food Security	Health	Integration	CBI	Protection	Shelter	WASH
530	4,376	4,469	396	990	11,726	1,085	1,796

Partners by Sector****

EDUCATION	FOOD SECURITY	HEALTH	INTEGRATION	CBI	PROTECTION	SHELTER	WASH
UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF	IOM, UNHCR	HIAS, UNICEF, IOM, Blossoms Inc	IOM	HIAS, IOM	HIAS, UNHCR, UNICEF, Blossoms Inc, UN Women	IOM	IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF

[Appealing Partner, Implementing Partner]

* Estimated population at end of 2021. | ** Cumulative for 2021; see also [our live dashboard](#). | *** As of 30/09/2021; Sources: [COVID Live Update Worldometer \(worldometers.info\)](#) and [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations \(Our World in Data\)](#) | **** Based on activities reported in the current period. Dashboard with further information [here](#).

Response



WASH

Menstrual health workshops were facilitated by an R4V partner for R&M women and girls in Georgetown, and at the end of the workshops, **hygiene kits** were provided to promote physical wellbeing and to prevent COVID-19 infection. Thanks to the hygiene kits, participants were able to use their money to meet other basic needs such as rent and food. Additional **hygiene kits** and **menstrual hygiene talks** were delivered to women and adolescent girls who were **gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, at risk of GBV** and R&Ms at 'high risk' in Regions 4 and 7.



Health

R4V partners and the Ministry of Health undertook medical outreach in Region 1 to provide **primary health care services**, including optometry, dental care, HIV testing, access to the blood bank, pediatrics, and **COVID-19 vaccinations** to Venezuelan R&Ms. Another partner delivered the workshop, "**Addressing GBV in SRH**" to increase basic skills of frontline staff in Region 7 to effectively respond to the **SRH needs of R&Ms, GBV survivors and victims of trafficking (VoTs). Sexual and reproductive health services, mental health and psychosocial care** were provided to R&Ms and to **women survivors of GBV**, while child survivors of sexual abuse and non-offending family members were identified and referred for Trauma-Focused Therapy.



Food Security

Emergency food assistance was provided through **food kits and food vouchers** by an R4V partner to vulnerable R&Ms. Additionally, another R4V partner distributed **food vouchers** valued at GYD\$15000 (USD\$ 71) to vulnerable R&M families, and one individual received GYD\$7000 (USD\$33). These food vouchers can be used to purchase items from identified suppliers. This **cash and voucher assistance (CVA)** makes it possible for R&Ms in hinterland areas and members of their host communities to easily purchase needed items.



Shelter

Emergency shelter and accommodation were given to R&Ms in need including children and single parent households. Between July and September, several vulnerable families received accommodation assistance from R4V partners, including those who were unemployed as well as **survivors of GBV**. Additionally, Venezuelan R&Ms with health problems requiring specialized care, and **families at risk of eviction** were supported with **temporary shelter** in Georgetown. **CVA** was also delivered to R&Ms to **cover rent** and facilitate **access to adequate housing** while another partner provided **rent subsidies and short-term shelter** to vulnerable R&Ms including those in Regions 2, 4 and 7.



Integration

An R4V partner facilitated a second round of **data gathering and analysis** on the **mobility and changing needs** of Venezuelan R&Ms in host communities in Regions 2, 3, 4 and 7. Partners offered a **music training programme** to R&Ms and are implementing a radio program "Voces sin Fronteras", in collaboration with MEGA 102.1 FM station, as strategies to promote social cohesion, cultural exchange with host communities, and a coping mechanism for stress. Furthermore, in August, a partner commenced an **afterschool tutoring and homework classes** project with R&M children registered – or pending- in the public school system, to **improve their knowledge** of subjects being taught in public schools, as well as **providing registration support** to help children to start attending school.



Protection

GBV prevention and response services were delivered to R&Ms through **case management** including child protection by an R4V partner. **GBV capacity building training was provided** for local authorities, teachers, and community leaders to strengthen identification and referral of survivors of **GBV** and other forms of child abuse among locals and R&Ms. Furthermore, **information products in Spanish/Indigenous languages on child protection** were produced and disseminated by an R4V partner to strengthen **awareness and sensitization on child protection risks and services** available to Indigenous R&Ms. Meanwhile, R&Ms in need of protection received **language interpretation support** and were accompanied to government services.

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