

# BRAZIL



274,6K

159,451 RESIDENCE PERMITS  
67,165 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
48,475 REFUGEES



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2021 WITH  
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*

95 K



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

19.1% FUNDED: 18.7 M  
REQUIREMENT: 98 M

## Situation

- On 10 August, the Ministry of Justice published [Ordinance 25/2021 extending until March 2022 the validity of](#) all migration-related documentation of refugees and migrants in Brazil. This measure only applies to documents expired after 11 March 2020, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, provided the document holder remained in the country throughout this period.
- On 5 August, the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE) extended the recognition of mass violations of human rights in Venezuela until December 2022. This official position makes Venezuelan asylum-seekers eligible to be recognized as refugees on a *prima facie* basis. Since the first declaration in June 2019, the Brazilian government has recognized 46,923 Venezuelans as refugees.
- On 10 August, a Federal Judge in Roraima ruled that the Federal Government and the Indigenous National Foundation (FUNAI) must implement an action plan to include Venezuelan Warao and Eñepa indigenous peoples under FUNAI's responsibility. The judicial decision stressed that FUNAI is responsible for providing assistance and specialized services for these groups in Brazil. The Federal Government and FUNAI have until November 2021 to show evidence that the action plan is being implemented.

## Response



### Education

- To provide safe spaces for refugee and migrant children from Venezuela at the Manaus Bus Station Reception and Support Center (PRA), Education Sector partners reopened the Super Pana area, closed since March 2020 due to COVID-19 sanitary restrictions. This project offers non-formal education and psychosocial support activities for Venezuelan children, integrating education and protection interventions. The activities include reading, music, art, math, and science. In the month of August, it reached 120 children, both indigenous and non-indigenous.
- Education Sector partners hosted a webinar to address indigenous education and interculturality in the northern states of Brazil. The event was the second of a five-session training on the subject. It addressed the legal grounds and socio-political challenges for the realization of indigenous rights. This training cycle aims to promote an exchange of experiences among government actors, encourage indigenous participation and lay the groundwork for an intercultural protocol for public authorities of the Amazon region.



### Health

- R4V partners and the Ministry of Justice [published a study](#) about Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services for refugees and migrants provided by civil society organizations in Brazil. This document, summarizing the contributions of 53 organizations throughout Brazil, aims to provide technical inputs for the development of public policies and strengthen the capacity of the existing network. According to the study's findings, 47% of the people assisted by responding organizations are Venezuelan and the main obstacles for refugees and migrants to access MHPSS are financial issues (77%) and language barriers (75%).



### Integration/ Interiorization/ Humanitarian Transportation

- R4V Integration Sector partners supported the voluntary relocation of 22 recently hired professionals to the city of Sanclerlândia, in Goiás State, to work in the textile sector. The local government provided the workers and their families with accommodations and food for the first 3 months. R4V partners offered vocational sewing training for unemployed family members to increase their livelihoods opportunities. The overall support given by R4V partners reached 10 Venezuelan families. Moreover, partners supported the voluntary relocation of 287 refugees and migrants from Venezuela to the South and the Mid-west of Brazil to start jobs in various sectors, such as metallurgy and meat packing.
- 20 Venezuelan women living in Operation Welcome shelters graduated from the Sales and Customer Service professional training offered by the National Service for Commercial Education (SENAC). The initiative is part of the "Empowering Refugees" project, a partnership between R4V partners and the UN Global Compact Network in Brazil.



### Nutrition

- To generate public awareness and support for breastfeeding among the refugee and migrant population, R4V partners held various events in Amazonas, Pará, and Roraima in the framework of World Breastfeeding Week 2021. The activities included lectures and webinars with health professionals and group discussions, reaching caregivers living in 21 shelters in the Northern region. Partners also created specific communication materials to raise awareness of the importance of breastfeeding and translated the materials into Spanish and Warao.

## Protection

- The Protection Sector and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-sector partnered with the Government of Roraima to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Brazilian legal framework on violence against women, the Maria da Penha Law. Partners provided training on critical aspects of the law and local referral pathways for 150 stakeholders of Boa Vista's protection network, including members of the firefighting department, civil police, social service, and civil society organizations.
- To raise awareness about GBV with young indigenous refugees and migrants, Child Protection Sub-sector partners held focus group discussions with Warao teenage boys living in shelters and informal settlements in Manaus.
- The Human Trafficking Sub-sector conducted a workshop on Gender-Based Violence and Human Trafficking for 30 participants from R4V partner organizations that provide direct assistance to refugees and migrants from Venezuela nationwide. The workshop addressed essential Trafficking in Persons (TiP) and GBV concepts as well as referral pathways, highlighting the importance of having standardized procedures to support victims and survivors.
- Upon the deployment of a new army battalion to support Operation Welcome in the northern region, the GBV Sub-sector conducted a joint training session on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), reaching 32 women and 266 men.

## Shelter/Food Security

- In Manaus, R4V partners conducted an information session on rental procedures for indigenous peoples currently living in one of Manaus' municipal shelters. The session addressed bureaucratic details about the rental procedures in Brazil,

such as the legal requirements, rent agreements, and utilities' payment. The initiative aims to foster resilience and self-sufficiency of indigenous communities through shelter exit strategies.

- R4V partners made renovations to the dining area of Boa Vista's Bus Station Reception and Support Center (PRA). The changes are intended to improve the sanitary conditions during the daily distribution of meals for about 1,000 people, enhancing overall cleanliness and hygiene in the area. Also, at PRA, R4V partners held information sessions on adequate food handling for 15 civil society workers responsible for the daily distribution of hot meals.
- To improve the agricultural skills and self-sufficiency of Indigenous communities, 200 Pemon families made their first vegetable harvest with the assistance of R4V partners in Roraima. Also, in one of the communities, R4V partners provided support for a joint chicken cooperative project led by various families.

## WASH

- In Manaus, WASH Sector partners delivered COVID-19 prevention and hygiene kits, and WASH services monitoring for 550 Warao families, supported by three full-time Warao-speaking WASH agents.
- Routine water supply and sanitation services for the refugee and migrant community in shelters in the northern states reached around 10,500 Venezuelans.
- In Roraima, R4V partners improved the health and hygiene of homeless refugees and migrants from Venezuela through various WASH initiatives, including the opening of a new laundry station for this population in Boa Vista and hygiene promotion activities that reached 2,000 individuals in Roraima State, addressing adequate personal hygiene, hand-washing basics, and COVID-19 prevention.

### R4V Brazil Platform Partners

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	CBI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
3,915	479	3,488	2,443	4,899	587	197	24,074	11,807	7,718

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