



IN BRAZIL

214.344 RESIDENCE PERMITS 95.231 ASYLUM-SEEKERS 49.045 REFUGEES



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2022 WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE



FUNDING SITUATION*

REQUIREMENT: 126 M

*Source: Financial Tracking System

Situation

- On 1 April, the Brazilian Government issued Ordinance 670 which removed the need to present a negative COVID-19 test upon entry. Proof of vaccination is still required but is waived for those entering on humanitarian grounds, including Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- In the framework of the Quito Process 2022 activities, four thematic workshops took place in April, two of which were led by Brazil. On 19 April, the Government of Brazil, as the Champion Country of the theme, led the "Support Spaces" thematic workshop, which featured presentations showcasing best practices from Brazil, Argentina and Ecuador. Over 40 participants from Member States, supporting UN agencies, and civil society organizations engaged remotely. On 29 April, Brazil also hosted the workshop on "The International Protection of Refugees", to exchange best practices among participating governments, strengthen national asylum capacities, and explore the possibility of setting up a regional group of government asylum procedure experts to support education and training activities and develop public policies at the respective national levels.

Response

Education

A digital inclusion workshop reached 40 refugees and migrants living in Manaus. The course, which trained participants in IT basics such as using email and internet browsing, was offered by the National Commercial Learning Service (SENAC AM) with the support of Sector partners to expand their opportunities in the job market.

3 Health

- In April, partners in Roraima performed an assessment of COVID-19 vaccination coverage among some 600 residents of 17 spontaneous settlements of Boa Vista, to support the roll-out of the national vaccination campaign. To do so, the team in charge of this activity received an immunization training offered by the local Health Secretariat.
- In Manaus, partners concluded a comprehensive assessment of the training needs of Brazilian healthcare professionals working with Venezuelan refugees and migrants. The findings will provide the guidelines for a two-month training cycle targeting these stakeholders.

Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian **Transportation**

- R4V partners assisted 1,679 Venezuelans in the framework of the internal relocation ("interiorization") strategy of the Federal Government, providing them with humanitarian transportation to their receiving communities, job placement support and temporary housing. Of these, 145 were matched with employment opportunities, including 22 persons with disabilities, 10 from indigenous groups and 15 LGBTQIA+ beneficiaries.
- At the invitation of the Ministry of Citizenship, R4V partners presented their work in support of "interiorization" at the

- "March on Brasilia in Support of Municipalities". The rally, organized by the National Confederation of Municipalities (CNM) gathered mayors and local authorities from across Brazil in the largest event of its kind in Latin America.
- On 13 April, R4V partners and Sistema B (a group of companies with a social and environmental development certification system) held the webinar "Diversity without Borders". Members of the "Companies with Refugees Forum" participated and discussed the importance of diversity in the workforce and promoted the hiring of refugees and migrants in private businesses.



Nutrition

- R4V partners carried out nutritional surveillance and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista and Manaus. In total, 122 children under the age of 5 were screened for malnutrition. During this period 288 pregnant or lactating women and 200 children under age five received daily nutritional supplementation with micronutrient tablets. In addition, 991 counselling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of infant girls and boys aged 0-23 months.
- In Pacaraima, the sector carried out an initiative at the border to adapt the MUAC (mid-upper arm circumference) tapes strategy according to local health service standards and the biotype of the target audience. R4V partners tested this strategy as a method to prioritize referrals for more specialized evaluations to be performed by nutritionists in the local health services. Preliminary results showed that the process facilitated the identification, referral, and treatment of children with malnutrition conditions.
- In Manaus, R4V partners and the Municipal Health Secretary (SEMSA) set up a joint strategy for micronutrient powder distribution to refugees and migrant children at local primary health care services and schools.



Protection

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- R4V Protection partners and the Public Defender's Office (DPU) held consultations with the Sakau Motá, Tarau-Parú, Bananal and Sorocaima indigenous bi-national communities in Pacaraima with the objective of assessing the main challenges these ethnic groups are facing in accessing fundamental rights and services. 80 participants - mostly refugees and migrants - highlighted access to health, education, and transportation to school as their main concerns.
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-sector partners held a
 meeting to discuss GBV with Warao men, women and
 children attending the "Indigenous Leadership School" in
 Belém and Ananindeua (Pará). This activity sought to
 highlight the positive contributions of female leadership in
 advocacy efforts, as well as the sociocultural and legal
 consequences of GBV. In this way, it sought to reduce the
 risks of retaliation faced by women leaders for their
 engagement in community issues.
- Partners from the Child Protection Sub-sector coordinated with the child protection and justice local systems, UN agencies and civil society in Pacaraima, in order to update and improve on the existing protection referral pathways for unaccompanied, separated, and undocumented children and adolescents in the scope of Operation Welcome.
- The Human Trafficking and Smuggling Sub-sector delivered an online workshop to R4V partners working to assist refugees and migrants in different regions of Brazil, including from border areas. The workshop discussed the legal definition of trafficking in persons, the difference with smuggling of migrants and principles regarding assistance to survivors.
 - Shelter/Food Security
- On 7 April, R4V partners accompanied a visit of Belem Municipal authorities (Deputy Mayor, Secretariats of Health,

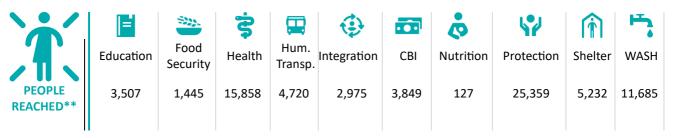
- Education, Environment and Human Rights) to Warao communities living in the district of Outeiro and at the Tapanã municipal shelter. The visit sought to identify the challenges faced by refugees and migrants and inform the drafting of a municipal project to improve the living conditions of the Warao residing in the city.
- In an example of inter-sector coordination between the Shelter and Protection Sectors, R4V partners conducted verification exercises in Boa Vista in conjunction with the distribution of core relief items for the population sheltered at Rondon 1, Jardim Floresta and Pricumã, reaching over 5,000 refugees and migrants. Verifications are time-bound registration activities that consist of verifying and updating individual registration records, which helps to determine assistance requirements and design relevant protection programming.

WASH

- Sector partners provided essential WASH services in shelters, spontaneous settlements, indigenous communities, and gathering spaces for Venezuelan refugees and migrants located in the northern states of Roraima, Amazonas, and Pará.
- Partners responded to the water quality concerns of around 9,000 refugees and migrants living in shelters of Boa Vista and Pacaraima as well as spontaneous settlements. These concerns were addressed through water storage tank cleaning; cleaning and disinfection of drinking water taps; replacement of water tap filters, including activated carbon filters; and testing for residual chlorine.
- Through the <u>VIGIAGUA</u> program, local authorities and R4V partners tested the water quality at all of the official shelters in Boa Vista. In Pacaraima, the program carried out the same tests in shelters, public spaces, and at the Operation Welcome base.

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