## **BRAZIL**









#### **Situation**

- On 18 August, the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE) held its monthly Plenary Meeting and deliberated on 2,132 asylum claims. CONARE recognized 1,315 individuals as refugees and granted derivative status to 745 persons, the large majority from Venezuela. To date, 63,791 refugees have been recognized in Brazil, out of which 51,625 are Venezuelans.
- On 11 August, in Boa Vista (Roraima State), R4V partners launched the research "Opportunities and challenges for the local integration of people from Venezuela internally relocated in Brazil during the COVID-19 pandemic." The study, elaborated in the framework of the MOVERSE Joint Programme with the support of the Government of Luxembourg, shows that, even in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, refugees and migrants from Venezuela who participated in the Federal Government's voluntary internal relocation strategy had better access to formal jobs, education, and housing in Brazil, compared to those living in shelters in Roraima. Besides the survey, it is possible to access infographics and women's local integration stories at the MOVERSE website.

### Response

### **Education**

- R4V partners in Boa Vista replaced the temporary tents set up to accommodate educational activities with children and adolescents with more suitable facilities, allowing better thermal comfort, natural light, and adequate space. This was a result of Sector partners' effort to build the four new Súper Panas spaces in the largest shelters of Operation Welcome, which are now equipped to serve as safe spaces for the provision of educational and protection activities for Venezuelan children and adolescents.
- On 4 and 12 August, R4V partners promoted sensitization and training activities with education professionals of 15 municipalities of the state of Roraima, and 55 municipalities of the state of Amazonas. The activity, which is part of a larger multi-annual strategy for the strengthening of public policies for children and adolescents, with a focus on the most vulnerable, involves face-to-face meetings, remote trainings and continuous sharing of content.

# **†** Health

 In the week of 22-26 August, R4V partners and Doctors without Borders promoted a cycle of activities at Janokoida, a shelter for indigenous refugees and migrants located in the border town of Pacaraima. The activities included training for the shelter health committee, which is a communitybased structure integrated by shelter residents, and informative sessions on mental health and tuberculosis prevention.

# Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- In August, 2,156 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were supported by the Relocation Strategy (interiorização), a 14% increase compared to the previous month. Of those, 262 were relocated through the job placement modality, out of which 178 were effectively hired.
- On 24 August, R4V partners held the first Annual Meeting of the "Companies with Refugees Forum", in the city of São

Paulo, with the support of Tent Partnership for Refugees. The event encouraged the learning and the exchange of experiences between companies, besides being an opportunity for the members to share their best practices, sensitize and engage other companies and the public about the importance and benefits of hiring refugees and migrants. The event also offered lectures and training on the inclusion of refugees in the labour market and held stands for selling products developed by refugee entrepreneurs. A guidance note was also issued on the inclusion of refugees and migrants in the corporate diversity policy.

## Nutrition N

- R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programme and screenings in the shelters and Local Health Facilities of Pacaraima and Boa Vista. In total, 119 children under the age of 5 were screened for malnutrition. In Pacaraima, 427 children were screened by health-nutrition monitors through the MUAC tape methodology, an approach that has been effective in the context of lack of nutrition professionals in the region. Moreover, 141 pregnant or lactating women received daily nutritional supplementation with micronutrient tablets. 75 refugee and migrant children under 5 were included in Vitamin A supplementation programme in Local Health Facilities in Boa Vista. In addition, 1,403 (723 in Roraima and 680 in Amazonas) counseling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of infants, girls, and boys aged 0-23 months.
- During August, partners promoted activities for the International Breastfeeding Week in 12 shelters and 22 Local Health Facilities in Manaus, Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Belém and Santarem. The effort included lectures, workshops, games and orientation sessions for Venezuelan pregnant and lactating women, and other caregivers. In Manaus, the celebrations also included the Manauara Baby Week, with activities in shelters and Local Health Facilities.





- From 3 to 5 August, R4V Protection partners joined a task force organized by the Federal Regional Court of Rio de Janeiro, alongside CONARE and the Federal Police, to provide orientation on access to documentation, social welfare programmes, and other services, to refugees and migrants in situations of homelessness.
- GBV and Child Protection partners conducted a two-day training on the topic "Gender-based violence and implications with children and adolescents: the role of the child protection system," reaching 30 actors engaged in child protection in Pacaraima, Roraima. These professionals included civil servants from the health, social assistance, education, public security, and justice systems, as well workers of civil society organizations and UN agencies. Moreover, in Boa Vista, 19 civil servants participated in a capacity building on the development of Individual Care Plans for fostered children and adolescents at risk or victims of GBV, with special attention to LGBTQI+ persons.
- In the framework of the "Awareness Month for the End of Violence Against Women," also known as "Lilac August," R4V partners from the GBV Sub-sector trained 20 refugees and migrants on the Brazilian legal GBV response framework for them to act as popular advocates and replicate the information obtained about rights and services with other women and girls.
- From 23 to 26 August, R4V partners organized a training of trainers for 32 judges from 24 federal and state courts in partnership with the National Council of Justice (CNJ) and National Judicial School for Formation and Development (ENFAM). The training presented the national and international legislation on trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and related crimes, shared good practices and allowed the participants to share their own local experience. The participants should replicate the training with counterparts from their own courts.

## Shelter/Food Security

- On 15 August, the telecom company Cisco started the installation of an equipment that will provide free internet for more than 8,000 people living in Operation Welcome emergency shelters, Boa Vista bus station and the Consolata Church. Connectivity is a powerful tool for protection, education, livelihoods, and health, assisting refugees and migrants to look for job and study opportunities, as well as connect with distant family members.
- In Boa Vista, following an evaluation of healthiness and habitability, the Humanitarian-Logistics Task Force closed the Pintolândia shelter and established a new shelter facility, Tuaranoko, for indigenous refugees and migrants through which better reception and protection could be ensured to the beneficiaries. About 270 adults and families from Warao families still live in the now spontaneous settlement of Pintolândia and in August the Task Force informed the community leaders about the decision to discontinue food provision in the space as the service has been provided in Tuaranoko shelter.

### WASH

- R4V partners responded to water quality concerns of around 6,000 refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Boa Vista's and Pacaraima's shelters and spontaneous occupations through the following series of related actions: 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.
- Sector partners inaugurated a new sanitary unit with bathrooms, showers, drinking fountains and laundry facilities, providing free WASH services for refugees and migrants in the municipality of Rorainópolis, 290 km away from the capital Boa Vista.
- Partners supported the installation and maintenance of three mobile bathrooms in PITRIG Manaus, benefiting over 3,000 people during this month.

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