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Situation

- On 28 December a new resolution on unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) of the National Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents (CONANDA) came into effect. This measure establishes identification and protection procedures for foreign UASC and was adopted with the technical support of the R4V Child Protection Sub-sector. According to the resolution, the Public Defenders' Office (DPU) remains the responsible authority for representing these children in their asylum claims. However, in the locations where the DPU is not present, the local protection network can step in and assume such role.
- In December, a **documentation taskforce conducted by the Federal Police in São Paulo** concluded its fourth and last phase. Throughout 2022, this initiative facilitated the access or renewal of documentation for 4,000 refugees and migrants, including Venezuelan nationals who arrived in the state.
- In December, the Federal Government created a Transitional Group to assist the newly elected administration. Although
 Operation Welcome's management was not included in the Transitional agenda, R4V partners participated in meetings with the
 working groups to advocate for maintaining Operation Welcome as a national humanitarian response for refugees and
 migrants from Venezuela.

Response

Education

• In December, the Sector significantly increased efforts to promote the access of Venezuelan children and adolescents in the formal education system in the State of Roraima. Meetings were held with authorities, institutions, and the community to better equip the local education network in handling school enrollment, transfers, and age-grade leveling. To improve the communication with Venezuelan families, Communication with Communities (CwC) materials were distributed and education help-desks were installed in various shelters and spontaneous settlements.

3 Health

 The Health Sector assisted the Unified Health System (SUS) in Roraima, by training 160 healthcare managers and front-line professionals of Pacaraima and Boa Vista in "Primary Care and Health Surveillance." This intervention is expected to improve infection prevention and control for refugees and migrants, as well as their host communities.

Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- In December, 2,307 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were supported by the Voluntary Relocation Strategy, out of which 361 were assisted through the job placement modality. Since the launch of Voluntary Relocation Strategy in 2018, 91,952 refugees and migrants have been assisted. Furthermore, 2022 was the year with the highest number of voluntary relocation, with a total of 25,695 people assisted.
- Sector partners supported 104 refugees and migrants in the Federal District with employment services such as

- the creation of resumes, monitoring of entrepreneurship projects, referral to microcredit, technical and professional training, guidelines on labour market and on youth apprentice programmes.
- A total of 114 refugees and migrants were formally employed in São Paulo/SP with the support of sector partners. This included 111 people who received cash and voucher assistance (CVA) to work in the industry and service sectors. Moreover, as part of a joint initiative with the Protection Sector, partners promoted a training on workplace integration of refugees and migrants for 63 employers.

Nutrition

- R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programme and screenings in the shelters and local health facilities of Pacaraima and Boa Vista. In total, 358 people (including 137 children under the age of 5) were screened for malnutrition. In December, 258 out of 601 pregnant or lactating women monitored received daily nutritional supplementation with micronutrient tablets. In addition, 785 counseling sessions were held in Roraima and 570 in Amazonas on appropriate feeding for caregivers of infants, girls, and boys aged 0-23 months.
- In Manaus, R4V partners organized a workshop on nutrition response in humanitarian contexts. This activity brought together government and civil society stakeholders to discuss challenges, lessons learned and best practices in the nutritional assistance to refugees and migrants in the municipality, with a special focus on indigenous peoples.

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Protection

 On 12 December, partners held a workshop with 18 representatives from five refugee-led organizations of Manaus. The activity, which covered topics such as

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community-based protection, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and project planning and coordination, also served as an opportunity for these actors to exchange experiences and build partnerships.

- R4V partners and the "Legal Clinic on Slavery and Traffcking in Persons" of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) launched an assessment on international human trafficking in Brazil. The <u>report</u> presents an overview of the Brazilian legal framework addressing this human rights violation.
- On 6 December, the sector and the Coordination of Public Policies for Women of the State of Roraima conducted a session on positive masculinities with 20 women and 42 men to discuss gender roles and power imbalance.

Shelter/Food Security

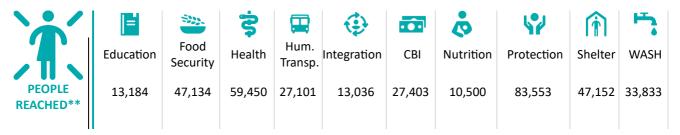
 On 9 December, R4V partners and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) completed the construction of bathrooms at the Janokoida indigenous shelter in Roraima. The project included the installation of 16 toilets and showers and 4 child-friendly bathrooms, improving the living conditions of around 400 refugees and migrants who live in the shelter. As of 15 December, Rondon 2 shelter in Boa Vista was deactivated and all its residents referred to other sites. Rondon 2 was created in September 2019 as a transit shelter to host refugees and migrants waiting to be internally relocated by Operation Welcome, up until 2021 when it was converted in a reception centre for vulnerable refugees and migrants. Over 13,000 were hosted in this shelter over the past three years.

WASH

- The WASH Sector responded to water quality concerns of around 7,000 refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Boa Vista and Pacaraima shelters and spontaneous settlements through the following 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.
- Over 9,000 litres of sodium hypochlorite solution (household bleach) were produced and distributed for cleaning and disinfection at multiple sites in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, benefiting over 8,500 persons.
- Sector partners conducted 150 hygiene promotion activities reaching over 550 people.

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