



**426 K** REFUGEES & MIGRANTS  
IN BRAZIL  
354,209 RESIDENCE PERMITS  
99,520 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
53,307 REFUGEES



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2023 WITH  
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*  
**26.4K**



FUNDING SITUATION\*

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REQUIREMENT: 122 M

## Situation

- Partners continue to observe **an increase in arrivals at the Pacaraima border** – a total of over 17,000 refugees and migrants in February 2023 – exerting additional pressure on Operation Welcome services in Roraima. This is the highest number of monthly entries recorded since the border flexibilization in June 2021, reaching pre-pandemic levels. Among new arrivals, partners have observed more vulnerable profiles, including refugees and migrants with health care needs, which in February resulted in 190 medical evacuations from Pacaraima to Boa Vista.
- On 16 February, **the Ministry of Justice and Public Security issued [Ordinance N°70](#) appointing members to the Working Group that will elaborate the National Policy on Migration, Asylum, and Statelessness**. In addition, the Ordinance established five thematic axes: migratory regularization; local integration; promotion and protection of rights, combating xenophobia and racism; social participation; and international relations and interculturality.
- The R4V Brazil Platform published its [Exit Movements Monitoring Report](#) based on data collected in December 2022. The main findings include that the vast majority (88%) of exits recorded in the period were returning to Venezuela only temporarily, and that 98% of those intended to return to Brazil. This, in line with information collected through the [Joint Needs Assessment \(JNA\)](#), from last year, shows that refugees and migrants living in Brazil have little intention to engage in onward movements.
- During the month of February, partners in Pacaraima registered **227 new cases of unaccompanied and separated children and adolescents (UASC)** entering Brazil. This represents an increase of 73% when compared to the same month in 2022.

## Response

### Education

- In February the ["Out of School, Never!" campaign](#), was [extended to Pacaraima](#), facilitating the **identification and school enrolment of refugee and migrant children and adolescents, supporting families with documentation, school kits and uniforms**. The activities initiated in PITRIGs (Reception and Relocation Centers) and shelters were also taken further, with sector partners conducting outreach activities in spontaneous settlements and more remote communities.
- In February, the State Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents of Roraima (CEDCAR) hosted [an event to promote a common interpretation of a CONANDA \(National Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents\) Resolution on Indigenous Peoples' Rights](#), which would apply to both national and foreign children. Besides the Education Sector, the event included representatives from the children and adolescents protection network, Municipal Councils and State Secretariats. A harmonized understanding will improve indigenous refugee and migrant children's access to rights by allowing their self-determination while ensuring the network services are provided free of discrimination.

### Health

- The sector continues to provide assistance to refugees and migrants in the states of Roraima, Amazonas, São Paulo and Minas Gerais with services including **vaccine provision in shelters and interiorization centers**, as well

as supporting healthcare facilities in Boa Vista, including maternity wards, primary health care centers and ICUs.

### Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- On 15 February, **partners met with private sector representatives – including chambers of commerce, associations, and companies – to discuss strategies for the employability of refugees and migrants in Manaus**. During the event, participants discussed the importance of providing professional training in line with the private sector's needs and the crucial role of digital platforms in matching candidates with vacancies. In follow-up, participants agreed to address the hiring of refugees and migrants in board meetings of private sector associations and chambers of commerce, and to share existing best practices through a public event as well as a publication.
- Partners promoted capacity-building in the city of São Paulo, reaching 267 civil society and faith-based organizations. Through a series of online events they **shared good practices, humanitarian standards and discussed the integration of refugees and migrants** to engage these stakeholders, while promoting social cohesion with the host communities.
- 2,389 refugees and migrants were supported by the Relocation Strategy this month**. 563 were supported through the Job Placement modality, out of whom 317 (about 56%) were effectively hired, while the rest are their family members.

### Nutrition

- Partners continued their **nutritional surveillance program and screenings in shelters and local health**

\* Accumulated figures from 01/01/2023 up to 28/02/2023.

facilities of Pacaraima, Boa Vista. In total, 469 people (including 135 children under the age of 5) were screened for malnutrition. Also, 158 out of 405 pregnant or lactating women monitored (39.0%) received daily nutritional supplementation with micronutrient tablets. In addition, 714 counseling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of infants and children aged 0-23 months.

- The sector carried out an analysis of the food consumed in shelters and indigenous settlements in Pacaraima and Boa Vista, aimed at developing a culturally sensitive strategy to promote healthy eating among refugee and migrant children.



### Protection

- The Protection Sector held consultations with indigenous leaders living in Pacaraima, both in the Pemón-Taurepang communities and in the Janokoida shelter, to support them in enrolling in the "[Magistério Tamí Kan](#)" program of the government of Roraima. This initiative, focused on indigenous Brazilian communities, prepares indigenous teachers who could not complete their education to provide schooling in their communities. As a result of the sector's advocacy, for the first time ten vacancies of the program were made available to indigenous refugees and migrants from Venezuela.
- The GBV Sub-sector supported the carnival block "[Banda Maria Vem Com As Outras](#)" in the city of Manaus, which was organized by the Women's Rights Council (CEDIM) and the Secretariat of Justice, Human Rights and Citizenship (SEJUSC) of Amazonas state. The block holds a traditional parade in the city, while also raising awareness on women's rights, and was an opportunity to promote integration between the host community and refugee and migrant women. [This year's march was themed around preventing and responding to domestic violence.](#)
- Also, in the context of Carnaval, the Child Protection Sub-sector held activities at the Súper Panas spaces for children and adolescents in Manaus. Alluding to the [national campaign "Jump, Play, Care"](#) launched by the

child protection network in the country, the sub-sector held information sessions as well as workshops on PSEA and reporting mechanisms.

- Partners organized a [training of trainers for labour judges on prevention and persecution of trafficking in persons](#), in partnership with the National Council of Justice (CNJ) and the National School for Training and Improvement of Labour Magistrates (ENAMAT). The training discussed emerging issues, such as trafficking in the mining sector, recruitment of children and adolescents in football and issues involving gender and race. The training brought together judges from the 27 National Labour Courts, with the idea that these participants will replicate what they learned and train colleagues in their respective tribunals of origin.



### Shelter/Food Security

- On 8 February, Operation Welcome inaugurated new bathrooms in Janokoida indigenous shelter, in Pacaraima. The WASH facility, which was renovated by the ICRC, includes 16 toilets, 16 showers, and 4 child-friendly bathrooms, representing a significant improvement for the 400 residents of the shelter.
- On 9 February, the sector trained shelter managers of Boa Vista on the voluntary relocation strategy of Operation Welcome (interiorization). The activity sought to strengthen processes for the identification and referral of potential interiorization beneficiaries, as a mechanism to accelerate the turnover of shelter residents, so to allow vulnerable new arrivals to find a vacancy in these facilities.



### WASH

- Around 11,000 liters of sodium hypochlorite solution (household bleach) were produced and distributed for cleaning and disinfection at multiple sites in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, benefiting over 5,800 individuals.
- Partners conducted water treatment in the deep well system that supports shelters in Boa Vista. This exercise (chlorine application) began as a pilot project in the PTRIG and Rondon 5 shelter benefitting over 700 people, and will be expanded to other deep wells providing water to shelters.

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Education  
2,045

Food  
Security  
21,207

Health  
4,992

Hum.  
Transp.  
2,752

Integration  
3,772

MPC  
2,369

Nutrition  
740

Protection  
7,945

Shelter  
154

WASH  
10,202

\* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in February 2023.

\*\* New beneficiaries consolidated as of February 2023.