

**449 K** REFUGEES & MIGRANTS
IN BRAZIL376,353 RESIDENCE PERMITS
136,852 ASYLUM-SEEKERS
53,307 REFUGEESPEOPLE REACHED IN 2023 WITH
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE***33.1K**

FUNDING SITUATION*

6%FUNDED: USD 7,6 M
REQUIREMENT: 122 M

Situation

- Partners observed an **ongoing increase in arrivals from Venezuela at the Pacaraima border**, exerting additional pressure on Operation Welcome services in Roraima. In March alone, 17,471 refugees and migrants entered Brazil, marking yet another record in entries since the border flexibilization in June 2021, reaching pre-pandemic levels.
- In March, Operation Welcome and R4V partners reached a key milestone of the **interiorization strategy by internally relocating 100k Venezuelan refugees and migrants to 930 municipalities in Brazil**. The Interiorization strategy began in April 2018 and consists of the voluntary relocation of vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants from Roraima to other cities across Brazil.
- In light of International Women's Day, Operation Welcome and R4V partners organized the **8M Flight, an interiorization flight with all female passengers and crew members, including the pilot**. Most refugee and migrant women on board were voluntarily relocated under the job placement modality, but also for family reunification and social ties. The goal was to raise awareness about the importance of the socioeconomic integration of refugee and migrant women in Brazil.

Response

Education

- Partners held an **Enrolment Fair in Roraima**, which supported refugee and migrant children with information on school enrolment, photocopying documents, translation services, guidance on enrolment locations, and detailed orientation throughout the process. Moreover, in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, partners delivered 1,500 school uniforms and school kits.

Health

- Partners promoted a set of capacity-building activities for COVID-19 prevention among the Venezuelan population living in Manaus, Amazonas. Three **workshops on vaccination were conducted for local health professionals**, while ten workshops on **education in health and self-care** were carried out for refugees and migrants in different locations, including four shelters.

Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- 3,377 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were supported by the Interiorization Strategy, **making March 2023 the month with the highest number of Venezuelans supported since the strategy started in April 2018**. Of the 3,337 refugees and migrants internally relocated, 322 were through the Job Placement modality, with 181 (about 56%) successfully employed, and accompanied by their family members.
- R4V platform partners signed a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\) with the World Bank](#) to promote strategic cooperation and collaborate to combat poverty and increase the well-being of refugees and migrants in situations of vulnerability and risk. The goal of the collaboration is to develop and share technical

assistance, knowledge and innovative solutions for the inclusion of refugees and migrants in the economy and social assistance services.

- Partners and SETRABES (Roraima State Department of Labor and Social Welfare) signed an MoU to support Venezuelan refugees and migrants living in shelters to register with the National Employment System (SINE) Platform of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, facilitating their access to employment cards, updating of CVs and job referrals.



Nutrition

- The Nutrition Sector carried out **activities in Boa Vista and Brasília, benefiting children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, indigenous communities and persons with disabilities**. Services included referral to basic health units, nutritional evaluations and provision of supplements through powdered milk and milk flour. Pregnant and lactating women also received nutritional supplements through daily doses of iron and folic acid.



Protection

- Partners carried out activities involving **Venezuelan and Brazilian youth through the peaceful coexistence project "AdoleScER"**. The initiative was developed in Boa Vista, with 83 adolescents who participated in activities covering the development of personal and professional plans, as well as mental, sexual and reproductive health, and the prevention of gender-based violence (GBV), racism and xenophobia.
- The GBV Sub-sector focused its efforts on **International Women's Day - 8M, with over 80 activities** carried out in several states. These included [a round table discussion with 70 Venezuelan women from Roraima and Amazonas](#) to strengthen their participation in decision-making processes, resulting in a document with demands and public policy proposals for municipal, state and federal authorities to improve female refugees' and

* Accumulated figures from 01/01/2023 up to 31/03/2023.

migrants' access to fundamental rights, such as health, decent work and education.

- Another key activity was the "**First Forum to combat obstetric and institutional violence in Roraima**" which aimed to raise awareness on the matter and develop solutions to mitigate this problem, in order to ensure the promotion and protection of women's rights. 68 women and 18 men participated, including health care workers and managers, justice system operators, humanitarian workers and actors from the local protection network.



Shelter/Food Security

- In the first week of March, in Boa Vista, partners **helped Operation Welcome to expand the shelter capacity of Pricumã by an additional 115 slots** as a result of contingency measures that are being activated to respond to the spike in the number of arrivals in Pacaraima.
- As part of the **one-year anniversary of the Waraotuma a Tuaranoko shelter**, partners joined its indigenous residents in a series of social and cultural activities, such as music, dancing, and sports. Over 1,100 indigenous refugees and migrants from Venezuela, mostly of the Warao ethnicity, live in the facility.

WASH

- Through intersectoral coordination, partners created a **protocol for deep well water treatment in Operation Welcome facilities** in Boa Vista, which includes measures for the application and monitoring of chlorine, and an action plan for emergencies.
- Around 5,500 liters of household bleach were produced and distributed for **cleaning and disinfection** at multiple sites in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, benefiting over 7,900 individuals.
- Through the Orinoco project, a partner provided **35,732 WASH-related services at facilities in Boa Vista** (Consolata, Road, Santo Agostinho), Pacaraima (Training Center) and Caracaraí (Wash Caracaraí Facility) in the state of Roraima. They facilitated access to toilets, showers, diaper rooms, protection services and satisfaction surveys. The facilities also included a laundry area, through which **1,049 people had the opportunity to wash their clothes twice a week over the course of the month**. Also, **592 people participated in hygiene promotions activities**, such as hand washing, COVID-19 prevention actions, access to safe water, solid waste management, and disease prevention.

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	MPC	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
3,047	22,295	5,109	2,816	6,709	4,386	917	9,268	1,931	14,543

* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in March 2023.

** New Beneficiaries consolidated as of March 2023.