



487 K

REFUGEES & MIGRANTS  
IN BRAZIL410.805 RESIDENCE PERMITS  
51.876 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
89.247 REFUGEESPEOPLE REACHED IN 2023 WITH  
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*

67.1K



FUNDING SITUATION\*

8.9%

FUNDED: USD 17.1 M  
REQUIREMENT: 122 M

## Situation

- On 26 July, the Governor of the Federal District issued a [decree](#) establishing the Committee for the Support of Migrants, Refugees and Stateless Persons, which will contribute to promote and monitor public policies targeting this population in and around Brasilia. The Committee will include representatives of local authorities, civil society organizations, and the refugee, migrant and stateless community.
- The [Permanent Joint Commission for International Migrations and Refugees \(CMMIR\)](#) of the Brazilian National Congress released its most recent [Work Plan](#), including public hearings, thematic events in selected states and municipalities and collaboration with experts, UN agencies, and civil society organizations on specific topics. The CMMIR was created in 2019 to spearhead integrated actions across the legislative, executive and judiciary branches of the State, with the participation of civil society, to promote public policies for the protection and integration of refugees and migrants.
- Lead by the Civil House of the Presidency, representatives from the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship, the Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger conducted a field mission to the state of Acre, to better assess cross-border movements from Peru to Brazil, which are currently involving 30-50 persons per day of different nationalities, including Venezuelans. Local authorities have already made efforts to establish predictable response mechanisms, but the arrivals have strained the already limited reception capacities in this border region. The information gathered about the situation on the ground during the mission set the bases for a potential collaboration between federal and local authorities to address the needs of the affected population.

## Response

### Education

- Partners released the "[Venezuelan Indigenous Peoples' Life Plan](#)", a comprehensive document outlining the Warao, E'ñepa and Ka'riña 's vision for their future in Brazil to foster their dialogue with Brazilian public institutions and introduce innovative strategies to accomplish their local objectives. This publication is the result of consultations conducted from 2020 to 2022 with refugee and migrant indigenous groups to discuss their communities' challenges, experiences, and demands.
- Partners launched a "Warao Glossary" and an "Intercultural Protection and Education Guide" to support Warao refugees and migrants with accessing services and exercising their rights in Brazil. These documents were launched in Belém [during a seminar organized by the Municipal Secretariat of Education and Culture](#).

### Health

- In the spontaneous settlements of Boa Vista and Pacaraima, partners carried out activities with 463 refugees and migrants to promote mental health and the well-being of the community through artistic and musical initiatives.
- Partners collaborated with Roraima's Health Secretariat Control Center for Sexually Transmitted Diseases to train humanitarian workers in HIV prevention. The workshop focused on modern prevention methods, interactions with HIV/AIDS patients, and combating stigma and



discrimination. Twenty-one professionals from various organizations participated.

### Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- In the framework of the LGBTQIA+ pride commemorations, refugees and migrants from Venezuela participated in a fair organized by the Brasília Pride Association. These entrepreneurs, who are part of the [Entrepreneurs Refugees Platform](#), offered their products such as beauty, wellness, arts, design, and Venezuelan cuisine.
- Partners introduced a "[Practical Guide on the Labor Market and Protection for Refugees and Migrants in Brazil](#)", covering Brazilian labor laws, formal employment procedures and requirements, reporting mechanisms for labor violations and other protection information. The guide is available in both Spanish and Portuguese.
- The Interiorization Strategy voluntarily relocated a total of 2,516 Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Of these, 334 were assisted by the Job Placement modality.



### Nutrition

- R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programs and screenings at entry points, shelters and local health facilities of Pacaraima and Boa Vista throughout the month of June. A total of 336 people were screened for malnutrition, which included 87 children under the age of 5 and 12 individuals with disabilities. In Pacaraima, health-nutrition monitors

\* Accumulated figures from 01/01/2023 up to 31/07/2023.

screened 11 children using the mid-upper arm circumference tape methodology. In addition, partners monitored 53 pregnant or lactating women and provided counseling on appropriate feeding to 212 caregivers of infants and children aged 0-23 months.



### Protection

- On 4 July, the Protection Sector partnered with the Public Defender's Office to provide an information session for Venezuelan outreach volunteers working in the San Marcos Indigenous Land of Roraima, with a focus on social security, social assistance, and women's protection. It is estimated that over 1,250 Pemontaurepang from Venezuela currently reside in this area, together with Brazilian host communities belonging to the same bi-national ethnic indigenous group.
- The Human Trafficking Sub-sector conducted several activities to strengthen the capacities of Brazilian authorities in addressing this issue. These include: a workshop for the Federal Police on human trafficking and international cooperation; an international seminar to exchange best practices in the areas of prevention and response; a workshop with federal, labor, and state judges to explore ways to enhance evidence collection in human trafficking cases; and a series of online episodes on human trafficking to raise awareness on the topic. These activities were conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and Public Security and the National Council of Justice, among other actors.
- In Boa Vista, partners conducted a Workshop on Child and Adolescent Protection in the Context of Forced Displacement, with the participation of the local protection network, including the Secretary of Labor and Social Welfare of Roraima (SETRABES), the Child Protection Council, and the Brazilian Women's House (CMB). The event's objective was to promote an exchange between stakeholders so as to strengthen available response mechanisms and referral pathways.
- In the context of the International Day of Black, Latin and Caribbean Women, the GBV Sub-sector held the 1st

Meeting of Black Latin American and Caribbean Women in Boa Vista, jointly with the State Secretariat for the Promotion of Racial Equality Policies (SETRABES). The activity was an opportunity to engage black women in strategies to combat racism, prejudice, xenophobia, social and gender inequalities, and to promote entrepreneurship and economic autonomy, among other topics.



### Shelter/Food Security

- In line with the second phase of Operation Welcome's contingency plan, partners inaugurated a new shelter in Boa Vista on July 13. The shelter, called Rondon 2, has the capacity to host up to 500 people, including individuals with specific protection needs, as well as refugees and migrants who are ready to be relocated through the interiorization strategy.
- Partners donated various household appliances and electronic equipment to the recently inaugurated Ycamiabas shelter in Manaus - the first municipal shelter for women at risk and survivors of GBV. The new facility will expand the city's capacity to respond to women's protection needs, including refugee and migrant women, by providing housing and social-assistance support.



### WASH

- Partners built public lavatories in Pacaraima, providing access to clean bathrooms and safe water to 6,200 refugees and migrants. The facility offers separate restrooms by gender, family toilets, a laundry area, as well as dedicated spaces for children.
- Partners organized menstrual health hygiene activities, benefiting nearly 200 girls and women in Boa Vista and Pacaraima. Complementarily, the sector distributed household bleach, other cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) for disinfection at shelters in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, benefiting around 6,300 individuals.

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	CBI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
5,920	32,983	8,795	12,430	16,773	9,481	2,217	42,617	6,114	18,713

\* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in July 2023 \*\* New Beneficiaries consolidated as of July 2023.