



**469 K** REFUGEES & MIGRANTS  
IN BRAZIL

394.056 RESIDENCE PERMITS  
56.026 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
53.307 REFUGEES



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2022 WITH  
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*

**53.8K**



FUNDING SITUATION\*

**8.9%**FUNDED: USD 10.9 M  
REQUIREMENT: 122 M

## Situation

- Given the continuous arrival of refugees and migrants in Roraima, with an average of 400 entries per day in the past few months, Operation Welcome and R4V partners updated the Contingency Plan, which ensures the continuity of adequate reception conditions in the event of greater influxes. On 17 May, Phase 1 of the Plan was activated, with an expansion of shelter capacity by 370 additional slots. According to an R4V partner report published in May, over 600 Venezuelans were in a situation of homelessness in [Boa Vista](#) and [Pacaraima](#), and almost 3,000 were living in spontaneous settlements established in both public and private buildings.
- On 19 May, [the main highway connecting Boa Vista and Pacaraima was blocked due to a bridge's collapse](#). This had a substantial impact on humanitarian activities, such as the transfer of refugees and migrants from Pacaraima to Boa Vista, including those in need of urgent medical support. Access to the road was re-established on 21 May, after the National Road Department, with the support of the Army's Engineering Battalion, repaired the bridge.

## Response

### Education

With the support of the Education Sector, 40 Venezuelan children [participated in the Paralympics Festival](#), in which more than 21,000 children from all over the country engaged in adapted sports activities. Venezuelan children had the opportunity to discover paralympic sports modalities, such as sitting volleyball and bocce.

On the occasion of the National Day to Fight Sexual Violence against Children and Adolescents (18 May) the R4V Education Sector and the Secretariat of Labour and Social Protection of Roraima promoted debates among students, education professionals and families on the prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation of children. Partners held information sessions and distributed related materials in shelters and schools of Boa Vista and Pacaraima, involving local communities and humanitarian workers.

### Health

On the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), partners produced awareness-raising materials on the vulnerabilities of LGBTQIA+ persons and the impact of LGBTQIA+ phobic bullying on mental health. These materials were distributed during mobilization sessions conducted in shelters and Super Panas spaces of Boa Vista and Pacaraima, among other key locations.

### Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

On 10 May, R4V partners and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), with the support of the Brazilian Association of Microcredit and Microfinance operators (ABCRED) and the Brazilian Association of Development (ABDE), held the webinar "Financial Inclusion of Refugees and Migrants: Challenges and Best Practices". The event reached over 100 representatives of civil society

organizations and financial and banking institutions with information on financial inclusion programs and initiatives, especially on access to microcredit loans. The materials on the webinar are available [here](#).

During May, 2,577 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were internally relocated out of Roraima state through the Interiorization Strategy. Since the start of the strategy in 2018, this was the month with the largest number of relocated Venezuelans through the Job Placement modality, totalling 877 refugees and migrants.

In May, partners provided training on business management to Venezuelans in Boa Vista, Manaus and São Paulo. 80 small businesses were selected to receive seed-funding, coupled with 3 months of mentoring sessions, to increase the chances of entrepreneurial success.

### Nutrition

R4V partners conducted nutritional surveillance and screenings in shelters and local health facilities of Pacaraima and Boa Vista throughout the month of May. In total, 561 people (including 165 children under the age of 5, and 14 people with disabilities) were screened for malnutrition. In Pacaraima, 42 children were screened by health-nutrition monitors through the mid-upper arm circumference tape methodology. In addition, partners also monitored 69 pregnant or lactating women and held 331 counseling sessions on appropriate feeding for caregivers of infants and children aged 0-23 months.

### Protection

On 16 and 18 May, R4V partners held a training session on the prevention, mitigation and response to GBV with over 120 members of the Movement "Nascido Entre Nós", comprised of organizations and churches that assist refugee and migrant women in Brazil.

In Roraima, the GBV and Child Protection Sub-sectors carried out activities in more than 20 strategic locations to spread information to fight sexual abuse and exploitation of children, in the framework of the "Faça Bonito"

\* Accumulated figures from 01/01/2022 up to 31/05/2023.

campaign. The activities, which included artistic interventions, lectures and focus group discussions, among others, included the participation of children, public authorities and the general community. The campaign was coordinated by Roraima and Boa Vista local governments, as well as the Committee for Combating Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Children and Adolescents (CEACD) and the Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents (CEDCAR) of Roraima.

The GBV Sub-sector also held several activities to commemorate IDAHOBIT, including trainings, community artistic workshops and film debates, reaching refugees and migrants living inside and outside shelters, as well as members of the local protection network

### Shelter/Food Security

Due to sustained arrivals of refugees and migrants in Pacaraima, during the month of May, the Janokoida indigenous shelter was hosting 490 people, operating over

its maximum capacity (400 slots). To ease the pressure at the border, R4V partners have promoted and supported voluntary relocations of indigenous Venezuelans from Janokoida to the Tuaranoko shelter in Boa Vista, providing pre-departure information sessions, free transportation as well as orientation upon arrival at destination.












### WASH

The sector deployed additional WASH and health staff to respond to hygiene and cleaning needs around the Reception and Relocation Centre (PITRIG), Reception and Support Centre (PRA) and Pacaraima central square, due to the increased presence of refugees and migrants in a situation of homelessness in Pacaraima.

Partners responded to the water quality concerns of around 7,600 refugees and migrants in shelters and spontaneous settlements in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, through cleaning and disinfecting of drinking water taps, testing for residual chlorine and providing cleaning materials.

## R4V Brazil Platform Partners

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| <br>PEOPLE<br>REACHED** | <br>Education | <br>Food<br>Security | <br>Health | <br>Hum.<br>Transp. | <br>Integration | <br>CVA | <br>Nutrition | <br>Protection | <br>Shelter | <br>WASH |
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|  | 3,892  | 27,316  | 7,351   | 7,591  | 12,221   | 7,939  | 1,617  | 31,846  | 5,953  | 14,985  |

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