


 REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN
 THE SUBREGION*

222,503

 PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME
 FORM OF ASSISTANCE**

6,842


FUNDING SITUATION

REQUIREMENT: \$ 68.4 MILLION

Situation

- The results of an [R4V Study on the protection situation](#) of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the Caribbean were published. In addition, on the **COVID-19 front**, restrictions were eased in all countries in the sub-region.
- In **Aruba**, deportations of Venezuelans in an irregular situation continued. Separately, a [needs assessment on migration governance](#) was issued by an R4V partner for the country. The document provides key information to support the Government in understanding the current migration governance systems while highlighting specific identified needs to support informed decision-making to strengthen migration governance that will benefit both the State and migrants.
- The government of **Curaçao** is expected to confirm the launch of its migration needs assessment. Distinctly, two [Curaçaoans were arrested in Venezuela for allegedly trafficking in persons](#) to the Dutch islands.
- R4V partners [disseminated information via social networks](#) to identify refugee and migrant children and adolescents unable to access education in the **Dominican Republic** and to refer children to early childhood education and care services. R4V partners also continued to support the government-led Normalization Plan for Venezuelans, where the second and third phases were open. They assisted with establishing mobile information hubs in areas without existing outreach, and supplied ICT equipment to help with access to the normalization process. Approximately 14,000 of the 43,000 Venezuelans who registered, had received work and study visas by the end of February.
- In **Guyana**, vaccination campaigns remained open to all in the territory. [There was a halt in vaccination rates due to hesitancy](#) among the population. 40% of persons in the country, including refugees and migrants, were **fully vaccinated** by the end of the reporting period. Furthermore, R4V partners presented the results of **consultations with indigenous groups** carried out last year at a regional nutrition and food security meeting. Stakeholders including [R4V partners questioned the status of Trinidad and Tobago's policy for refugees and migrants](#), flagging that without a plan, there will continue to be challenges in assisting this vulnerable population in the country.
- The **Trinidad and Tobago** Police Service (TTPS) with the support of R4V partners continued its 'Ver Algo, Decir Algo' (see something, say something) campaign, to encourage individuals to report crimes in Spanish. Local Media reported that [more than 2,000 Venezuelans who came to Trinidad and Tobago seeking a better life had returned due to the cost of living](#). Meanwhile, attempts to enter Trinidad & Tobago via irregular routes continued to be [reported](#), as well as [detentions](#) and returns of Venezuelans in an irregular situation. [An infant was shot and killed when the Coast Guard opened fire on a boat transporting refugees and migrants from Venezuela](#) during an irregular entry attempt in February, prompting a [joint statement](#) on the issue. The incident provoked protests by [Venezuelans](#) in front of the Trinidad and Tobago Embassy in Caracas. Referring to this incident, the Prime Minister (PM) of Trinidad and Tobago said that the Coast Guard was protecting Trinidad and Tobago's border in the fight against human trafficking when the child was fatally injured. In his speech, the PM made a reference to a gender and crime document published in Venezuela, [indicating](#) that trafficking in persons seemed to be on the decline in other countries apart from Trinidad and Tobago, where the demand for prostitution was high. Separately, R4V partners emphasized the need to [help victims of trafficking to start a new life](#) and spotlighted the issue through key advocacy messages and featured survivor stories during this reporting period.

Response



HEALTH

In the **Dominican Republic**, partners **distributed medicines** to Venezuelan families to address health needs. Consultations on sexual and reproductive health, and **contraceptives** were delivered to vulnerable refugees and migrants in **Aruba**. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, refugees and migrants were assisted with health consultations, vaccination, and STI/HIV testing. In **Curaçao**, partners distributed **maternity kits**, provided first aid care for Venezuelan refugees and migrants in irregular situations, and provided **consultations** on preventive care. In **Guyana**, partners assisted with monitoring and systematization of COVID-19 positive individuals' data in region 1 for Venezuelans and host community members.



CVA

In **Guyana**, Regions 4 and 9, rent subsidy, shelter assistance, cash vouchers, and direct cash assistance were provided to vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants to **support with shelter and cover humanitarian transportation costs**. Most were unemployed and lacked money to support themselves and their households, and some were single parents, pregnant women, survivors of GBV, and members of other vulnerable groups. In addition, during **case management**, cash assistance was provided to vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, refugees and migrants received cash assistance to meet basic needs and address protection risks.



EDUCATION

R4V partners advocated for the recognition of Venezuelan diplomas in the **Dominican Republic**, so refugees and migrants can practice their professions in the country. In **Aruba**, one partner delivered targeted language support in Dutch and English for Venezuelan children seeking to enter the local school systems, and school tutoring and language classes for those already enrolled in the public system. In **Guyana**, Venezuelan children participated in community English classes. In **Curaçao**, partners supported the enrolment of children into the Dawere virtual education platform, where they will have the ability to work toward the completion of their high school degrees in their mother tongue.



INTEGRATION

In **Curaçao**, [refugees and migrants supported the creation of community urban gardens](#). Partners launched phase 3 of the Entrepreneurship and Small Grants Project for Venezuelan refugees and migrants in **Guyana's** Regions 3, 4 and 9, for which they are preparing **business plans/proposals** to qualify to access cash grants. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, partners delivered a Business Financial Management training for GBV survivor entrepreneurs. In **Aruba**, R4V partners facilitated **arts and crafts activities** for refugee and migrant children from Venezuela under 14.











Chelse Darbasie's piece "Humanity" won first place in the UN Human Rights Day art competition. The prize ceremony was held on February 22, at UN House in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. © UNHCR/Carla Bridglal



PROTECTION

In **Guyana**, partners accompanied refugees and migrants from Venezuela to government service providers in order to promote access, such as to hospitals, to the Ministry of Education for school enrolment, COVID-19 vaccination, and documentation. Partners provided interactive information sessions to refugees and migrants in several areas of **Trinidad and Tobago** to better inform them of rights and responsibilities in the host country. Partners also staffed information and counselling helplines used by refugees and migrants in both **Aruba and Curaçao**.






People Reached*

SECTOR	ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	TOTAL
 EDUCATION	72	91	80	202		445
 FOOD SECURITY	13		41	350		404
 HEALTH	72	601	11	400		1084
 INTEGRATION				45		45
 CVA	41	8		263	202	514
 PROTECTION	180	161	1927	1340	507	4115
 SHELTER		1	6	3		10
 WASH	30	76		128		234

Covid-19 Situation**

COUNTRY	ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
CASES IN RELATION TO PREVIOUS MONTH	2.07%	4.89%	3.48%	5.06%	14.54%
DEATHS IN RELATION TO PREVIOUS MONTH	9.33%	12.50%	1.42%	4.45%	6.58%
INDIVIDUALS FULLY VACCINATED IN RELATION TO TOTAL POPULATION	75.04%	59.57%	53.47%	39.59%	50.08%

Operational Overview*

	ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
PARTNERS	IOM, HIAS, PADF, UNHCR, VeneAruba Solidaria, Fundación Contra Violencia Relacional, Famia Planea Aruba, Centro Medico Familiar, Botica di Servicio Eagle	IOM, UNHCR, PADF, Fundashon Perspektiva i Sosten Integral (PSI), Venex Curaçao Foundation, Human Rights Defence Curaçao, Samaya Transitie Advies, Famia Plania, Stima Foundation, Salú pa Tur Foundation	IOM, Venezuelan Emigrant Foundation, FUNCOVERD, Churún Merú Association, Diáspora Venezolana en Boca Chica, Globalizate Radio, Asociación Aves, Venezolanos en San Cristóbal	HIAS, IOM, UNHCR, Roman Catholic Bishop of Guyana, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition, Blossoms Inc, Voices Guyana, Ministry of Health	UNHCR, IOM, FPATT, Living Water Community, Rape Crisis Society
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* Based on current month activities | ** As of 28/02/2022; Sources: [COVID Live Update Worldometer \(worldometers.info\)](https://www.worldometers.info/) and [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations \(Our World in Data\)](https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations)