



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE SUBREGION*

222,503



PEOPLE REACHED WITH ASSISTANCE YEAR-TO-DATE

31,122



FUNDING SITUATION**

FUNDED: \$3.36 MILLION

REQUIREMENT: \$ 68.4 MILLION

Situation

- In **Aruba**, the forced return of asylum-seekers continued, including one case of refoulement of a refugee recognized by UNHCR.
- In **Aruba** and **Curaçao**, deportations continued via Panama, Colombia and the Dominican Republic, according to R4V partners on the islands. The authorities continued to appear at workplaces and detained Venezuelans in July and August. There is interest in reopening the border with Venezuela. Meanwhile, in **Curaçao**, detention facilities remained empty.
- In the **Dominican Republic**, 19,963 Venezuelans had obtained their visas by 2 August according to R4V partners, and 244 more secured student and work visas in August. The registration phase will be re-opened for two months, and to mark one year since the start of the (Plan de Normalización) [normalization plan](#), a celebratory concert has been organized.
- In **Guyana**, the government-led Multi-Agency Coordinating Committee to Address the Influx of Migrants from Venezuela into Guyana requested a high-level meeting with R4V Platform officials to discuss funding and areas of collaboration.
- According to a [news report](#), the rising cost of food, limited livelihood opportunities and lack of access to education for their children in **Trinidad and Tobago** have led to some Venezuelans considering leaving the country to return to their country of origin. The R4V Education Sector developed advocacy messages for the inclusion of migrant children in national schools.
















[The Challengers](#) short documentary on a **Trinidadian-Venezuelan volleyball team** overcoming the odds premiered in Port of Spain on 26 July and was selected for the Caribbean International Film Festival in Birmingham, UK. The film was produced in conjunction with the **Inclusive Cities** initiative.



11 Venezuelan detainees were released in Curaçao after an R4V partner's strategic litigation in one case set a new legal precedent.

People Reached per Sector in 2022 Year to Date

SECTOR	ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	TOTAL
 EDUCATION	271	471	250	845	1,716	3555
 FOOD SECURITY	27		128	960		1115
 HEALTH	202	2732	381	400		3713
 HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORTATION				14		14
 INTEGRATION	41	123		79	50	294
 MPC	109	60	217	1072	582	2040
 NUTRITION					158	158
 PROTECTION	493	663	14,665	4074	3711	23,607
 CHILD PROTECTION	0	0	272	301	0	573
 GBV	537	397	20	2752	0	3708
 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING	1	0	0	0	20	21
 SHELTER		43	166	545	20	774
 WASH	724	1028		1002		2753

* Estimated population for 2022 RMRP | ** Source: Data and Information in the RMRP, <https://www.r4v.info/en/data>

Response



INTEGRATION

Partners in **Aruba** conducted social cohesion activities with refugee and migrant children, including sports, beach clean-ups, art and theatre. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, R4V partners carried out a seminar introducing the , community center to representatives of NGOs and CSOs, covering the benefits of being a part of the network and ways it could assist NGOs and CSOs in supporting vulnerable groups.



FOOD SECURITY

In **Guyana**, R4V partners provided emergency food assistance to refugees and migrants from Venezuelan in the form of food hampers, while Venezuelans living in the hinterlands received paper vouchers redeemable at a supermarket. Assistance was prioritized for refugees and migrants who were unemployed and did not have any savings or the means to provide meals for their families. In the **Dominican Republic**, cash transfers for emergency food needs were allocated to the most vulnerable Venezuelans. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, food assistance was provided through electronic supermarket vouchers.



SHELTER

Direct accommodation assistance was provided to refugees and migrants with specific need from Venezuela in Region 4 in **Guyana**. Partners also provided shelter assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). R4V partners in **Curaçao** assisted with temporary accommodation in the form of rent subsidies to the Venezuelan population and members of host community at risk of evictions. In the **Dominican Republic**, partners continued accompanying Venezuelan associations through rental support.



EDUCATION

Partners in **Aruba** and **Curaçao** supported enrolment and integration in formal education for refugee and migrant children at the primary and secondary school levels, through guidance on registration, covering associated costs, and helping adolescents unable to participate in local programmes to register in alternative online programmes. In **Curaçao** R4V partners provided vouchers for textbooks and uniforms, and one also conducted a workshop for parents and guardians on the education system and children's right to education, and education and psychosocial support services. R4V partners in the **Dominican Republic** provided cash support to cover school registration fees and the legalization of documents required to enroll in schools. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, vacation camp activities continued through the [Equal Place](#) alternative education program in five locations, and **tablets were distributed** to support online schooling.



PROTECTION

In **Aruba**, targeted legal assistance was provided against rejected asylum claims, detention, and deportation, in addition to ongoing legal and protection counselling through the partner's helpline. An R4V partner continued to provide monthly orientation sessions on the legal context and available protection services. An R4V partner in **Guyana** carried out awareness raising on rights and services for survivors of GBV in Regions 1 and 7, in addition to providing ongoing two-way communication and counselling via their hotline. Another partner conducted informational meetings on community-based services in Region 7. Victims of child sexual abuse were provided with court support services and trauma-focused therapy, and the children were placed in foster care. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, partners focused on strategic litigation, legal assistance and advocacy pertaining to detention, deportation and asylum access to territory.



HEALTH

Aruban R4V partners provided medical consultations, laboratory services, medicines services and sexual and reproductive health services (SRH). In **Curaçao**, Venezuelans and members of host communities benefitted from primary health care consultations, health screenings, and dental care. Refugees and migrants from Venezuela with specific needs also received hygiene kits, glucose and hypertension checks, as well as palliative care to a terminal patient upon request of Curaçao's general hospital. Three workshops were held in **Guyana** on prevention and response to GBV, sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs and menstrual hygiene. In the **Dominican Republic**, a partner covered medical expenses for primary and non-emergency health care services in the context of COVID-19, and also provided essential psychosocial support and health care to survivors of GBV from the refugee and migrant population.

R4V Partners

ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
<p>HIAS, IOM, PADF, UNHCR, <i>Botica di Servicio Eagle, Centro Medico Familiar, Famia Planea Aruba, Fundación Contra Violencia Relacional, Stichting Onderwijs Adventis Zeden Aruba, VeneAruba Solidaria, Xavier University School of Medicine</i></p>	<p>IOM, PADF, UNHCR, <i>Famia Plania, Fundashon Duna Lus, Fundashon Perspektiva i Sosten Integral (PSI), Human Rights Defence Curaçao, Orthodox Orthodontic Clinic, Salú pa Tur Foundation, Samaya Transitie Advies, Stima Foundation, Venex Curaçao Foundation</i></p>	<p>IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, Venezuelan Emigrant Foundation (FEV), <i>Asociación Aves, Churún Merú Association, FUNCOVERD, Diáspora Venezolana en Boca Chica, IDDI, Duendes y Ángeles Vinotinto República Dominicana, Globalizate Radio, Heartland Alliance International, Instituto Nacional de Migración, Venezolanos en San Cristóbal, Venezuelan Diaspora in the Dominican Republic</i></p>	<p>HIAS, IOM, UNHCR, <i>Blossoms Inc, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Roman Catholic Bishop of Guyana, Voices Guyana</i></p>	<p>IOM, UN Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, <i>Family Planning Association of Trinidad and Tobago, Living Water Community, Rape Crisis Society of Trinidad and Tobago</i></p>

APPEALING PARTNERS, IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS; BASED ON ACTIVITIES REPORTED IN 2022 YEAR TO DATE

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