

Situation Report



217,130

refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the Caribbean ¹



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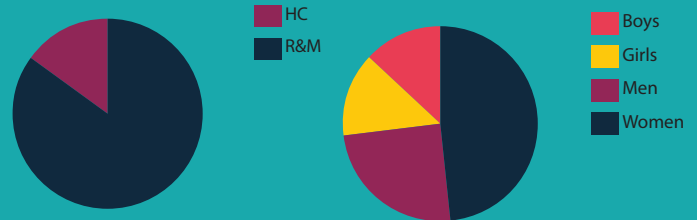
persons reached with direct assistance ³



Funding Situation:

\$962.4K funded of **\$72.65M** required ²

1.3%



Refugees & Migrants from Venezuela

9725 Women 5628 Girls 1570

Host Communities

1739 Men 2824 Boys 1441

People Reached by Sector



Education
2606



Protection
7282



Food Security
2022



Child Protection
129



Health
998



GBV
1915



Humanitarian Transportation
8



Human Trafficking & Smuggling
190



Integration
607



Shelter
879



WASH
1864



Cash and Voucher Assistance

USD \$33K distributed to **1782 persons** for Food, Integration, Protection, Shelter, and Multipurpose Cash.



Capacity Building

272 persons trained on prevention, mitigation and response to GBV amongst refugees and migrants.
47 persons trained to strengthen the protection environment.



Campaigns

64 persons reached with awareness sessions to prevent GBV against refugees and migrants and affected host communities.

(1) Projected population by end of 2023 (2) Source: FTS. Funding can take some months to update, and does not include funding provided at regional level, so the actual figure may be higher. (3) All assistance figures are cumulative for the year to date.

Situation

- In **Aruba**, a new interim manager was appointed within the Department for the Integration, Management, and Admission of Foreign Nationals (DIMAS). Since his appointment, migrants no longer have to leave the country while waiting for permits.
- By June, Venezuelans in the **Dominican Republic** had received 20,200 residency cards issued by the General Migration Directorate (DGM) as part of the [Normalization Plan for Venezuelans \(PNV\)](#).
- In **Guyana**, the [Parliament endorsed a new bill against Trafficking in Persons \(TiP\)](#), replacing a previous law from 2005; the bill defines the crime of human trafficking, establishes penalties, and highlights global best practices. In the same month, a [Venezuelan woman was jailed for allegedly running a brothel and faces nine trafficking in persons charges](#). Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education's Migrant Support Unit launched an art competition to support the social integration of refugees and migrants in Guyana.
- On 1 June, the [UN elected Trinidad and Tobago's Permanent Representative](#) as the President of the 78th UN General Assembly session, marking the first time Trinidad and Tobago has held this role. The theme for Mr. Francis' one-year presidency is "Peace, Prosperity, Progress and Sustainability." Meanwhile, the [Ministry of National Security advised that an extension had been granted on work and stay permits for Venezuelans registered under the Migrant Registration Framework until the end of 2023](#). At the same time, [the National Security Minister indicated that implementing a policy for refugees](#) would be challenging.

Response

Food Security

R4V partners distributed food kits to Venezuelan indigenous Waraos in **Guyana**. Emergency food baskets were also delivered across several regions in Guyana to reach the most vulnerable refugees and migrants. Food vouchers and food baskets also reached Venezuelans in need in **Trinidad and Tobago**.

Shelter

In **Trinidad and Tobago**, 17 refugees and migrants received cash support to cover rental costs, amounting to USD 2,700. In **Guyana**, 13 Venezuelans benefitted from cash support for rental assistance. Partners also provided housing support in Boca Chica, **Dominican Republic**.

Protection

R4V partners organized a two-day training on Refugee Status Determination (RSD) in **Aruba** for the members of the Objection Advisory Committee under the National Ordinance on Administrative Justice. This committee is responsible for reviewing objections related to unfavourable asylum rulings and provides written advice to the immigration authority regarding asylum rulings. In **Guyana**, 485 Venezuelans received information about access to protection services, including documentation processes and rights. Additionally, 68 Venezuelans accessed protection and documentation services. Furthermore, 65 police officers received training on international protection, and one partner provided legal assistance to 101 asylum-seekers and refugees through accompaniment and guidance on access to rights, while over 260 people received legal counselling. At the same time, 37 Venezuelans in **Curaçao** accessed donated goods at a charity shop, including clothing, toys, and books. The shop also serves as an information hub for services available from R4V partners.



Child Protection

In **Guyana** case management services were provided to 78 children and their caregivers.



GBV

In **Aruba**, R4V partners organized a two-day training on managing gender-based violence (GBV) cases for the Department of Social Affairs (DAS). Nineteen officials participated in the workshop, on using a survivor-centered approach and providing specialized care for vulnerable groups. Meanwhile, partners reached survivors of GBV with case management services in **Guyana**. Similarly, in **Trinidad and Tobago**, Venezuelan GBV survivors received assistance via the Advocate Support model. Survivors also received psychosocial support, while other beneficiaries received support based on their identified needs as part of the Reset Journey program.



Trafficking in Persons

In Trinidad and Tobago R4V partners assisted female victims of trafficking from Venezuela with psychosocial interventions, training, shelter, recreation, and enterprise exposure.



Health

In June, R4V partners in **Curaçao** supported 585 refugees and migrants from Venezuela with 2,326 primary health check-ups and 11 received psychosocial support. This included support for diabetes and hypertension concerns for 104 individuals. In **Guyana**, community outreach workers provided translation services in health support spaces to aid access to medical care and assisted in a medical conference where refugees and migrants could get tested for STIs and HIV, and 41 Venezuelan children who were survivors of child abuse received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). Venezuelans in **Trinidad and Tobago** also received psychosocial aid. Awareness sessions in Guyana on HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and sexual and reproductive health and rights reached 45 Venezuelan women who engaged in survival sex. On 11 June, R4V partners participated in a health brigade in the **Dominican Republic** and provided medical services to Venezuelans, including general medicine, gynecology, and pediatrics. Also in the **Dominican Republic**, partners covered medical costs for services Venezuelans could not access in the public health sector. Further, activities with universities were carried out to raise awareness on mental health. Partners in **Aruba** helped Venezuelans access primary health, laboratory dental services, as well as sexual and reproductive health.



Education

With the Ministry of Education, R4V partners in **Guyana** supported access to public education for 722 refugee and migrant children from Venezuela – in regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9 – through English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and the provision of ESL workbooks. Community-based ESL classes were also held for 137 Venezuelan out-of-school children and 88 adults in indigenous communities in Region 1. In **Aruba**, Venezuelans received educational support through school supplies, language classes, and information on their right to education. Refugees and migrants in **Curaçao** enrolled in after school classes and participated in Dutch and Papiamentu language classes provided by R4V partners, who also trained teachers of refugee and migrant children. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, members of the R4V Education Sector attended a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss the integration of refugee and migrant children into public school systems.



Integration

In **Trinidad and Tobago**, Venezuelans received technical and vocational training from R4V partners. Partners in the Dominican Republic also assisted Venezuelan entrepreneurs with business registration. On 6 June, a workshop on regularization was carried out for civil society organizations. Further, information hubs run by R4V partners across the country supported 13,600 Venezuelans with information on registration processes and services available to refugees and migrants in the country. In **Guyana**, as part of cultural integration activities, refugee and migrant children in ESL classes participated in an art contest organized by the Ministry of Education. The awards were presented with the government, civil society, partners, refugees, and migrants.



WASH

In collaboration with the government, partners in the **Dominican Republic** held an induction workshop on waste management in San Cristobal, uniting host community members with refugees and migrants. Additionally, hygiene kits and non-food items were distributed to 97 refugees and migrants in **Guyana**.

Active Partners*

Aruba: HIAS, PADF, *VeneAruba Solidaria*

Curaçao: IOM, PADF, *Human Rights Defence Curaçao, Salú pa Tur Foundation, Venex Curaçao Foundation*

Dominican Republic: UNHCR, UN Habitat, *Fundación de Emigrantes y Refugiados Sin Fronteras Para El Mundo (FERFM), Dominican Institute for Integrated Development, Heartland Alliance International, Venezuelan Emigrant Foundation (FEV)*

Guyana: IOM, HIAS, UNHCR, *Blossoms Inc, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition, Ministry of Education*

Trinidad and Tobago: UNHCR, UNODC, UN Habitat, PADF, *La Casita, Women's Institute for Alternative Development, Family Planning Association, Living Water Community*

* Appealing Partner, Implementing Partner. Based on partners reporting monthly activities to the R4V Platform.

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World Refugee Day Celebrations

World Refugee Day on June 20 was marked through collaborative efforts between R4V partners and private organizations throughout the Caribbean Sub-region. A health fair was arranged in **Aruba**, gathering together more than 200 individuals, facilitating medical examinations, educational sessions on MHPSS and cultural events. In **Curacao**, partners hosted a family-oriented fair that drew around 300 participants. The event featured blood sugar screenings, mental health consultations, sports events, face painting, and live musical performances. In the **Dominican Republic**, commemorations took place with the participation of civil society, refugees and migrants, and other stakeholders.

In **Guyana**, an R4V partner marked World Refugee Day by launching a poetry competition open to children from diverse backgrounds, centered around the theme *“[Hope away from home, a world where refugees are included.](#)”* Successful entrants, including Guyanese and Venezuelan children, were awarded prizes and had the opportunity to recite their compositions during the event. In their public remarks during the celebration, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance reiterated Guyana's dedication to upholding the rights of displaced communities and ensuring their protection. Another partner organized an entrepreneurship fair where refugee and migrant small business owners – some of whom had received support from R4V partners – displayed their products and services.

One partner in **Trinidad and Tobago** arranged a sports and family event in the east of the country, attended by more than 200 people, including refugees and migrants, the Australian High Commissioner, the Planning and Development Minister, and Arima's Mayor. The partner also led a cultural event supported by local civil society groups that enabled refugees and migrants to display crafts, homemade wines, handmade jewelry, culinary abilities, and other talents to approximately 200 attendees.