



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL
253,495 (NOVEMBER 2019)



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS SHELTERED
 IN RORAIMA IN FEBRUARY
5,838



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS INTERNALLY
 RELOCATED IN FEBRUARY
3,110

Situation

- In February, there was an estimated daily average of 424 entries and 86 exits in Pacaraima, the Brazilian border town, with a peak of 594 persons entering on 21 February.
- On 3 February, the General Director of the Federal Police approved the Ordinance Nº 11.264/2020, which provides a new design format for the National Migratory Registration Identity (CRNM) and for the Temporary National Migratory Registration Identity (DPRNM). The new ID card will replace the long paper protocol which has been a deterrent to some individuals and facilitate identification processes
- On 5 February, the Roraima Court of Justice created the Citizenship Center for Refugees and Indigenous People (CIVES). The center will provide legal assistance to people who crossed the border, in Pacaraima, in hearings related to custody for travel authorization, emancipation of minors, and birth registration for children born in Brazil. The center also aims to improve the response for unaccompanied and separated children. This measure is a way to reduce bureaucracy with the legalization of documents and will facilitate the relocation process of Venezuelans to other states in the country.
- On 12 February, the Vice-President of Brazil, Hamilton Mourão, travelled to Roraima to oversee the work of the *Operação Acolhida*. The authorities visited health, reception and documentation facilities, as well as collective and indigenous shelters, in Boa Vista and Pacaraima.

Response

- Based on a research conducted with Venezuelan families, the Education Sector is rolling out a strategy to promote the integration of refugee and migrant children into the school system. In this framework, the sector produced teaching materials on Brazil's geography and culture and is providing technical support to authorities to facilitate the school enrolment of children that were internally relocated from Boa Vista to other parts of the Country.
- The Health Sector presented its strategy to the Federal Sub Committee on Health in order to ensure the coordination and complementarity of R4V interventions with *Operação Acolhida*.
- As part of their efforts to support the socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants, two workshops on labour inclusion were conducted with human resources staff of private companies in Belo Horizonte and Rio Branco. Moreover, private sector outreach visits were held in Santa Catarina, Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre and São Paulo.
- The second edition of the "Financial Information Guide for Refugees and Migrants" was developed and launched by the Central Bank of Brazil, the National Committee for Refugees and R4V partners. The booklet informs refugees and migrants about their economic and financial rights and is available in five languages: Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, French and English.
- The Child Protection Sub-sector identified and assisted 260 separated and 90 unaccompanied children in Boa Vista. Moreover, partners supported 42 family reunifications.
- In view of the increased protection risks faced by Venezuelan refugees and migrants sleeping at the Boa Vista bus station, the Protection Sector is conducting regular information sessions with targeted messages according to the population profile and specific vulnerabilities. Moreover, the sector is strengthening a network of Support Spaces where different partners, including the participation of other sectors in the provision of activities.
- Donor briefings were organised with ECHO and PRM to provide an overview of existing gaps, challenges and priorities for each sector.
- The Information Management support group trained R4V partners on the RMRP monitoring framework. As a result, indicators to track the implementation of the RMRP will be available from March onwards.
- The WASH/Nutrition Sector provided guidance on best hygiene practices and distributed vouchers for the purchase of personal hygiene products to 1,246 migrants living in shelters in Boa Vista.