

Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela



**REFUGEES & MIGRANTS** 75,992 RESIDENCE PERMITS 91,388 ASYLUM-SEEKERS





**FUNDING SITUATION\*** 

REQUIREMENT: 126 M

\*Source: Financial Tracking System

#### Situation

- On 9 February, an online event was held to launch the Brazil Chapter of the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) for 2022. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and had the participation of the UN Resident Coordinator, the Jesuit Service for Refugees and Migrants, the European Union Delegation, and the United States Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM). The panellists also included representatives from the Federal Committee for Emergency Assistance and the Operation Welcome Logistics and Humanitarian Taskforce. The Portuguese version of the plan can be found <u>here</u> alongside the <u>video</u> shown during the launch event.
- On 3 February, the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE) created the "Observatory of Violence against Migrants and Refugees" to monitor incidents and articulate actions to prevent and respond to situations of violence against refugees and migrants in Brazil.
- On 24 February, the Venezuelan side of the border with Brazil was officially reopened. A ceremony was held at the border point, with the participation of the mayors of Pacaraima (Brazil) and Santa Elena (Venezuela), as well as other authorities and residents of the border towns.

## Response

### **Education**

Amid the return to in-person activities, and as part of the Active School Search strategy, R4V partners intensified activities related to school enrolment in Roraima. The actions were carried out with support from the Municipal and State Departments of Education, the Federal Subcommittee for Reception and Relocation of Migrants in a Vulnerable Situation and the Humanitarian Logistical Task Force of Operation Welcome, targeting refugee and migrant children and adolescents from Venezuela. In Boa Vista, the initiative was held in 9 shelters and the PITRIG (Posto de Interiorização e Triagem) Reception Center, resulting in the identification and enrolment of 960 Venezuelan children who were not attending school, of whom one in five were from indigenous groups. Since the beginning of the pandemic, more than 80,000 out-of-school children have been identified and reintegrated into the formal education system throughout Brazil.

# Health

- R4V partners joined efforts with the Municipal Departments of Health of Belém and Ananindeua in Pará to publish booklets on the Brazilian health system, providing practical guidance on access to public healthcare services for indigenous communities living in the two cities.
- Mobile Health Teams from R4V partners carried out 426 primary healthcare consultations for refugees and migrants from Venezuela in 16 different locations of Roraima and Amazonas, including at the PITRIGs.
- In Boa Vista, R4V partners assisted Operation Welcome in collecting data on the vaccination status of residents of 14 spontaneous settlements. The assessment showed that 49.2 per cent of the respondents had received only a first dose, and just 20.9 per cent were fully vaccinated. Partners also held information sessions on COVID-19 vaccination in Boa

Vista and Manaus to increase immunization coverage for the Venezuelan population in these two locations.



### 🚺 Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian **Transportation**

- R4V partners assisted 2,036 Venezuelans through the interiorization strategy of the Federal Government, providing them with humanitarian transportation, job placement support and temporary housing. Of these, 68 per cent were relocated through family and social reunification; 20 per cent were relocated to shelters; and 6 per cent were matched with employment opportunities.
- The R4V Platform and the Ministry of Citizenship launched a dashboard with information on Venezuelan refugees and migrants registered in SUAS, the national Social Assistance Unified System. The dashboard was designed to provide municipal and state public managers with key information on social assistance reaching the Venezuelan population in their territories, allowing decision-making and the construction of public policies.
- To increase livelihoods opportunities for young refugees and migrants from Venezuela, R4V partners launched the "Guidelines for the Economic Integration of Young Migrants in Brazil". Divided in four booklets, the publication brings tailored information to different target audiences to help public managers, civil society, and the private sector to implement policies and programmes to promote the socioeconomic inclusion of refugee and migrant youth in Brazil. The material also contributes to the empowerment and autonomy of young refugees and migrants, with a specific booklet with information on the job search process, formal education, and the labour market in Brazil.



#### **Nutrition**

R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programmes and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus, Belém, Ananindeua and Santarém. As a result, they screened 559 children under the age of 5 for



malnutrition and distributed daily micronutrient tablets (including iron/folic acid) to 322 pregnant or lactating women.

 In Boa Vista, R4V partners held a meeting with the local government Children's Nutritional Recovery Center (CERNUTRI) to build referral pathways with basic and specialized nutritional services that are also available for refugees and migrants. In addition, platform partners standardized a new registration system to track the evolution of treatment for Venezuelan children diagnosed with child wasting.

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### **Protection**

- Protection and Child Protection partners organized two sessions with residents of Rondon Shelters 1, 2 and 4 to assess the main challenges faced in terms of child protection and community coexistence. In this framework, community members identified their main concerns to be the absence of safe spaces for children, parent negligence and abuse, lack of community engagement and conflicts of different natures among shelter residents. To mitigate these issues, participants suggested the implementation of information sessions for parents, as well as several community-led activities, including day care services.
- To ensure the right to family and community life for separated children in Roraima, Child Protection Subsector partners supported the Boa Vista Justice System in providing fast-tracked legal assistance, resulting in 33 guardianship orders granted in the month of February.
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-sector partners, in partnership with Queens University, Canada, created a project to conduct real-time monitoring of genderassociated risks for Venezuelan girls and women by conducting interviews with refugees and migrants. The project aims to interview 3,500 people in ten weeks in Boa Vista, Pacaraima and Manaus. The information obtained will assist in the identification of actionable GBV threats for

protection interventions, and the promotion of sexual and reproductive health by improving access to quality care.

# Shelter/Food Security

- R4V partners continued to hold coordination meetings and community consultations to adjust reception conditions at the new shelter "Waraotuma to Tuaranoko" that will start to operate in March 2022. Discussions addressed concerns about community spaces, staff security, family relocation procedures, and the services that will be available in the new site. Moreover, a communications plan was developed to inform residents of nearby shelters about the upcoming relocation of the indigenous population.
- Following three months of joint logistical and technical efforts coupled with ongoing consultations with affected refugees and migrants, R4V partners concluded the consolidation of shelters Rondon 1, 2 and 4 into a single accommodation space. The new facility, with a total capacity for 2,691 people, provides more comfort to its residents, while also allowing for more efficient and cost-effective management of the emergency shelters in Roraima.

# WASH

- R4V partners responded to the water quality concerns of around 10,000 refugees and migrants in Boa Vista's and Pacaraima's shelters and spontaneous settlements through a series of related actions, including water storage tank cleaning; cleaning and disinfection of drinking water taps; replacement of water taps filters, including activated carbon filters; and testing for residual chlorine.
- R4V WASH partners delivered over 500,000 litres of safe water produced by the Roraima Water and Sewerage Company (CAER) to approximately 1,000 people living in Boa Vista. In addition, about 11,000 litres of sodium hypochlorite solution (household bleach) were produced and distributed for cleaning and disinfection at multiple sites in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, benefiting approximately 9,000 individuals.

### **R4V Brazil Platform Partners**

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PEOPLE REACHED**	148	1,035	5,147	1,674	2,576	1,535	206	13,150	3,124	6,848	

<sup>\*</sup> Partners submitting data to Activity Info in February 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup> New Beneficiaries consolidated as of February 2022.