

Situation Report



227,100

refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the Caribbean¹



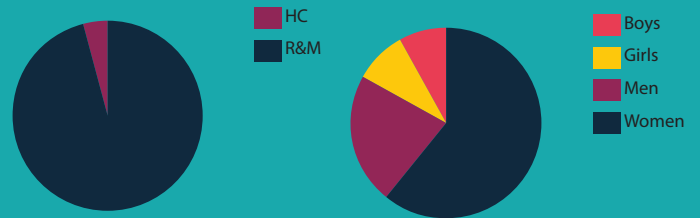
37,245

persons reached with direct assistance³



Funding Situation: **\$2.1M** reported funded of **\$64.67M** required²

3.3%



Refugees & Migrants from Venezuela

35,538 Women **17,816** Girls **4,294**

Host Communities

1,573 Men **11,498** Boys **4,015**

People Reached by Sector



Education
2,628



Protection
27,136



Food Security
980



Child Protection
2,099



Health
2,041



GBV
244



Humanitarian Transportation
211



Human Trafficking & Smuggling
0



Integration
510



Shelter
465



WASH
423



Cash and Voucher Assistance

USD \$99.9K distributed to **2,628 persons** for Food, Integration, Protection, Shelter, and Multipurpose Cash.

(1) Projected population by end of 2024 (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

Caribbean Sub-region:

- In June, R4V in the Caribbean sub-region held Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) workshops with partners and other stakeholders to analyze the results of the data collected for the Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis ([RMNA 2024](#)).
- **Aruba** remained as Tier 2¹ per the United States State Department [2024 Trafficking in Persons \(TiP\) Report](#), meaning that the country does not meet the minimum standards for eliminating trafficking, but is making significant efforts.
- On 11 June, R4V partners and the Social and Economic Council of **Curaçao** (SER) organized a [meeting to foster an inclusive labour market](#). Participants discussed challenges and solutions regarding the inclusion of migrants and refugees, highlighting the SER's Manifesto for an inclusive labour market presented in November 2023 to stakeholders. On 13 June, the Prime Minister of Curaçao [welcomed](#) the Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States, focusing on strengthening regional cooperation and discussing strategic plans related to connectivity and climate change; topics impacting refugees, migrants and host community members alike. **Curaçao** was [upgraded from](#) Tier 3 to Tier 2 Watch List in the U.S. State Department's 2024 TiP Report. The country did not fully meet trafficking elimination standards but made significant efforts, leading to its upgrade to the Tier 2 Watch List.
- Federal elections in the **Dominican Republic** on 19 May re-elected the incumbent leader, President Luis Abinader. His new term will begin on 16 August. R4V partners anticipate minor government reshuffling with minimal impact on migration policies. The **Dominican Republic** [remains on](#) the Tier 2 Watch List in the 2024 TiP Report, indicating that while the country does not fully meet the Trafficking Victims Protection Act's minimum standards, it is making significant efforts to do so.
- Regarding the **Guyana-Venezuela** border dispute pending before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Venezuela submitted its case on the merits of the Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899. The Government of Guyana has been mobilizing international support and has a December 2024 deadline from the ICJ to respond. Tensions have eased since the agreement in December 2023, and no impacts on the treatment of Venezuelans were observed during this period. On 20 June, Guyana's President Irfaan Ali expressed readiness to renew diplomatic talks with Venezuela after their elections, emphasizing peaceful dialogue and regional stability while reinforcing border security. Tensions at the Guyana-Venezuela border could impact movements of Venezuelans, potentially leading to further movements and increased humanitarian needs.
- In the 2024 U.S. TiP Report, **Guyana** [maintained](#) its Tier 1 status, reflecting full compliance with the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act's minimum standards.
- At a workshop on the new minimum wage in **Trinidad and Tobago**, the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) confirmed that [migrant workers in Trinidad and Tobago are entitled to the same benefits as locals](#), provided they meet the minimum earnings requirement. Eight district offices nationwide opened for public school [registration in June](#), paving the way for [200 Venezuelan children](#) whose parents were registered in the 2019 Migrant Registration Framework to begin school in September 2024. The Ministries of Education and National Security are verifying permits and immunization cards, which had previously halted enrollment.
- **Trinidad and Tobago** was upgraded to Tier 2 in the [2024 US Trafficking in Persons \(TiP\) Report](#) after three years on the Tier 2 Watch List, reflecting efforts to meet the standards of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Response

Education

In May, a partner's after-school program in **Aruba** offered language support in Dutch, Papiamentu, and English to refugee and migrant children, including 32 Venezuelans and 31 host community children, focusing on exam preparation and integration. In **Guyana**, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, partners continued English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, enrolling 103 participants, including 73 Venezuelans and 30 host community members, with an emphasis on children. R4V partners in **Trinidad and Tobago** continued to support the registration process for eligible registered Venezuelan children to access public education in September 2024. Partners also continued to provide alternative education to 1,774 refugee and migrant children.

Food Security

Partners in **Aruba** provided food vouchers to Venezuelan refugees and migrants and cash for food assistance to six Venezuelans for basic needs in May and June. In the **Dominican Republic**, partners distributed cash transfers to 230 Venezuelan refugees and migrants to address emergency needs, including food. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, a partner provided 16 households with multipurpose cash assistance, including 35 Venezuelan refugees and migrants and 11 host community members, to assist with meeting their basic needs, such as food.

Health

Aruban partners provided individual mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) to 22 Venezuelans and nine host community members, assisting with cash and voucher assistance and medical support. In June, **Aruba** partners delivered Psychological First Aid training, gardening activities, and yoga sessions, benefitting 44 people, including 18 Venezuelan refugees and migrants and 26 host community members, with a focus on MHPSS and protection. In **Curaçao**, partners delivered free primary and reproductive healthcare services to 65 Venezuelans. In the **Dominican Republic**, partners provided MHPSS to seven Venezuelans, including four women and three men, and extended emergency medical support to Venezuelan women. A community-led medical brigade in La Romana in the Dominican Republic also provided primary healthcare consultations to 33 Venezuelan refugees and migrants and 19 host community members.

Integration

In May, **Aruba** partners provided adult English classes to 17 Venezuelans (16 women and one man) to support their integration into the local community. Another partner offered English and Papiamentu courses to 40 Venezuelans and 28 host community members, enhancing integration and employment opportunities. Additionally, 51 refugees and migrants participated in social and recreational events, skills training, language courses, and support groups. In the **Dominican Republic**, partners identified and referred five Venezuelans (three women and two men) for economic support via "Emprende," a program fostering entrepreneurship among Venezuelans. Additionally, migrants and refugees received support through a guarantee fund established by an R4V partner in coordination with the Dominican Venezuelan Chamber of Commerce to ensure the sustainability of Venezuelan enterprises. In June, **Trinidad and Tobago** partners facilitated a social cohesion activity, through the creation of a mural at the Santos Recreational Ground, themed "Different Cultures, One Person." The activity involved 150 participants, focusing on integrating Venezuelans into the local community, especially children.

Protection

Aruba partners conducted two information sessions on immigration law and health rights for 32 refugees and migrants to inform them on human rights and protection mechanisms. A partner provided protection screening, case management, and legal counselling to 20 Venezuelans through helpline and helpdesk support and registered 31 Venezuelans and three host community members for assistance, including legal support. In **Curaçao**, partners held a legal protection and orientation session for 19 Venezuelans, offering information on services, permit eligibility, and protection mechanisms. They provided protection screening, case management, and legal counselling to 26 Venezuelans via helpline and helpdesk support, along with legal assistance to three individuals. In the **Dominican Republic**, a partner identified and referred 14 Venezuelans for resettlement, providing protection-related assistance. Partners conducted biometric registration for 182 Venezuelans for case management and assistance tracking. To access rights and services, **Guyana** partners offered informative sessions and case management to 118 people, including 112 Venezuelans. They conducted information sessions in Region 7 and Region 3 for 169 Venezuelans to guide them on services, documentation, school enrollment, and feedback mechanisms. Partners also provided protection and case management to six Venezuelans, and accompanied 278, including 133 children, to access government services. Counselling was provided to 556 Venezuelans, including 262 children, to support access to protection services. In June, the **Guyana Women Lawyers Association** launched a [booklet on Guyana's laws](#), covering topics such as GBV, domestic abuse, child support, child protection, immigration, and labour laws. A partner translated the booklet into Spanish to ensure refugees and migrants are informed about the country's legal framework. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, partners offered legal assistance to 62 people, including 33 Venezuelans, and supported 15 Venezuelans with psychosocial support to GBV survivors. They facilitated training for 11 implementing partners and members of the police service on international protection principles. Another partner provided legal assistance to 21 people, including 13 Venezuelans, emphasizing non-refoulement, and conducted advocacy interventions, including police training and communication with the Immigration Division.

Child Protection

Guyana partners provided specialized child protection services to 61 Venezuelan children and their families in May and 40 in June, including referrals for mental health therapy, school enrollment, translation services, and assistance with legal and emergency needs. They delivered protection-related assistance to 223 children and their families through a psychosocial support clinic in Region 1. Partners also focused on prevention and protection from child sexual abuse, reaching 49 Venezuelans, including 20 children. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, Spanish-English interpretation support was provided at the state child protection agency, Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT), to support adoption, supervised visits, and placement in care arrangements. Translation support from English to Spanish was also provided for legal documents, supervised visit agreements, and brochures on the work of CATT to ensure that Spanish-speaking parents and children have access to information on their services. These interpretation and translation services directly supported the cases of approximately 20 refugee and migrant children. An R4V partner funded the participation of CATT in Child Protection Minimum Standards (CPMS) in Humanitarian Action training to support building state capacity

Protection (GBV)

In **Aruba**, Venezuelan GBV survivors received case management services, including psychosocial, paralegal, and legal aid services. A partner led an eight-week support group for six women, including two Venezuelans, focusing on safe spaces and engaging men and boys to prevent violence. The same partner trained 10 service providers in **Curaçao** on GBV prevention, mitigation, and response in May, and in June, trained 32 people in Curaçao, including Department of Labour staff, on GBV prevention and response. In the **Dominican Republic**, a partner provided essential services including access to food, shelter and health support services, including mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) Venezuelan GBV survivors and held its fourth support group for 13 women on GBV prevention. In Santiago, partners trained 10 Venezuelans on GBV prevention. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, Venezuelan survivors of GBV, mainly women, received vouchers for groceries, medical assistance, and transportation. In **Guyana**, partners conducted a GBV awareness session and provided case management for survivors.

Protection (Human Trafficking & Smuggling)

In **Trinidad and Tobago**, partners continue their efforts to combat human trafficking, collaborating with the National Insurance Board and other organizations to ensure equal treatment for refugees and migrants while providing support to victims such as mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), shelter, food, and integration opportunities.

Shelter

In May, **Aruban** partners provided rental assistance to six Venezuelans. In **Curaçao**, a partner provided essential household items, such as clothes, to 57 Venezuelan refugees and migrants, including 48 children in May and 28 refugees, migrants, and host community members in June. In the **Dominican Republic**, R4V partners held a workshop in Boca Chica on housing access, including how to search for housing rentals in a safe manner, providing an array of places and websites, along with mapping tools to avoid scams or being overcharged, training 25 women and four men on tenant rights, eviction prevention, and state housing initiatives to support refugee and migrant integration. The same partner conducted a similar workshop in San Cristóbal, informing 12 participants, including community leaders and representatives from refugee and migrant groups, on these topics to promote integration.

WASH

In May, 36 Venezuelans in **Guyana** received hygiene kits as part of efforts to promote safe water, sanitation, and hygiene practices, while three Venezuelan families also benefitted from the distribution of hygiene kits.

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*

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