



**337.2K** REFUGEES & MIGRANTS  
IN BRAZIL  
199,890 RESIDENCE PERMITS  
95,454 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
49,045 REFUGEES



PEOPLE REACHED IN 2022 WITH  
SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*  
**28.8 K**



FUNDING SITUATION\*  
REQUIREMENT: 126 M

\*Source: [Financial Tracking System](#)

## Situation

- On 16 March, the Federal Police issued [Ordinance 28/2022](#) extending the validity of all migratory regularization documentation expired in the past two years, including for Venezuelans. The documents will be valid until 15 September 2022. This measure only applies to documents expired after 16 March 2020, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, provided the document holder remained in the country throughout this period.
- The Labour Prosecution Office (MPT) created a Working Group called "Venezuelan Migration Flow" to monitor and ensure compliance with labour standards for the employment of Venezuelan refugees and migrants, in coordination with the Operation Welcome Humanitarian Logistics. Among the activities proposed, the Working Group will support the Roraima Labour Prosecutor in the cities of Boa Vista and Pacaraima. The task force will also organize field visits to these cities, as well as Manaus, due to their high concentration of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in a situation of socio-economic vulnerability.

## Response

### Education

- In Belem, R4V partners hosted a workshop for local early childhood education professionals. The activity was focused on intercultural communication to strengthen local capacities and to ensure the right to quality education for indigenous refugees and migrants from Venezuela. The session also addressed how interdisciplinarity and crosscutting themes can contribute to building an educational methodology adapted to the needs of this specific population.

### Health

- In Roraima, R4V partners conducted activities to promote HIV prevention among refugees and migrants from Venezuela, including indigenous communities. In collaboration with local health authorities, R4V partners expanded access to prevention materials in spaces with high presence and transit of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, including Operation Welcome facilities. The distribution of prevention items in the facilities was followed by awareness-raising sessions by R4V partners.
- In Pacaraima, R4V partners assisted the local health system, providing patient triage and donating medicines while the local hospital is undergoing renovations.

### Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- R4V partners assisted 2,268 Venezuelans through the interiorization strategy of the Federal Government, providing them with humanitarian transportation, job placement support and temporary housing. Of these, 79 per cent were relocated through family and social reunification networks; 16 per cent were matched with employment opportunities; and 5 per cent were relocated to shelters. Since April 2018, over 70,000 Venezuelans have participated in the Relocation Strategy.

- International Women's Day was marked by a wide call to action from governments, the private sector and media in favour of the economic empowerment and social inclusion of refugee and migrant women. In São Paulo, the event "Integrating and Empowering: Rights and opportunities for refugee and migrant women in Brazil" presented the socioeconomic needs of refugee and migrant women and encouraged the public and private sectors to elaborate initiatives to meet these challenges and take initial steps towards their effective socioeconomic integration. The event culminated with organizations signing a [Letter of Commitment](#) for the Economic Empowerment of Refugee and Migrant Women and approving a [Manifesto](#) for the end of violence against women and girls.
- To increase livelihoods opportunities for refugee and migrant women, the Refugee Entrepreneurs Platform, a joint initiative of R4V partners and Global Compact Network Brazil, held a webinar on "[How credit can boost your business](#)". The webinar focused on entrepreneur refugee and migrant women and was attended by 50 women.

### Nutrition

- R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programmes and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus, Belém, Ananindeua and Santarém. Partners screened 622 children under the age of 5 for malnutrition and distributed daily micronutrient tablets (including iron/folic acid) to 437 pregnant or lactating women. In addition, 981 counselling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of infants, girls, and boys aged 0-23 months.
- In Pacaraima, R4V partners conducted 128 rapid screening activities with mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) measuring tapes for children recently arrived in the country, living in spontaneous settlements or in situations of homelessness.
- In Manaus and Belem, R4V partners held trainings for around 200 health and nutrition professionals on Comprehensive

Care for Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) and Warao Cosmovision and Nutritional Care for the indigenous population.



### Protection

- R4V partners supported the opening of the new “Casa Lar” in Boa Vista, which received 10 unaccompanied Venezuelan children who were previously living in Operation Welcome shelters. *Casas Lares* are an alternative model of institutional shelter and social assistance, offering a safer and more suitable option for children than emergency shelters, which recently registered an increase in unaccompanied and separated children from Venezuela.
- In Pará, where there is a high concentration of Venezuelan indigenous groups, the R4V Protection Sector held a meeting with Public Security Forces of the cities of Belém and Ananindeua in order to raise awareness of the challenges faced by refugees and migrants during their displacement, focusing on the indigenous Warao population. Representatives of the Military Police, Municipal Guards, and Public Security Departments attended the event and shared the difficulties faced in their daily work regarding refugees and migrants.
- In Boa Vista, Pacaraima and Manaus, R4V Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-sector partners marked International Women’s Day with several activities in Operation Welcome facilities and shelters. The activities included the promotion of women’s empowerment communications messages, workshops on identifying forms of GBV and information sessions on the support network for GBV survivors, menstrual poverty and economic autonomy.



### Shelter/Food Security

- In Boa Vista, R4V partners continued the implementation of an updated shelter strategy, improving reception conditions while also allowing for more efficient and cost-effective management. The merge of three shelters – Rondon 1, 2 and 4 – into a single accommodation space was concluded, reaching a total capacity of 2,691 people. Also, the former

Rondon 3 shelter was renovated and renamed “Waraotuma a Tuaranoko” (“resting place” in the Warao language), with the capacity to host 1,540 indigenous refugees and migrants.

- R4V Shelter partners launched a “shelter exit strategy” for indigenous refugees and migrants, recently renamed Narunoko (meaning “path” in Warao) that aims to support up to 30 indigenous families who want to leave emergency shelters and boost their self-reliance and autonomy. To inform shelter residents about the initiative and the criteria to participate, R4V Partners conducted information sessions in Jardim Floresta, Pintolândia and Tuaranoko shelters with the participation of representatives from the indigenous communities.



### WASH

- R4V partners supported Operation Welcome in WASH interventions at the Tuaranoko shelter, including the construction of bathrooms, baby changing stations and an adapted toilet for children. The changes also included the remodeling of the water supply system, new sewage pipelines and an improved treatment system with septic tanks and biological filters.
- In Boa Vista, R4V partners distributed over 800 personal hygiene kits to refugees and migrants from Venezuela who had recently arrived at the Reception and Support Center at Boa Vista’s Bus Station. These deliveries took place after the nightly food distribution. The individual kits contained essential hygiene items, such as soap bars and toothbrushes. For girls and women, packs of sanitary pads were also distributed. The facility offers overnight shelter, food and hygiene services for the refugee and migrant population who are not housed in official shelters.
- R4V WASH partners and the Zoonoses Center of Boa Vista visited Operation Welcome shelters and conducted an active search for suspected cases of malaria and other mosquito-transmitted diseases. This joint effort also resulted in health education sessions for the shelter residents.

## R4V Brazil Platform Partners

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	CBI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
199	786	13,061	3,365	3,695	1,824	100	20,918	4,447	10,667

\* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in March 2022.

\*\* New Beneficiaries consolidated as of March 2022.