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UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi visits Brazil

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, spent four-days visiting Brasília, Boa Vista and Manaus from 15 to 19 August delivering an urgent appeal for increased international engagement, including by financial institutions and development actors, in the communities hosting Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

“The solidarity of the people of Brazil with Venezuelan refugees and migrants has been exemplary. But the impact on the host communities in

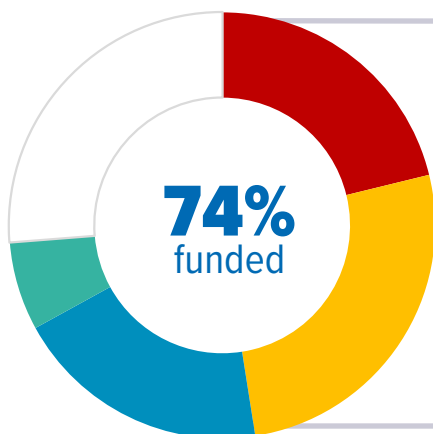
states such as Roraima and Amazonas, has been overwhelming,” said Grandi.

“I am hugely impressed by Operação Acolhida and the relocation programme as examples of an efficient, coordinated, humane and innovative response to address humanitarian needs and promote solutions for Venezuelans,” said Grandi. “However, many challenges remain due to the growing number of arrivals. In my visits, important issues were raised regarding the situation of the indigenous

Venezuelan population, the dire conditions of many Venezuelans living outside official shelters and the impact on local infrastructure and services. Urgent action is required by the federal and local governments, with the support of civil society and the UN system, to address health, education, livelihoods and other critical needs.”

Grandi’s appeal is in line with the Global Compact on Refugees which calls for greater support to refugees and the communities that host them, often among the poorest in the world, and also aims to help refugees become more self-reliant so that they can contribute to their own future and to that of the host community.

During his visit to Brazil, Grandi also met with representatives of the Brazilian government who ensured the continuation of Operação Acolhida.



UNHCR Brazil Funding Update

3 SEPTEMBER

\$26.5 million

UNHCR’s financial requirements 2019

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

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Diploma revalidation task force

During a 3-day event held in São Paulo, 70 asylum seekers took a fundamental step towards socioeconomic integration by initiating the diploma revalidation process through partner Compassiva. In total, two-thirds of those attended were Venezuelans. Since 2016, this partnership supports

refugees with higher education to have their diplomas validated in Brazil. As of August 2019, 34 diplomas were recognized, and another 147 revalidation requests are being processed.

Read more at bit.ly/2ZwOz7H



Launch of Guidance Note for Municipalities on the Reception of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants

On 8 August, UNHCR launched a Guidance Note with the Ministry of Citizenship to support the reception of Venezuelans in the states of Roraima, Amazonas, Pará, Ceará, Maranhão and Piauí. This Note provides guidelines to support municipalities to receive spontaneous arrivals, including specific approaches for the indigenous population. With guidelines on strategic planning and emergency response, the material addresses issues such as access to documentation, shelter, social assistance, education and health, promoting the use of public services as a tool to protect refugees.

Read the guidance note: bit.ly/2kqgBS1

HIGHLIGHTS

400 Venezuelans will benefit from professional courses launched this month offered by the Amazonas Center of Technological Education (CETAM) in partnership with the Jesuit Service for Migrants and Refugees and the Reference Centre for Refugees and Migrants (CARE) in Manaus.

UNHCR and the Brazilian government carried out a **mission to Canada** to learn best practices in resettlement, community sponsorship and local integration.

The inaugural lecture of CIEDS entrepreneurship training in Boa Vista for Venezuelans and Brazilians kick-started the programme that will benefit around 250 people.

UNHCR joined efforts with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Tent Foundation and the UN Global Compact during an event in Sao Paulo with 60 companies **to promote private sector employment.**



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Refugee and Migrant Football Cup 2019

In August, the first regional rounds of the championship of the Refugee and Migrant Football Cup were held. In Brasilia, on 10 August, more than 160 refugee and migrant players on eight different teams competed, with the team from Guinea taking home a victory. On 18 August, a total of

12 teams faced off in Porto Alegre, composed of refugees and migrants from Angola, Chile, Colombia, Lebanon, Palestine, Guinea-Conakri, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal and Venezuela. This time, Lebanon prevailed with hundreds of fans cheering on from the stands in a show of solidarity.



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Arigatou, Japan!

UNHCR received a very generous contribution from the Japanese Government to support the emergency response in Brazil in a joint project with UNICEF, PAHO and IOM. The total amount of 3.6

million dollars will help the agencies provide protection, registration, documentation and assistance to vulnerable Venezuelans and host communities in the border region during a whole year! Thanks, Japan!



UNHCR Mobilizing Committee visits Roraima

Roberto Teixeira, Antony Chedid and Isabella Prata, attended a field mission to the shelters and reference centres in Boa Vista and Pacaraima to understand the magnitude of the crisis and the complexity of the Brazilian operation and to talk with the beneficiaries of UNHCR's response. This will enable them to convey the operational and financial needs of the organization at future meetings and fundraising events.

But what is the Mobilizing Committee?

The **UNHCR Mobilizing Committee** is made up of a select group of philanthropists, business people, and personalities sensitive to the cause of refugees. This group helps UNHCR mobilize Brazilian society through its influence, effectively contributing to fundraising for UNHCR programmes.

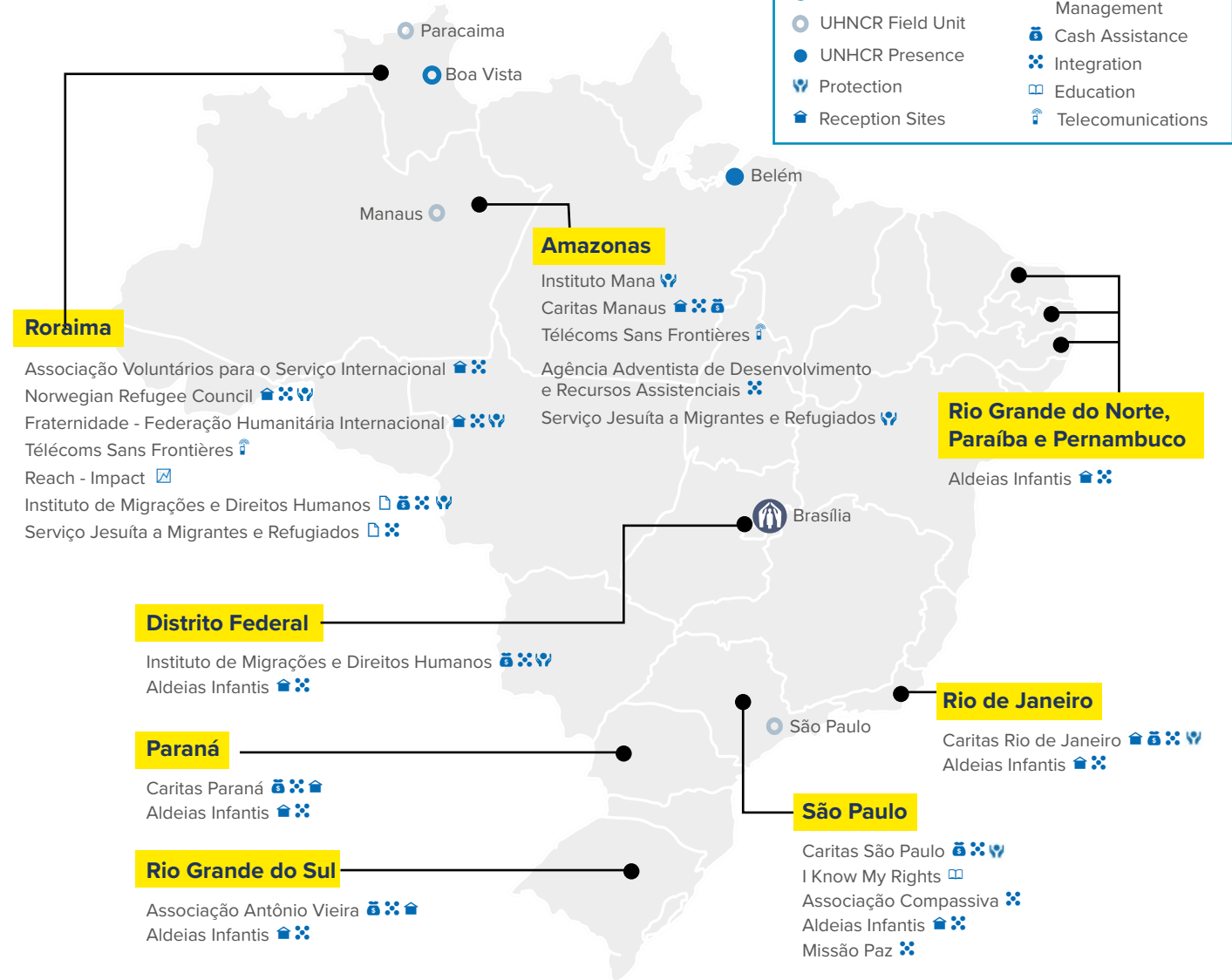
Health Task Force at the Bus Station in Manaus

UNHCR, in partnership with UNICEF, IOM, the State and Municipal Health Secretaries (SUSAM and SEMSA), the Secretary of Justice, the Human Rights and Citizenship Secretary of the State of Amazonas (SEJUSC) and the Amazonian Pediatric Society carried out a health task force for the Venezuelan population living in street-like conditions around the Bus Station.

The following services were delivered:

162	Medical consultations
40	Tests
212	Vaccines
	delivered for adults, children and adolescents
	134
	Dispensed medicines

Brazil Operation: UNHCR and Partners



Key Figures

Emergency Shelter Population	6,576
Total registration in proGres V4	88,574
Venezuelans received in relocation shelters	2,684

Non-food items delivered in 2019:

4,232 packages of diapers	10,585 hygiene kits
80 packages of baby wipes	784 kitchen sets
2,595 cleaning kits	2,943 mattresses
765 blankets	512 tarpulins

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