

2019 Year-End report

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Operation: Brazil

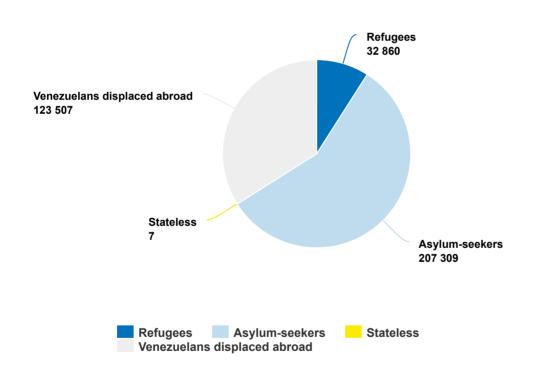


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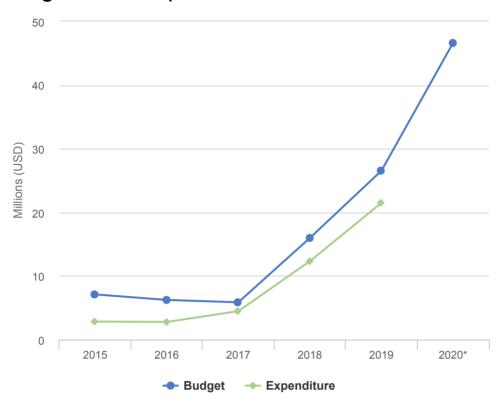
People of Concern

78% 2019

2019	363,683
2018	203,790
2017	148,645



Budgets and Expenditure for Brazil



Operational context

In 2019, UNHCR supported the Government's emergency response and co-led the regional interagency coordination platform for refugees and migrants from Venezuela (R4V) to address the humanitarian crisis caused by the large number of arrivals. The operation also continued its activities in search of protection and solutions for people of concern to UNHCR of other nationalities.

An average of more than 500 people arrived per day in the border region of Roraima, most of whom were in desperate conditions and in urgent need of protection, food, shelter and health care. The exceptional pressure on local public services led to increased tensions with host communities.

Many people of concern to UNHCR had limited livelihood opportunities and resorted to living on the streets. The effects of displacement were also heightened for certain profiles, such as unaccompanied and separated children, SGBV survivors, victims of human trafficking, LGBTI people at risk, people with medical conditions and the elderly. The increased arrival of indigenous people in northern states required culturally appropriate responses, including sleeping arrangements and information in relevant languages. Though many Venezuelans benefited from access to social programmes, access to specialized health services remained challenging.

Population trends

The number of Venezuelans arriving in Brazil continued to increase, reaching a total of some 253,000 by November 2019. Venezuelans remained the largest asylum-seeking population in Brazil, while over 120,000 Venezuelans held temporary residence permits. In December 2019, the National Refugee Commission (CONARE) recognized some 20,500 Venezuelans as refugees on an individual prima facie basis, bringing the total number of Venezuelans recognized as refugees to more than 32,300.

According to government figures, 219,000 asylum claims were pending by November 2019. The main nationalities were Venezuelan (130,000), Haitian (26,900), Cuban (9,800), Senegalese (6,000) and Bangladeshi (5,100).

Achievements

- The first-ever State-funded resettlement programme was launched, benefitting some 25 refugees.
- UNHCR supported the functioning of 20 temporary shelters managed by civil society across Brazil.
- Socio-economic and labour market assessments were concluded in order to better target UNHCR programmes and advocacy on livelihoods.
- UNHCR coordinated the working group on protection of non-admitted foreigners at South America's largest international airport, Guarulhos Airport, as well as at Rio's Galeão Airport, making sure that anyone detained had access to asylum procedures.
- At Rio's Galeão Airport, UNHCR's advocacy resulted in the establishment of a "care post", providing a safe and dignified space and support for those seeking access to asylum.
- Following advocacy by UNHCR, CONARE applied the Cartagena Declaration's extended refugee definition, as well as prima facie recognition procedures, for Venezuelan cases.

Unmet needs

- The distribution of people of concern across a country as large as Brazil presented serious challenges in reaching the most vulnerable. UNHCR prioritized the most vulnerable in areas where the highest concentration of people of concern were located.
- Due to limited funding, the operation was only able to provide complementary support to fill gaps in emergency shelter in Roraima and was unable to address shelter needs more comprehensively including in other locations.
- The implementation of SGBV prevention mechanisms, development of community-based protection initiatives, tailored responses for indigenous people and implementation of a comprehensive response

for unaccompanied children were hindered by budget constraints.

2019 Expenditure for Brazil | USD

The following table presents the final budget and funds available by pillar and the final expenditure at the objective-level, as reported at year-end.

		Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Final Budget		26,540,616	26,540,61
Income from contributions*		18,555,315	18,555,31
Other funds available / transfers		4,171,657	4,171,65
Total funds avai	lable	22,726,972	22,726,97
Expenditure by Objective			
Favourable Protection Environment			
Legal remedies and legal assistance		654,233	654,23
Access to territory		93,805	93,80
Public attitudes towards persons of concern		1,006,165	1,006,16
Sut	total	1,754,202	1,754,20
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation			
Reception conditions		341,842	341,842
Registration and profiling		1,616,312	1,616,31
Status determination		672,425	672,42
Individual documentation		273,394	273,39
Sut	total	2,903,974	2,903,97
Security from Violence and Exploitation			
SGBV prevention and response		342,286	342,28
Child protection		236,269	236,26
Suk	total	578,555	578,55
Basic Needs and Essential Services			
Shelter and infrastructure		4,578,076	4,578,07
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items		1,965,917	1,965,91
Services for persons with specific needs		702,189	702,18
Suk	total	7,246,181	7,246,18
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance			
Co-existence with local communities		689,343	689,34
Self-reliance and livelihoods		1,158,224	1,158,22
Sub	total	1,847,567	1,847,56
Durable Solutions			
Integration		2,296,298	2,296,29
Resettlement		314,513	314,51
Suk	total	2,610,811	2,610,81

		Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Coordination and partnerships		2,914,990	2,914,990
	Subtotal	2,914,990	2,914,990
Logistics and Operations Support			
Supply chain and logistics		461,385	461,385
Operations management, coordination and support		1,178,149	1,178,149
	Subtotal	1,639,534	1,639,534
2019 Expenditure Total		21,495,813	21,495,813

^{*}Income from contributions includes indirect support costs that are recovered from contributions to Pillars 3 and 4, supplementary budgets and the "New or additional activities – mandate-related" (NAM) Reserve. Contributions towards all pillars are included under Pillar 1.