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# Operational Report - Roraima

## OCTOBER/ DECEMBER 2020

Pricumã shelter arose from the need to improve structures for people with disabilities (PwD) or who have a serious illness. Its location is strategic because it is close to UBS (Basic Health Unit) and APC (Protection and Care Area).

The shelter has structures to guarantee the mobility and autonomy of sheltered people with disabilities, such as an access ramp for the RHUs (Housing Units for Refugees) and common areas, such as adapted bathrooms and laundries, installation of shady platforms to minimize the heat inside the RHUs.



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### Registration

Number of refugees and migrants **registered** by UNHCR

OCT-DEC (2020)

**3,375** people

SINCE MARCH (2018)

**146,272** people

### Documentation

Number of people **received support** from UNHCR in the documentation process

**3,327** people

Number of people **recognized as refugees** by the Brazilian government

OCT-  
DEC  
(2020)

**782** people

### Sheltering

Number of refugees and migrants **sheltered** in Roraima

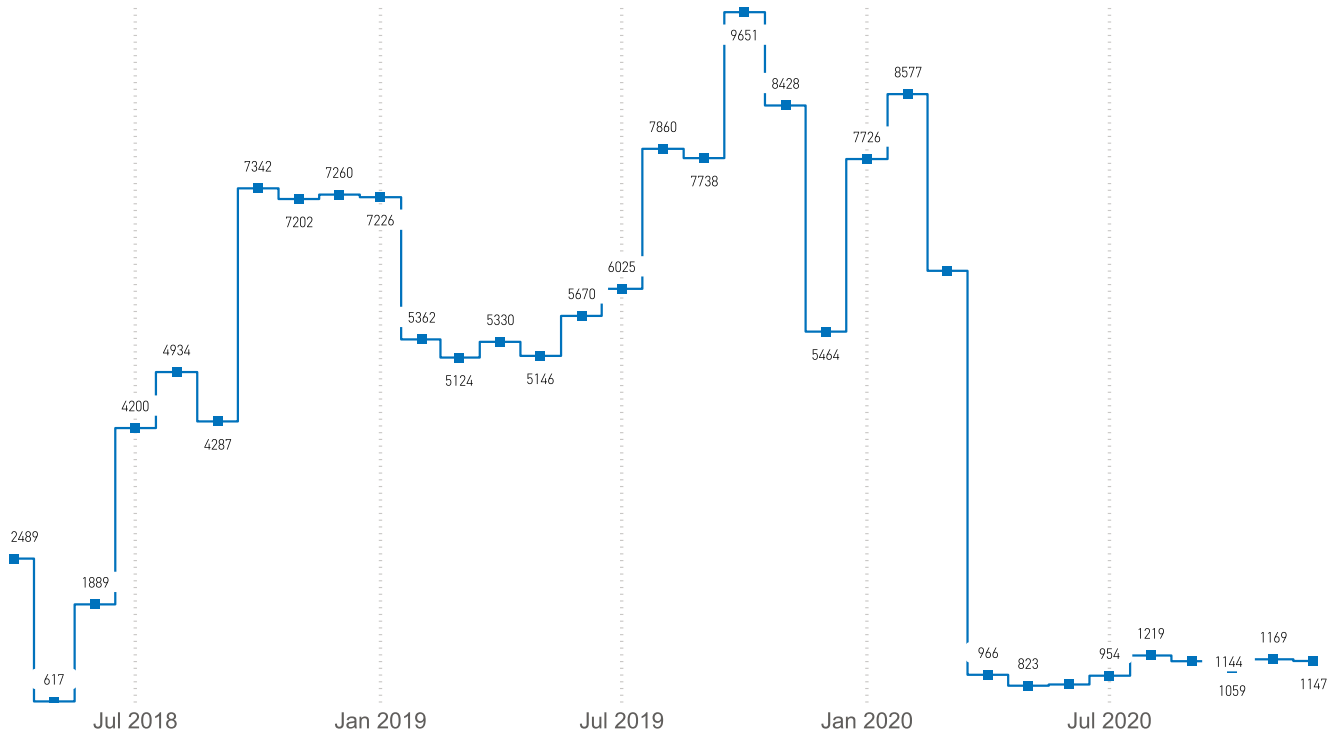
SINCE MARCH (2018)

**26,909** people

For more detailed information about the profile of the population sheltered, please go to

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## Population registered by month



This graph shows the number of new monthly refugee and migrant records added to the ProGres V4 system considering a historical perspective, beginning in 2018.



## Operational Context

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### Promote access to and provide protection:

Based on the national legal framework for international and temporary protection and in compliance with the principle of non-refoulement, UNHCR promotes protection-sensitive border management and access to asylum procedures for refugees and asylum-seekers, including by improving access to information and legal assistance.

### Working with partners:

Under our protection mandate, UNHCR's role in Roraima includes, among others, management of shelters, delivery of NFIs, initiatives for local integration and livelihoods and relocation to other states (Interiorization). In this context, Associação Voluntários para o Serviço Internacional (AVSI), Federação Humanitária Internacional (FFHI), Serviço Jesuíta a Migrantes e Refugiados (SJMR), Fraternidade sem Fronteiras (FSF), and Associação Internacional Canarinhos da Amazônia Embaixadores da Paz (AICAEP) have been key partners for the delivery of the protection activities and humanitarian assistance to the refugees and migrants in the state of Roraima.

# Main Activities

## PROGRAMME:

UNHCR organized an all-day MFT planning session with partners that implement projects with UNHCR in Roraima. Partners presented their key achievements and challenges of 2020 and provided direct inputs to draft the PPAs for 2021 with all units from SOBV.

## REGISTRATION:

Implementing partners are being trained on progress v4 to monitor and update information on people of concern, besides, using as a case and shelter management tool.

On 19 November Brazil became the first country in Americas to implement the use of the Global Distribution Tool during the delivery of NFIs in shelters in Roraima. To ensure the smooth implementation of the GDT, UNHCR is providing collection/update of biometrics in the Operação Acolhida shelters.

## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT:

UNHCR and Associação Voluntários para o Serviço Internacional – AVSI, and Força Tarefa Logística e Humanitária – FT, the opening of Pricumã shelter, being the first one with accessibility for wheelchair users, to allocate persons with specific needs related to health and living with disabilities.

UNHCR and IOM developed the Training of Trainers (ToT) in Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM), with the support of the global CCCM Cluster and the R4V coordination platform. This training was attended by 20 humanitarian field professionals from UNHCR, AVSI, IOM, FFHI and FSF. We now have 39 CCCM Trainers in Roraima.

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## NON-FOOD ITEMS:

Within the partnership with UNILEVER, UNHCR donated about 18,144 units of soap to refugees and migrants in shelters in Boa Vista. UNHCR also supported the delivery of 2,484 units of soaps to the secretary of labour and social Welfare (SETRABES), 7,992 to the Secretary of Justice, 4,968 to the Secretary of Health and 29,700 to the Public Department of Social Assistance.

UNHCR donated 1425 units of hand sanitizers to Casa da Mulher Brasileira. This donation will provide CMB enough material to support the SGBV prevention kits in the next state's campaigns regarding the prevention of SGBV during COVID-19 response.

UNHCR co-lead the meeting on coordination of distribution in Operação Acolhida. The aim of the meeting is to ensure overall coordination between distribution agencies with the participation of organizations involved in the distribution of food and non-food items in shelters, spontaneous settlements and other spaces in the state of Roraima. The meeting was attended by UNHCR, OIM, Cáritas, Comitê Internacional da Cruz Vermelha (CICV) and Médicos sem Fronteiras (MSF).”

## INTERIORIZATION:

UNHCR supported the fitness for travel process (FFT) for 2788 Venezuelans in Rondon 2 site and PITRIG from all modalities of the Interiorization strategy.

For the first time in Operação Acolhida, a group of elderly refugees and migrants with specific needs were able to be relocated to the city of Nova Iguaçu, Rio de Janeiro.



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10 families (37 persons) headed by women, hired by companies engaged with the Empoderando Refugiadas project, were relocated to Rio de Janeiro and Santa Catarina.



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## PROTECTION:

UNHCR and *Associação de Trans e Travestis do Estado de Roraima* (ATERR) worked in the identification of LGBTI+ people in situation of vulnerability among the city of Boa Vista and other municipalities.

UNHCR conducted two online trainings, one on-line session on Protection Fundamentals to partners FFHI (Fraternidade - Federação Humanitária Internacional), FSF (Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras) and AVSI (Associação Voluntários para o Serviço Internacional). The session covered topics such as UNHCR Mandate, International Protection, Coordination, Protection and Humanitarian Principles. Furthermore, UNHCR conducted an on-line training session on Introduction to Community-based Protection covering concepts, tools and best practices.”

12,833 persons of concern (4,454 are in shelters and 8,379 outside shelters (6,424 Venezuelans, 1,794 host community, 146 Haitians and 15 Colombians) were benefitted with communication material, raising awareness on host communities, humanitarian staff, and suicide prevention among refugees and migrants.

UNHCR in coordination with UNFPA and Coordenação Estadual de Políticas para as Mulheres de Roraima (CEPMRR), conducted two training sessions regarding Maria da Penha Law and assistance to women survivors of domestic violence. These two sessions took place in Pacaraima and Boa Vista and reached 186 key actors in the prevention and response to SGBV – including military police, civil police, fire department, social assistance and social care network, judiciary, public defender office, health workers and secretary of education. These two sessions also aimed to reach other municipalities apart from the Boa Vista and Pacaraima regions, such as key actors from Iracema, Bonfim, Uitamutã, Normandia, São Felix and Amajari. This was the last capacity-building sessions from a cycle of 4 that covered all the state of Roraima. UNHCR and UNFPA represented the interests of UN in the promotion of gender equality regarding men and women, the UN compromise to eradicate the violence against women and promote public policies in for the protection of women, boys and girls at risk of SGBV.”

As part of the community-based protection intervention, in partnership with AVSI, UNHCR is developing a project for adolescents, focus on using sports for promoting a culture of peace and values such as self-esteem, discipline, respect and non-violent communication. For the launch of the project and engagement of the adolescents, uniforms donated by soccer team Santos were distributed to 22 boys and girls engaged in the project.”

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**“Collecting Myths”** A project that provides information about menstrual hygiene and sexual and reproductive health and gender equality by introducing topic related to female empowerment, sorority and body autonomy. Organizations such as *Serviço Jesuíta a Migrantes e Refugiados*, *Associação Voluntários do Serviço Internacional*, *Federação - Fraternalidade Humanitária Internacional*, *Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras*, *Pirilampas*, refugees and migrants participated.

As part of the agenda for the 16 Days of Activism against SGBV, UNHCR participated in the opening of the event *Roda de Conversa De Homem para Homem “Violência contra a Mulher: Consequências para a saúde mental e psicológica da vítima”* held by Defensoria do Estado de Roraima for a discussion with public servants’ members of DPE, in an activity of mobilization of men for tackling violence perpetrated against women. UNHCR reinforced the dynamics of Gender and Power in relation to SGBV, as well as emphasized how women, girls, and transgender women are the most affected by gender-based violence, mainly in situations of crisis.”

UNHCR with the support of *Serviço Jesuíta a Migrantes e Refugiados*, *Fraternidade sem Fronteiras*, *Federação - Fraternalidade Humanitária Internacional*, *Associação Voluntária do Serviço Internacional*, *Pirilampas*, UNICEF and *SESI Escola*, launched the **Participatory Assessment**. Group discussions were conducted with about 397 persons of concern (of which 214 are women and girls). 145 people living in shelters, 92 persons renting and 11 leaderships of micro-spontaneous settlements, 77 are indigenous persons from shelter, 50 are indigenous persons from spontaneous settlement and finally 20 are non-indigenous persons in street situation. In Pacaraima, it covered the *Tarau Paru* community, home to indigenous Pemon ethnicity and the Warao community in Janokoida shelter.



## DURABLE SOLUTIONS:



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Graduation of two classes of the professional course of the *Empoderando Refugiadas* Project in October and interiorization of more than 20 families led by women, including PwD, all being hired by national companies.

Graduation of professional courses at SENAC for refugees and migrants living in Fraternidade – Federação Humanitária Internacional’s shelters.



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Workshop with Fecomércio aiming to sensitize 8 local companies about hiring refugees and migrants.

Opening of the first Warao’s and E’ñepá’s craft store of people living in Pintolândia shelter.

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## INDIGENOUS

UNHCR accompanied the presentation of the results from the consultation of the indigenous community of Ka’Uubanoko. The group of Waraos, Kariña and E’ñepas invited all relevant stakeholders helping in the site including FT Log Hum, Federal Public Ministry, Caritas, SIMI, IOM, SJMR, MSF and Pastoral Universitaria and a high participation of the involved community and local news media. The indigenous population presented their desire

to reside in the location and requested other type of supports different than shelter. Their main interest is to have opportunities for livelihood and access to semi-rural lands.



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- UNHCR in partnership with FFHI, and Insikiram Institute launched the first leadership school for indigenous population “Círculos Makunaimi de Diálogos Indígenas Refugiados e Migrantes” to enhance indigenous representation, community participation and engagement in advocacy for solutions of 14 indigenous persons Pintolândia shelter, Ka’Ubanoco in Boa Vista and Janokoida in Pacaraima, shelter participated in the first meeting with UNHCR, for the presentation of the leadership school and the themes that will be worked on. The official opening ceremony took place on 08 December, with the participation of representatives of UNHCR, Instituto Insikiran, FFHI, indigenous leadership, Ministério da Cidadania, Ministério da Mulher, Família e Direitos Humanos, UN Agencies and civil society organizations.
- UNHCR received a delegation of Indigenous languages E’ñepá and Warao translator, working under Fraternidade Internacional, at the Boa Vista Screening Center. UNHCR presented the Center and the services available there to the translations so they could better explain it to the residents of the Indigenous UNHCR-sponsored shelter Pintolândia. The translators also made themselves available for accompanying E’ñepá and Warao-speakers and provide E’ñepá-Spanish and Warao-Spanish translations to asylum seekers.



## ASSISTANCE:

456 families received CBI assistance during October and November.

30 families supported by AVSI and SJMR, received UNHCR’s CBI to rent and 4 training modules (home budget, local health and assistance network, knowing Boa Vista, urban coexistence).

## PINK OCTOBER IN PACARAIMA

Celebrating the Pink October, AVSI field staff in BV8 shelter, carried out a day of conversation circles, integrative spaces and other actions to promote women's health and prevent cancer. The activity called "The touch", 10 women performed some exercises and techniques together and individually, that aimed to understand the importance and the correct way of doing self-examination. Self-esteem and empowerment were also addressed in the action.

## PACARAIMA TRAINING AND REFERENCE CENTER

The Pacaraima's Training and Reference Center was designed and built in partnership between UNHCR and the Pastoral do Migrante for the benefit of its population, refugees and migrants. The center enrolled 441 people in professional training courses among other activities.

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