

Livelihoods & Interiorization

REPORT *September and October 2021*



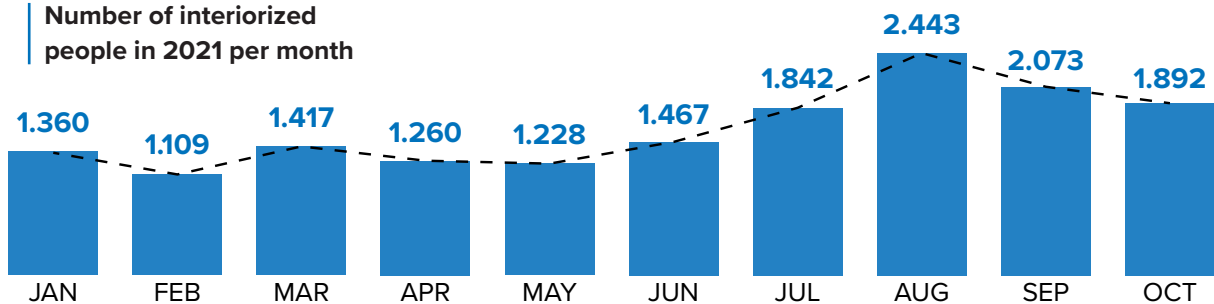
Interiorization

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62.680 Venezuelan refugees and migrants were interiorized since April 2018

Number of interiorized people in 2021 per month



INTERIORIZATION DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ In the past two months, out of the **3,965** people who were interiorized, **2,741** (69%) were relocated to the South of Brazil. Santa Catarina (1,427 - 35%), Rio Grande do Sul (867 - 21%) and Paraná (447 - 11%) were the states that received most Venezuelans.
- ★ **436** Venezuelans benefited from the Employment-based modality, which represented 11% of the total number of people relocated in the last two months. Of this total, 31% were women and 69% men, evidencing the need to boost jobs for women in this modality.
- ★ **27%** of the people benefiting from the Interiorization strategy had at least one specific protection need, an increase of 2% compared to the last two months. Of this total, the most frequently registered cases were for legal and physical protection needs, children and women at risk.



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INTERIORIZATION STORIES

Michell Lorena crossed the Brazilian border in December 2019, where he was received and spent ten months at the emergency shelters in Boa Vista (RR). In July 2020, when relocated through the Institutional modality, he arrived at the Reception and Integration Center in Porto Alegre (RS), managed by Aldeias Infantis in partnership with UNHCR. In the city, he received support for social integration, especially in accessing services of the organizations oriented to the LGBTQIA+ public. Although the COVID-19 pandemic hampered exit strategies from the reception and integration centers and lengthened the time of stay, Michell received a job offer through the support of reception center jointly with ADRA and now he lives in Nonoai (RS) where he works for a local company.



"I'm happy, I work a lot and I have a boyfriend, Brazil is very good and I feel very enriched"

Michell Lorena, relocated Venezuelan refugee through Institutional Modality



Inauguration of the new Rondon 5 Interiorization Center

On 29 September, the new Rondon 5 Interiorization Center was inaugurated, replacing Rondon 2. The new shelter has the capacity for **1,000** people and operates through two streams: 600 places for people who will be interiorized via the Institutional modality and 400 for the other modalities. Since the opening of Rondon 5, **1,486** people were received.

✈ Institutional Modality of Interiorization

People benefiting from the Institutional Modality

Since April 2018 **12.397** | In September and October 2021 **343**

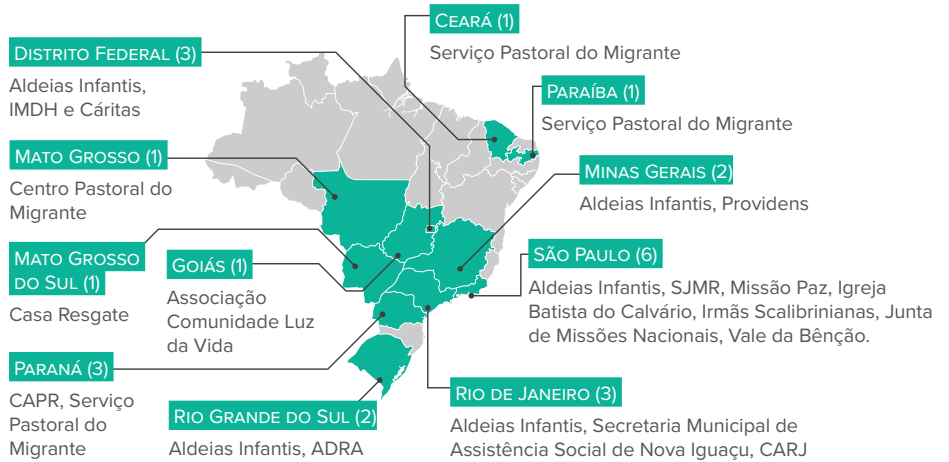
People who were received and supported in reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR

Since April 2018 **5.247** | In September and October 2021 **239**

Learn more about the Institutional modality [here](#).

UNHCR supports **23 RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION CENTERS** with **879 vacancies**

Since April 2018 more than **50 centers** offering **1.900 places** have been supported



🏢 Employment-based Modality of Interiorization



Graduation ceremony for the Empowering Refugee Women project

On 28 September, it took place the graduation ceremony for **37** women participating in classes 3 and 4 of the 6th Edition of Empowering Refugee Women, a UNHCR employability project in partnership with the Global Compact Network Brazil and with the support of UN Women. Among the trainees, **19** are women with disabilities, chronic illnesses or caregivers of people with disabilities. The ceremony was attended by the Municipal Secretary of Human Rights and Citizenship of the city of São Paulo, Claudia Carletto, the Coordinator of Policies for Migrants and Promotion of Decent Work of São Paulo, Bryan Rodas, and the Coordinator of the Federal Subcommittee on Interiorization, Niusarete Lima, as well as representatives

of the Humanitarian-Logistical Task Force, SENAC/RR and Lojas Renner, one of the companies supporting the project. This edition of Empowering Refugee Women also has the support of Facebook, Sodexo, Uber, Unidas and Iguatemi.

In the 6th edition, **70** women completed the training course and **22** women were hired through the project, benefitting their families too. In total, **39** people were interiorized by October 2021.



EMPRESAS COM REFUGIADOS Companies with Refugees Platform

18 employers contacted the Humanitarian-Logistical Task Force through the Companies with Refugees Platform, from where they indicated **90** job opportunities in July and August. Since September 2020, **159** employers have already contacted Operation Welcome offering **268** vacancies.

For more information, access the platform at empresascomrefugiados.com.br

Activity to support Interiorization in Roraima



1.404 people were sheltered at Rondon 2 and Rondon 5 in Boa Vista for interiorization purposes, **13,564** since September 2018.



430 people sheltered at BV-8 in Pacaraima, **5,270** since September 2018.



79 people completed vocational courses at the Training and Reference Center in Pacaraima, totaling **418** people who completed them since November 2020.



353 backpacks containing hygiene kits, instructional guides on work and financial insertion and blankets and **133** travel bags were distributed at Rondon 5.

Support in the transit process in Manaus



1.422 people were supported in the Manaus Transit Shelter (ATM) for Interiorization purposes, **17,029** people supported since July 2019.



530 hygiene and cleaning kits, bags and specific COVID-19 prevention items donated, **23,626** distributed since 2020, in partnership with Fraternidade - Federação Humanitária Internacional (FFHI).

Financial Assistance (Cash Based Intervention - CBI) for Interiorization

In September and October 2021

268 INSTALLMENTS

were provided (BRL 306.054)

736 people

from 217 families benefited 173 (80%) ♀
in the Institutional and Employment-based modalities. headed by women

Since 2019

3.602 INSTALLMENTS

were provided (BRL 3.270.425)

4.549 people

from 1.603 families benefited 1.091 (73,5%) ♀
in the Institutional and Employment-based modalities. headed by women



Livelihoods



In October 2021, teams from the Livelihoods & Interiorization Units nationwide came together to discuss 2022 planning. At the time, next year's objectives, strategies and expected results in the area of socioeconomic integration of refugees and migrants were analyzed.



Employability



COMPANIES WITH REFUGEES FORUM

ON SEPTEMBER 28 The Forum promoted the first online training on hiring refugees, open to member companies. The training was supported by the Tent Partnership for Refugees and Foxtime. About 50 people participated in the training.

ON OCTOBER 22 The Forum promoted the online session *Let's Talk? Afghanistan: The Humanitarian Situation and Actions of Companies*. UNHCR provided an overview of the Afghan crisis and how companies can make donations. Tent also presented an initiative of engaged companies in the United States. About 60 people participated. The recording of the session can be found [here](#).

ON 28 OCTOBER UNHCR held an online meeting with organizations in the city of Fortaleza, in the state of Ceará, to raise awareness on refugee and migrant employability among the local private sector. The event was attended by local companies, civil society and the government of the state of Ceará, and two local companies had the opportunity to share their experiences and good practices in hiring refugees and migrants.

New Partnerships to Promote the Employability of Refugees and Migrants

- ★ In October, UNHCR signed a cooperation agreement with ASSERTTEM (Brazilian Association of Temporary Work). The main objective of the agreement is to promote knowledge sharing about access of refugees and asylum seekers to temporary work opportunities, as well as to produce information products on this topic. [Find here](#) the Technical Note from the Ministry of the Economy on hiring for temporary vacancies
- ★ In October, UNHCR signed a cooperation agreement with the human resources company MANPOWERGROUP Brasil. The agreement aims to promote employment and income generating opportunities for refugees and migrants and provide training to NGOs that support employment for these people. MANPOWERGROUP is a mobilizing company of the Companies with Refugees Forum.

Workshop on rights and employability of refugees for the power company Companhia Paranaense de Energia (Copel):

On 28 September, UNHCR and Cáritas Regional do Paraná held a training course for Copel employees on refugee rights and access to the labor market. On the occasion, Copel also launched informative booklets about its services with translations into 5 languages (Portuguese, Spanish, English, French and Haitian Creole), with a focus on refugees and migrants. The booklets can be accessed [here](#).

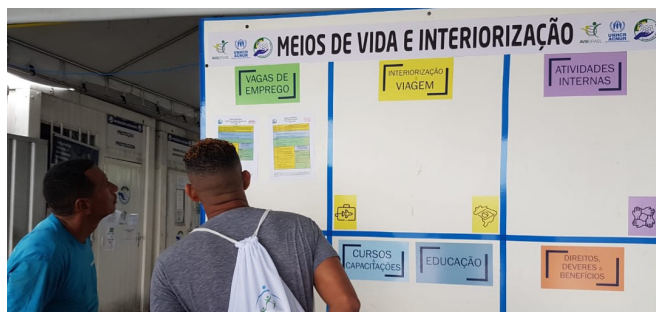


Hiring Venezuelans in Manaus

Eighty-five Venezuelan refugees and migrants were hired in formal job vacancies in September and October with the support of the ADRA Refugee and Migrant Support and Referral Center and the NGO Hermanitos, in partnership with UNHCR, as a result of the referrals of Venezuelan candidates to job vacancies made available by companies in Manaus.

Community Radio "La Voz de los Refugiados" and Livelihoods

The community radio "La Voz de los Refugiados, an initiative in Rondon 3 shelter and whose programs are broadcasted in other shelters managed by AVSI Brasil in partnership with UNHCR, produced and disseminated radio content on livelihoods and interiorization themes. Among the topics covered there are labor exploitation, slave labor and labor law in Brazil, participation in Portuguese language classes and vocational courses, interiorization and employability. The podcasts can be found on the YouTube channel: [RadioLab](#) | [Teaser - YouTube](#)

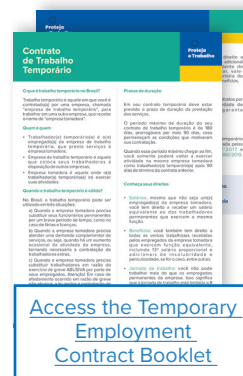


LIVELIHOODS AND INTERIORIZATION MURAL

In the shelters managed by AVSI Brasil in partnership with UNHCR, a **Livelihoods and Interiorization Whiteboard Project** was implemented. The whiteboards were set up with community support in order to improve communication with the sheltered population of refugees and migrants. During the months of September and October, they were installed and distributed in the Rondon 1, Rondon 2, Rondon 3, Rondon 4, Pricumã and São Vicente 1 shelters, bringing information about job vacancies, courses and training, interiorization and travel, partners and services, as well as rights, duties and social benefits.

Temporary Work

On 19 October, the Protect Work Campaign promoted a livestream: [What is a temporary employment contract in Brazil?](#) This campaign is a joint initiative of UNHCR with the Ministry of Labor and Welfare, ILO and IOM. A new leaflet on temporary work has been launched and is available on the website of the campaign. [Check it out here.](#)



Coffee with Entrepreneurs

Through the Green Jobs project, a result of the partnership between UNHCR and SJMR in Boa Vista, a "Coffee with Entrepreneurs" was promoted in the city of Belo Horizonte with the participation of representatives from 17 companies from Minas Gerais. The initiative was aimed at raising awareness in the private sector and prospecting job vacancies for refugees and migrants in companies that work with sustainable economy. In addition to the Coffee with Entrepreneurs in Minas Gerais, within the scope of the Green Jobs project, visits were made to companies in 3 other states (Bahia, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul) to raise awareness and engage the private sector. In the 4 states, 15 green economy companies were visited, resulting in 12 job vacancies made available for Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

Education

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

- ★ Between September and October, 201 refugees and migrants completed professional qualification courses in Manaus with the support of the NGO Hermanitos and ADRA, in partnership with UNHCR. The courses include training in confectionery, barbering, bakery, food handling, IT and inventory, held at the Technological Education Center of Amazonas (CETAM) and partner educational institutions.
- ★ On 15 October, in Boa Vista, 40 refugees and migrants received their certificates for the completed courses on warehouse organization and customer service techniques, both financed by UNHCR and given by SENAC, in partnership with SJMR.
- ★ During the months of September and October, 183 refugees and migrants were enrolled in courses in shelters managed by AVSI Brasil and UNHCR, in partnership with SENAC, SENAI, World Vision and ADRA. Several courses are offered, such as Portuguese, MDF crafts and techniques for waiters and waitresses.
- ★ In partnership with UNHCR, Fraternidade sem Fronteiras (FSP) aimed at encouraging the socioeconomic inclusion of residents of the Emergency Space 13 de Setembro and São Vicente 2 shelters, supporting the preparation of 43 resumes and 54 digital work and social security records, in addition to offering informative sessions on the labor market and local integration for 77 Venezuelan refugees and migrants. FSF also supported the qualification of 69 people in courses on good practices and food handling, MDF crafts, entrepreneurship, Portuguese for foreigners, hotel management skills such as reception, hosting, cleaning and conservation services.

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Preparation of young refugees and migrants for the labor market

The NGO Hermanitos promoted two editions of the Youth Employability Workshop in partnership with UNHCR, bringing information about professional apprenticeship and internship programs and skills needed for the labor market. Eighty-six young Venezuelans participated in the workshops that included lectures on careers and self-marketing, behavioral assessments and guidance for job interviews.

PARTNERSHIP WITH SENAC AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE TEACHING

During the months of September and October, UNHCR offered Portuguese courses in 11 shelters of Operation Welcome, in partnership with SENAC, AVSI, Fraternidade Internacional (FFHI) and FSF. In total, 180 places were offered to the indigenous and non-indigenous population. Learning the Portuguese language is an essential tool for the socioeconomic integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Brazil.

Entrepreneurship

ENTREPRENEURIAL PROMOTION FAIRS FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

ON 29 SEPTEMBER AND 15 OCTOBER The 1st Business Fair of the Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras was held at the Emergency Space 13 de Setembro and São Vicente 2 shelters in Boa Vista. The fair was designed to mark the conclusion of the entrepreneurship course, held in partnership with World Vision and SENAC-RR. In total, 20 sheltered people participated in the activity, 10 in each shelter, including people with disabilities, the elderly and single mothers.

ON 2 OCTOBER Fraternidade - Federação Humanitária Internacional (FFHI) promoted a fair to celebrate Entrepreneurs Day at the Cultural and Indigenous Training Center in Boa Vista. The entrepreneurs who have been supported by the organization presented their products that cover different sectors: handicraft, sewing, carpentry, agroecology, food, footwear, beauty, art education and services.

