

# Semiannual Report of UNHCR activities, Belém



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UNHCR Professionals, Warao indigenous people, IEB and SOS Children's Village pose for a photo at the end of the Warao Indigenous Leadership course.

## TRAINING COURSE ON REFUGEE INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

In November UNHCR promoted the Training Course for Warao Indigenous Leaders, which took place in partnership with the *Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil* - International Institute of Education of Brazil (IEB in the Portuguese acronym) and the Public Defender's Office (DPU in the Portuguese acronym). At the first stage of the course, 25 indigenous persons discussed the normative instruments to protect indigenous refugees,

including historical contextualization about indigenous peoples of Brazil and their processes of territorialization and displacement. In 2022 other meetings will be held to continue strengthening the capacities of Warao leaders, whether they are traditionally constituted, such as the Aidamos, or through the leading role played by women and young people in their communities. These trainings are part of UNHCR's community-based protection and lasting solutions strategy, which supports displaced communities to achieve autonomy in their process of protection and local integration.



## PUBLICATION RELEASE

With the support of the Public Defender's Office (DPU) and the Public Defender's Office of the State of Pará (DPE - PA), the UNHCR has released the Primer on Access to Land and Housing for Refugees and Migrants in Brazil (*Cartilha sobre Acesso à Terra e Moradia para Pessoas Refugiadas e Migrantes no Brasil*) in **Portuguese** and **Spanish**, with information about rights and duties to housing, rent and purchase of property or land, thus, serving one of the main demands of refugee populations, migrants, and indigenous people, in the country.

Ver mais no site: <https://bit.ly/3oNPnTe>

## CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL PROTECTIVE NETWORKS

During the semester UNHCR has promoted training and capacity building courses in order to enhance the local protection network’s knowledge on practical and theoretical framework related to the protection of refugees in the State. In numbers:

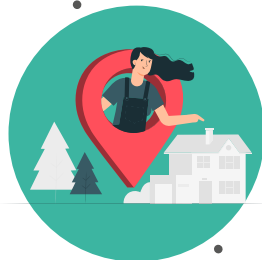
9 trainings were carried out.



Which reached 135 professionals, between Social Workers, Psychologists, Child Protective Agents and Shelter Monitors.



From 3 different municipalities (Belém, Ananindeua, Santarém)



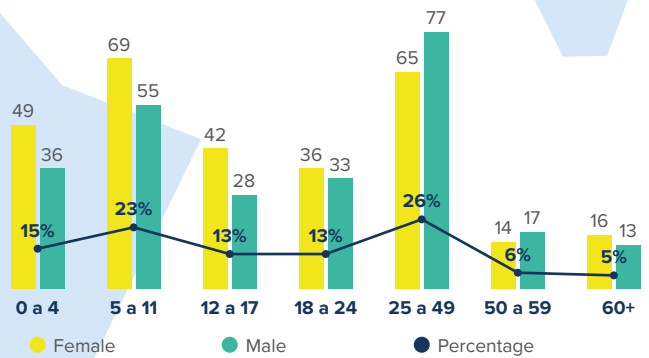
Addressing topics such as management and coordination of emergency shelters, gender-based violence, legal frameworks for the protection of refugees and indigenous people, Warao cosmovision, administrative procedures related to the claim of refugee status and SISCONARE.



In which were involved 5 government institutions of the local protection network: SEJUDH, FUNPAPA, Municipal Secretary of Citizenship, Social Assistance and Work of Ananindeua (SEMCAT in the Portuguese acronym), Municipal secretary of Work and Social Assistance of Santarém (SEMTRAS in the Portuguese acronym), DELEMIG.

### PROFILE OF PEOPLE ASSISTED BY UNHCR IN BELÉM/PA

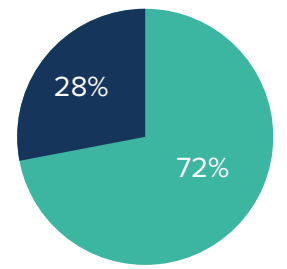
550 indigenous persons of the Warao ethnic group receive some form of assistance from UNHCR in Belém and Ananindeua, in the state



\*Data of 5 people are not included in the chart due to lack of age information.

### Housing types

This population is divided into those who live in the municipal shelter in Belém (*Espaço de Acolhimento do Tapanã*) and those who live in seven private houses in both Belém and Ananindeua.



● 402 Private houses ● 153 Municipal shelter

Data from December 2021

## ACTIVITIES: NOVEMBER

### Business forum on employability of refugees and migrants



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Representatives of UNHCR, MPPA, IEB and attendees pose at the closing event of the Business Forum.

UNHCR, in partnership with IEB and Public Prosecutor's Office of Pará (MPPA in the Portuguese acronym), held a Business Forum on productive inclusion of refugees and migrants, which was attended by representatives of municipal and state public authorities, entrepreneurs, and leaders of the Warao indigenous people. On the occasion, it was also presented the results of a study carried out by IEB on the labor profile of the Warao population residing in Belém and Ananindeua, pointing out the main areas of previous experience of this population and prospects for labor integration in the State of Pará. Access the study here: <https://iieb.org.br/povo-das-aguas-2021/>

Para saber mais acesse o link: <https://bit.ly/3HT3221>

### Launch of the photographic exhibition - "Crossing borders and discovering images: the importance on integration of refugees"



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Passersby contemplate the photo exhibition at Boulevard Shopping Mall in Belém.

The exhibition, launched on November 5 at Boulevard Shopping Mall, was an initiative of UNHCR and MPPA with the purpose of deconstructing myths, combating xenophobia, and promoting the employability of refugees in the state. The Attorney General of Justice César Mattar, the Superintendent of Boulevard Shopping Mall Ricardo Mendes, and the UNHCR head of office in Belém Janaina Galvão were present at the opening of the exhibition, which will be travelling in different municipalities in Pará that host refugees and migrants.

## ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER

### High-level meeting on the international protection of refugees and migrants in the context of air entry points

The meeting organized and held by UNHCR, DPU, Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF in the Portuguese acronym) e a Secretary of Justice and Human Rights (SEJUDH in the Portuguese acronym), took place in the INFRAERO auditorium at Belém International Airport and aimed to raise awareness among airport authorities about the situation of refugees in Brazil, presenting the legal framework related to the protection of refugees and outstanding practices in serving people with international protection needs at Brazilian airports. As a result, a working group was created, with the participation of the Migration Office of the Federal Police (DELEMIG in the Portuguese acronym), to improve the flows of identification, assistance, and referral of foreigners who arrive in Belém through the airport and who have specific protection needs including persons applying for refugee status.

### Strategic planning of the *Espaço de Acolhimento do Tapanã (EA Tapanã) – Tapanã Shelter*

In August and October, as part of its institutional strengthening activities, UNHCR, in partnership with UNICEF, promoted two workshops to support FUNPAPA in the strategic and operational planning of the municipal shelter in Tapanã, which welcomes indigenous Warao refugees and migrants. As a result, an action plan was built together with the shelter team describing the mission, vision, objectives, performance indicators of the shelter and execution deadline, contributing to the management qualification and coordination of the Tapanã shelter.

## Inauguration of the EA Tapanã computer room

UNHCR supported the opening of a computer lab at the EA Tapanã shelter by donating three laptops and a printer. The room benefits the Warao indigenous people welcomed in the space, who can use it for activities related to study or work.



President of FUNPAPA and UNHCR's head of office inaugurate the computer lab together with Warao leaders.

## ACTIVITIES: SEPTEMBER

### Visit by UNHCR shelter specialist

UNHCR shelter specialist Rama Nimri paid a visit to Belém to get to know the Tapanã shelter and offer technical support in structuring the space. As a result, a space revitalization plan was developed and presented to FUNPAPA to ensure a safe and functional hosting space. Based on the expert's recommendations, UNHCR supported improvements in the water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in the space with the donation of containers for garbage collection.

## ACTIVITIES: AUGUST

### 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of advanced posts for international protection at airports

To strengthen the national network of assistance to refugees and migrants who arrive in Brazil by air in search of protection, UNHCR and the Secretariat of Development and Social Assistance of Guarulhos held the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting between Advanced Posts for International Protection at Airports. The Center for Combating Trafficking of Persons (NETP in the Portuguese acronym), the Rio de Janeiro Advanced Post, the Belém do Pará Advanced Post and

the Guarulhos Advanced Post took part. The event facilitated the exchange of good practices in the identification and referral of people seeking international protection in these states, which are among the main gateways for this population to enter Brazil.



UNHCR representative and representatives of the Humanized Posts of Belém, Guarulhos and Rio de Janeiro close the meeting in Guarulhos.

### Signing of a cooperation term between UNHCR and Fundação Papa João Paulo XXIII (FUNPAPA)



UNHCR Represents, mayor of Belém, president of FUNPAPA and UNAMA's dean pose for a photo on the signing of the Cooperation Agreement.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, UNHCR and the *Fundação João Paulo XXIII* (FUNPAPA) consolidated their partnership with the signing of a Technical Cooperation Agreement with the objective of strengthening public mechanisms for social protection and the elaboration of differentiated public policies in favor of refugees and migrants in Belém. The signing event took place with the presence of the Mayor of Belém, Edmilson Rodrigues, the President FUNPAPA, Alfredo Costa, the Deputy Representative of UNHCR in Brazil, Federico Martinez, as well as indigenous Warao leaders.

## PROJECT WITH PARTNERS

### PROJECT ON COMMUNITY BASE PROTECTION – SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

The SOS Children's Villages team worked to strengthen the capacities of the Warao indigenous communities in Belém and Ananindeua, carrying out a documentation effort in September and training cycles for the Warao community and for the local protection network on the Warao cosmovision, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), alcohol abuse, and sexual orientation and gender identity.

### LABOR PROFILE OF INDIGENOUS REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS - INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION OF BRAZIL (IEB)

Within the scope of the project "People of the waters: Work, participation and livelihoods", the IEB mapped the labor profile of the Warao indigenous people of working age living in Belém, and Ananindeua. Individual and collective work plans were also prepared for productive insertion and a diagnosis of the Warao's cultural perspective on work. The development of these products supported the construction of a continuous training program to qualify strategies for job placement and advocacy actions.

## UNHCR SUPPORT IN NUMBERS

- ▶ **300** kitchen kits donated to SEMCAT, FUNPAPA *Missão Belém* – Belém Mission and *Agência Adventista de Desenvolvimento e Recursos Assistenciais (ADRA)* – Adventist Development and Relief Agency.
- ▶ **22** kitchen equipment and household appliances donated to SEMTRAS and FUNPAPA homeless shelters.
- ▶ **10** electronic items, including laptops, printers, mice and keyboards to FUNPAPA.
- ▶ **400** solar lamps donated to IEB for the benefit of extractive communities in Pará in the municipalities of Portel, Breves, São Sebastião de Boa Vista, Oeiras do Pará and Portel.
- ▶ **2** computers, **1** printer and side tables donated to DELEMIG.



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