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# UNCHR, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Justice launched two tools to promote refugee children education

Undoubtedly, education is a proven path to inclusion of children and adolescents and a bridge to the opportunity for a better future. Yet, access to education continues to be a tremendous challenge for young refugees. According to the most recent UNHCR global report on education, 48% of all refugee children remain out of school.

To help raise awareness on this issue, UNHCR and the Government of Brazil launched two education tools as part of the Children's Day, celebrated nationally on 12 October. The "Guide for parents and educators on integrating refugee children and adolescents into schools" and the Portal for Refugee Children Education, which aim at facilitating access to information as to ensure the effective integration of refugees into the Brazilian educational system.

The live event broadcasted on UNHCR's YouTube channel (youtu.be/uG5mDaYZEFg) counted with the participation of UNHCR, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, National Committee for Refugees (CONARE), Civil Society, Universities, and refugees.

The publication is available in Portuguese, English, Spanish, French and Arabic (bit.ly/3D3hu5Z) and will help contributing to shape inclusive education practices for young refugees in Brazil, while the education platform hosts videos and reference materials that would be regularly updated with content of interest to educators and refugees.

Read more at bit.ly/3EyCEtd Platform Education for Refugees **educacaopararefugiados.com.br** 



### Representative goes on mission to Paraná and Espírito Santo

In October, UNHCR Brazil's Representative, José Egas, went on mission to the states of Espírito Santo and Paraná. In Espírito Santo, the visit included meetings with different State Secretariats, the Federal University of Espírito Santo (UFES) which is part of the *Cátedra Sérgio Vieira de Mello* network, the Commission on Human Rights and Citizenship of the Legislative Assembly and the Federal and State Public Defender's Office (DPU/DPE). In Paraná, the agenda enabled the engagement with *Casa do Migrante* and the Federal University of Latin American Integration (UNILA), as well as the signature of a Cooperation Agreement with the Municipality of Foz de Iguaçu, aimings to promote joint actions to strengthen the reception, protection and local integration of refugees and migrants in the city.

Read more at bit.ly/3GsQ6k6

Release of handbooks on social work and community-based protection with indigenous refugees and migrants from Venezuela

According to UNHCR data, more than 6,000 Venezuelan indigenous persons of the Warao, Pemon, E'ñepá, Kariña and Wayúu ethnic groups have sought protection and now live in at least 19 states of Brazil.

To guide social workers in welcoming and assisting this population in the most respectful and inclusive way, UNHCR in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights (MMFDH) and the Ministry of Citizenship designed two booklets:

Reference Guide for Social **Community Protection Guide** Work with the Indigenous for Indigenous Refugees and Refugee and Migrant Migrants bit.ly/30cvdJE Population bit.ly/3n300RN PROTEÇÃO COMUNITÁRIA ESSOAS INDÍGENAS IADAS E IMIGRANTES Guia de referência para o trabalho social com a população indígena refugiada e imigrante (M) WHICH BRASIL M ACNUR BRASIL Read more at bit.ly/3vSMfru



# Leisure and recreational area inaugurated at Rondon 1 and Rondon 3 shelters

As part of the "Scale-Up Urban95 Boa Vista" project which counted with the support of UNHCR, Operation Welcome, AVSI, Bernard van Leer Foundation and the Boa Vista Municipality, Venezuelan children who are temporarily sheltered at Rondon 1 and Rondon 3 now count with a new playground that provides them opportunities for socialization and development, improving their health and wellbeing.



# Opening of BV-8 Annex in Pacaraima and Rondon V Shelter in Boa Vista

Since the border flexibilization in June, the number of Venezuelans who are in street-like situation either waiting to request the entry permit or complete their documentation process has increased in Pacaraima. As a result, an annex to the BV-8 shelter was built to accommodate up to 700 people and will serve as an emergency space where, everyday from 4 pm onwards, the most vulnerable cases will receive overnight shelter, food and other basic hygiene items.

In Boa Vista, Operation Welcome inaugurated Rondon V, a new shelter to better receive Venezuelan new arrivals. This facility, that will replace Rondon 2 as sorting site for interiorization beneficiaries, can accommodate up to 500 people and will soon be ready to operate at full capacity of up to 1,000 people.



### **UNHCR Brazil receives ECHO mission**

UNHCR Brazil welcomed the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) throughout a mission to São Paulo, Manaus and Belém which included meetings with UNHCR, local authorities and partners, visits to Operation Welcome facilities, follow-up on peaceful coexistence initiatives as well as exchanges with refugees and migrants. In Brazil, ECHO is a key partner of UNHCR in the response to the Venezuelan Situation, namely in the areas of protection, shelter, registration and financial assistance through CBI.



Missing Childhood: UNHCR campaign warns about the challenges faced by refugee children

To sensitize the Brazilian public about the obstacles faced by refugee children in accessing education and other rights, UNHCR Brazil launched the Missing Childhood campaign.

For its inauguration, billboards were projected in a building in São Paulo in partnership with *Projetemos* network, and celebrities and digital influencers such as Leticia Spiller, Claudia Leitte, Iza, Dani Suzuki and Samara Felippo invited their social media followers to join the initiative.

Access <u>www.infanciadesaparecida.org</u>, fill in the form and embark on a journey to see the world through the eyes of a refugee child!

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### acnur.org/portugues/publicacoes/

- UNHCR External Updates (September) <u>bit.ly/3F4mUhH</u>
- Manaus Bimonthly Activities Report (August - September) bit.ly/30kf199
- UNCHR Brazil Protection Monitoring Report (August 2021) <u>bit.ly/3ojhh8p</u>

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 1st Steering Committee Meeting of WEE JP

On 14 October, the first Steering Committee meeting of the Women Economic Empowerment Joint Programme took place. Representatives from UNHCR, UNFPA and UN Women and the Embassy of Luxembourg discussed opportunities and steps ahead for this 2-year project.

#### Computer Lab opened in Belém municipal shelter

UNHCR and Fundação Papa João Paulo XXIII (FUNPAPA) inaugurated a computer laboratory equipped with 3 laptops and 1 printer to support 160 indigenous Warao with their study and work activities.

UNHCR and partners train volunteers to support refugee registration in São Paulo

To respond to social assistance demands of refugees, which were heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR mobilized universities and partner institutions, such as PUC-SP, *Cáritas São Paulo*, and *Missão Paz*, to support the Immigrant Citizenship Integration Center (CIC do Imigrante) with registration activities. Read more at bit.ly/3pF2ZkY

#### Refugee employability program makes 69 hires during pandemic year

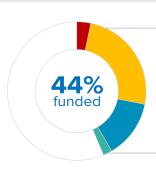
Created in 2011 by the company EMDOC, in São Paulo, the Support Program for the Relocation of Refugees (PARR) promotes the reintegration of refugees into the Brazilian labor market and has the support of UNHCR to carry out the registration of refugee professionals, the mobilization of the private sector and the effective hiring of refugees and migrants. Read more at <a href="https://bit.ly/3mlWnpK">bit.ly/3mlWnpK</a>

Congolese refugee participates in the *Virada Cultural Festival* of Belo Horizonte

The festival, which took place between 16 and 17 October saw the participation of Lavi Kasongo who set the "Revolution Flags" exhibition in partnership with other artists. Read more at bit.ly/2ZvKaGp

UNHCR Brazil moves ahead with its 2022 operational plan and 2023-2027 multi-year strategy

September and October, UNHCR offices, technical units, and Senior Management Team (SMT) organized retreats as part of a comprehensive planning process. These activities counted with an online participation of different stakeholders, including Government authorities, UNHCR partners and the academia.



UNHCR Brazil Funding update AS OF 9 NOVEMBER 2021

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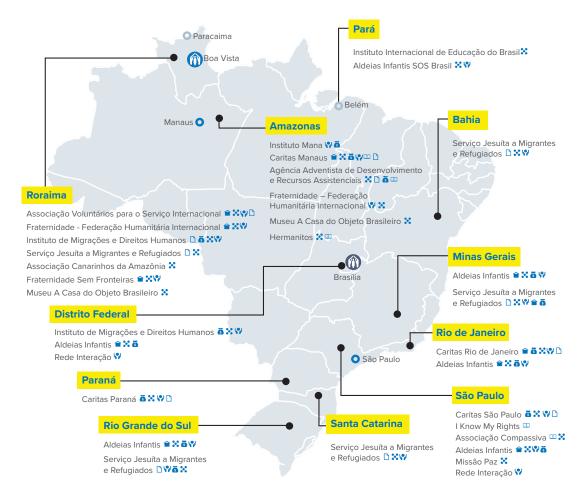
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