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UNHCR and ICRC promote digital inclusion of refugees, migrants and host communities

Internet and mobile connectivity are key to foster relationships and connect refugees to communities, services and opportunities in host countries. Yet, refugees usually struggle to find an immediate and affordable connection to talk to their families or access services by phone. During their journeys, internet and telephone coverage may be lacking, costs can be high and sometimes selling their phones is the only solution to gather money for the travel. This increases protection risks and mental health impacts as refugees feel even more separated from their loved ones and uprooted from home.

That is why, in February, UNHCR and ICRC joined efforts to establish a connectivity point in BV-8 Annex, next to the Reception, Documentation and Relocation Centre (PITRIG) of Operation Welcome in Pacaraima. The Connectivity Post counts with eight tablets and allows refugees and migrants as well as Brazilians to access social networks, connect to family and friends, and receive information on available services. In total, the site can offer up to 500 free Wi-Fi accesses daily and limits the time of use to 30 minutes per person to ensure that as many people as possible enjoy the service.

Read more at bit.ly/3vfKK8j



UKRAINE SITUATION

In late February, UNHCR scaled up its operations in Ukraine, working with authorities, UN agencies and other partners, and made efforts to raise funds in support of people forced to move. It is estimated that 12 million people inside Ukraine will need help and protection, while more than 4 million may need assistance in neighboring countries in the coming weeks.

Among UNHCR actions planned for Ukraine are emergency financial assistance to the most vulnerable people, food distribution, access to water, health care, education services, emergency shelter and the reconstruction of damaged homes. The team is also supporting authorities in neighboring countries to set up reception centers, with special attention to the prevention and mitigation of gender-based violence.

UNHCR is urging individuals and corporations in Brazil to show their solidarity and help people in dire need in Ukraine and in the neighboring countries at this critical moment.

Read UNHCR High Commissioner statement at <a href="https://bithub.com/bithub.

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Brazil Chapter for the RMRP 2022 is launched

The Interagency Coordination Platform (R4V) in Brazil launched the national chapter of the regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) for 2022, which estimates a total of USD 126 million to respond to the humanitarian needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela as well as members of the host communities in Brazil. Documentation and registration, provision of temporary emergency shelters, access to WASH, protection, legal and psychosocial assistance, and support for socioeconomic integration through the voluntary internal relocation strategy and other actions are foreseen in the plan.

The launch event was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and counted with the participation of organizations part of the R4V platform, and representatives from the civil society as well as the donor community, including the participation of Ana Beatriz Martins, Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation, and Katrina Reichwein, Regional Refugee Coordinator from the United States Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).

Read more at bit.ly/353VXy8







JICA and UNHCR discuss potential areas for collaboration

UNHCR Brazil had the pleasure to receive the visit of Masayuki Eguchi, Chief Representative, and Sato Shinji and Aoki Issei, Senior Officials from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Brazil. During the meeting, UNHCR Representative Jose Egas provided an overview of UNHCR's work in Brazil and its contributions to Operation Welcome response, highlighting challenges and opportunities for the protection and integration of refugees and migrants in the country. As UNHCR and JICA have been engaging in a strategic partnership at the global level, potential areas for collaboration that would benefit from JICA's longer-term development work complementing UNHCR's humanitarian and relief interventions are also being explored in Brazil.



Canada's visit to Roraima

In the end of February, the Second Secretary of the Embassy of Canada, Tarryn Elliott, visited Boa Vista and Pacaraima, in Roraima. The 5-days agenda covered visits to Operation Welcome sites, including PITRIGs from both cities, the Coordination Centre for Interiorization (CCI), indigenous and non-indigenous refugee communities, settlements, and shelters.



Refugees in the Americas share their recipes in UNHCR cookbook

Gastronomy has the power to foster inclusion and dialogue between communities. "From Our Table to Yours: Fusion Cuisine", is a book of recipes shared by women and men who were forcibly displaced in Latin America and the Caribbean and who have found a way to preserve their origins, share experiences and integrate into their host country through cooking.

Among the different stories, Yilmary, a Venezuelan refugee, tells how she found in Brazil a safe place for her children to grow up. She currently lives with her family in São Paulo, is part of the Refugee Entrepreneur Platform and shared the cachapa recipe, also available in her restaurant.

Download UNHCR's recipe book at bit.ly/3AC8rbQ

HIGHLIGHTS

Committee is established in Rio de Janeiro

UNHCR, IOM and PARES Caritas RJ welcomed the creation of the Municipal Intersectoral Committee for Policies for the Care of Refugees, Migrants and Stateless Persons in Rio de Janeiro (COMPAR-Rio), which aims at defending and promoting the human rights of refugees, immigrants and stateless persons. Read more at bit.ly/356NtGH

Sisteminha Project updated in Roraima

UNHCR accompanied a visit of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA) at the Pemón-Taurepang indigenous community of Tarau-Parú, in Pacaraima. During the visit, a new cleaning system was installed in the fish tank, and an informative session on fish farming was organized within the community.

2022 Nansen Refugee Award

Each year, Nansen Refugee Award recognizes people and organizations that have shown extraordinary commitment and dedication in assisting persons of concern to UNHCR. For this year, UNHCR Brazil promoted the nomination of Padre Jesus de Bobadilla, a priest from the Diocese of Roraima who has been working with Venezuelan indigenous and non-indigenous refugees even before the beginning of the massive influx to Brazil. Padre Jesus has provided supported to these people, including Warao groups, and promoted initiatives to integrate children and young people into the Brazilian community.



DASHBOARDS

- 5W RMRP 2021 bit.ly/3tMSkVH
- Shelters in Roraima bit.ly/3dcF6dT
- CONARE's Decisions bit.ly/2ZOne1w
- Internal Relocation Strategy <u>bit.ly/3asTv3C</u>

PUBLICATIONS

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- Livelihoods Activities Report (November – December 2021) bit.ly/3w77WGe
- Infographic Protection Monitoring High Frequency Survey <u>bit.ly/3J5PGkt</u>
- Belem Activities Report (August – December 2021) bit.ly/3sZa6WB



UNHCR Brazil Funding update AS OF 9 MARCH 2022

US\$ 52,5 million

UNHCR's financial requeriments in 2022

Tightly earmaked

Earmaked

Softly earmaked (indicative allocation)

Unearmaked (indicative allocation)

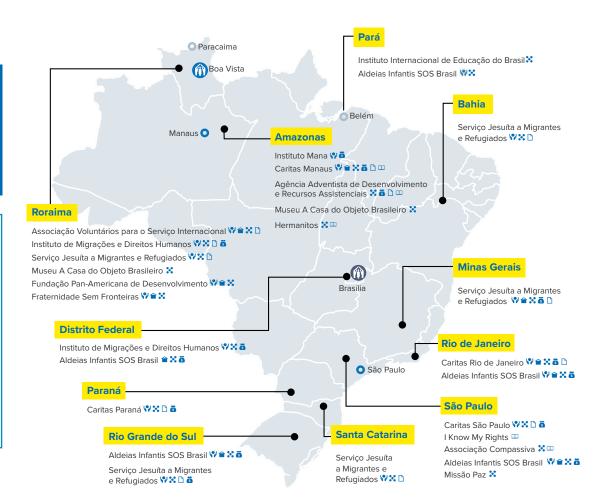
Funding gap (indicative)

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