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Refugees shine in Rio's Carnival Parade

When it comes to Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, the whole world thinks of one place: the Sambadrome at Sapucaí Avenue. The venue is the place where the samba schools parade competitively and their performances bring attention to different themes, attracting thousands of Brazilians and tourists each year.

In 2022, 20 refugees from Angola, Morocco, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, and Venezuela were among Salgueiro's Samba School performers, shining in the avenue with their costumes and drumming at the Sambadrome. Salgueiro's 2022 theme was the resistance and resilience of afro-Brazilians, including the fight against racism and the inclusion and non-discrimination of black people. With the participation of refugees in the parade, Salgueiro not only promoted their integration into the Brazilian society, but also conveyed a message of solidarity and inclusion which resonated in the Carnival Parade.

Refugees' participation was made possible as UNHCR and Salgueiro entered a partnership aiming at raising awareness, promoting a more welcoming and inclusive society, and contributing to refugee integration in Brazil. The parade not only showed the adaptability of refugees – Rio's parade is taken seriously, as the schools are judged through a series of technical criteria, so participants commit to attend regular rehearsals to learn how to sing the school's music and how to dance samba – but also helped to bring them closer to their new country and its traditions.

Currently, Brazil hosts more than 60,000 recognized refugees from some 80 different nationalities. Jose Egas, UNHCR's representative in Brazil, acknowledged how



"I am proud to have represented all the refugees in the world at Carnival.... Dancing alongside other refugees made me very grateful"

Ingrid Bucan,
47-year-old
Venezuelan hairdresser

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"Brazil is made up of a mixture of races and cultures. And refugee people want to start over, contribute, and feel included in society. Their participation in the Salgueiro parade represents this integration and shows that we should not leave anyone behind".

One of the refugees parading was Ingrid Bucan, a 47-year-old Venezuelan hairdresser. She said the parade confirmed the warm feelings she has for Brazil. She arrived in 2020 with her husband, children and four grandchildren, and received assistance, including Portuguese classes and psychosocial support, to integrate in her new country. She and her family are among the more than 74,000 Venezuelans who have been so far relocated from Roraima and Amazonas to other parts of the country as part of the Operation Welcome's internal relocation strategy.

Read more at bit.ly/3kUdDAQ

Check the video at youtu.be/E-P8fwJVkC8



UNHCR Brazil Representative on mission to the south and southeast

In April, UNHCR Brazil's Representative, José Egas, went on mission to the states of Santa Catarina, Paraná and Rio de Janeiro. In Santa Catarina, the Representative met with the Federal University (UFSC), part of the Sérgio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair (CSVM), which officially launched the Admission Policy for Refugees or Humanitarian Visa Holders. The Representative also discussed with the SJMR team their work in strengthening the protection network. José Egas also met with the Secretariat of State for Social Development of Santa Catarina. At Univali, an institution also part of CSVM, the Representative made an opening statement for the students in a lecture about UNHCR's work.

In Rio de Janeiro, José Egas met with the mayor of Niterói to formalize a 2-year cooperation agreement between UNHCR and the municipality on capacity building, data collection and the development of public policies for refugee integration. He also visited the Museu do Amanhã to discuss collaboration opportunities and attended the performance of the samba school G.R.E.S. Salgueiro in Sapucaí.

Quito Process workshops

Throughout the month of April, different thematic workshops were held in the framework of the Quito Process, covering issues such as international protection, support spaces, family reunification, and HIV. Over 110 people from Member States and UN agencies participated remotely. In the "Support Spaces" workshop – which Brazil is the Champion Country within the region – best practices from Brazil, Argentina and Ecuador were shared within the intergovernmental forum. The workshop "International Protection of Refugees" also provided an opportunity for the participants to continue exchanging their best practices regarding asylum capacities, while also exploring the possibility to set up a regional group of CONARE experts focused on education and training activities as well as the development of public policies. Online workshops will continue to take place during May.



The EU Ambassador visits Roraima and Amazonas

Between 5 and 9 April, UNHCR accompanied the visit of H.E. Ignacio Ybáñez, Ambassador of the European Union in Brazil, and Jordi Casanova, Officer of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI). The agenda in Roraima covered visits to different Operation Welcome sites, meetings with authorities, UN Agencies and civil society organizations working in coordination for the Venezuelan response. It also included the inauguration event of the UNHCR Sustainability Centre and an interview of the Ambassador at "La Voz de los Refugiados" community radio, operated by residents of the Operation Welcome's shelters.

In Manaus, in addition to meetings with different authorities, the EU Delegation had the opportunity to visit the Reference and Support Center to Refugees and Migrants (CARE) and the Tarumã-Açu 1 municipal shelter, where they could also talk to indigenous and non-indigenous refugees supported in both places.

The European Union is one of the main UNHCR donors, supporting the operation since the onset of the Venezuelan crisis in 2018, through key contributions from the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) and the Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

UNHCR Brazil launches webpage dedicated to displaced Venezuelan indigenous people in the country

Since 2014, Brazil has been recording an increasing influx of indigenous people from Venezuela. UNHCR Brazil estimates that, currently, the country hosts more than 7,000 indigenous Venezuelans, of which 819 have already been recognized as refugees by the federal government. Another 51% are awaiting the analysis of their asylum request. Almost half of the population are children and adolescents, which increases their protection needs. Moreover, the indigenous population from Venezuela is made up of five ethnic groups (Warao, Pémon, Eñepá, Kariña and Wayúu), who are mainly concentrated in the states of Roraima, Amazonas and Pará, but have also moved to other states of Brazil.

To ensure a better response to this specific population, UNHCR Brazil has mapped out key information, publications, and videos to raise awareness and reduce xenophobia and discrimination against these communities.

The webpage can be accessed at acnur.org/portugues/indigenas

HIGHLIGHTS

New Ordinance for Haitians

A new ordinance extending until 31 December 2022 temporary visas and residence permits for humanitarian purposes, issued to Haitian nationals and stateless persons affected by environmental disasters in the Republic of Haiti, was published by the Brazilian Government.

Sustainability Center is opened in Roraima

The space aims at disseminating technical knowledge about environmental and sustainability issues and promoting socio-cultural integration activities for Brazilians and refugees and migrants. It also counts with pilot projects such as composting, biodigesters and aquaponics. Learn more about UNHCR Brazil environmental projects at youtu.be/92uAJvP9ziE

33rd University joins CSVM

A new university formalized its partnership with UNHCR under the Sérgio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair. Universidade Federal da Integração Latino-Americana (UNILA) is the 33rd institution to join the CSVM initiative, which will strengthen the protection network in the state of Paraná.

UNHCR and DPU renew Cooperation Agreement

Since 2012, the two entities have strengthened their commitment to support asylum-seekers, refugees, and migrants. In April, UNHCR and DPU signed the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for other 3 years. A new work plan will be signed with specific actions and priorities for the period. Read more at bit.ly/3slNXLg

Conclusion of joint capacity building between UNHCR and CG-CONARE

April featured the fifth and final session of the joint training on the Asylum Procedures in Brazil. The initiative covered all regions of Brazil with the main objective of strengthening the local protection network.

Frame agreement signed with the Federal District's unit of SENAC

The agreement between UNHCR and SENAC DF aims at increasing refugees' access to Portuguese classes and vocational training so they can be better positioned to access the labor market in Brazil and achieve self-reliance.

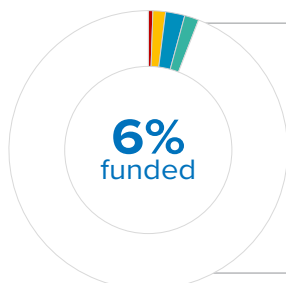
JNA Publication

The Brazilian R4V Platform launched the results of the 2021 Joint Needs Assessment 2021. Based on 800 telephonic interviews with heads of households across the whole country, with emphasis on Roraima and Amazonas, the JNA offers qualitative analysis in areas such as protection, housing and shelter, food distribution, education, socioeconomic integration, humanitarian transportation, nutrition, health, and WASH, providing an important overview of the needs of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Brazil. The Information Management support group is now organizing the 2022 JNA, which will take place in May. The 2021 JNA results can be found at bit.ly/3srtriu



DASHBOARDS

- ▶ Internal Relocation Strategy bit.ly/3asTv3C
- ▶ Shelters in Roraima bit.ly/3dcF6dT
- ▶ Cash-Based Interventions bit.ly/3jVTaLi



**UNHCR Brazil
Funding update**

**AS OF
5 MAY
2022**

US\$ 52,5 million

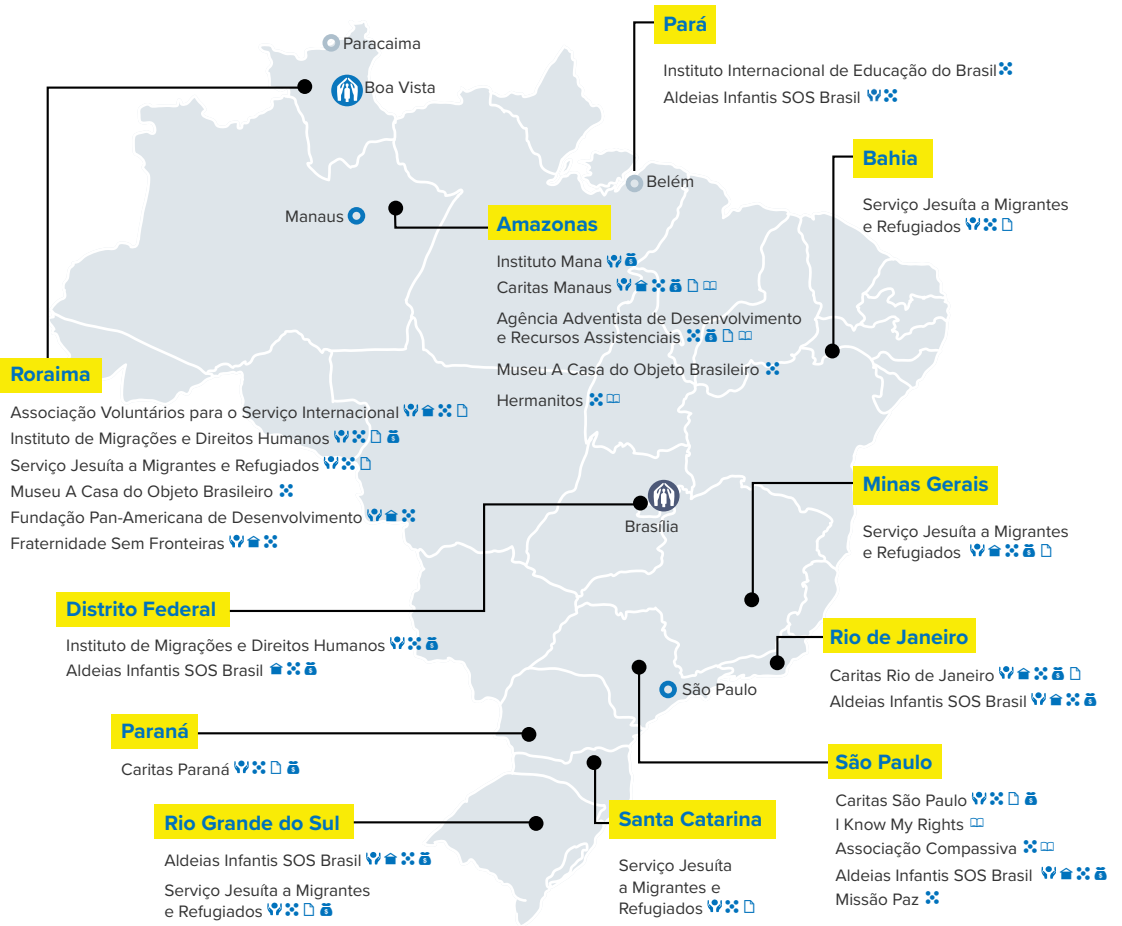
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2022

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

For more information: reporting.unhcr.org

Brazil Operation: UNHCR and Partners

- UNHCR Country Office
- UNHCR Sub Office
- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Field Unit
- Protection
- Reception Sites
- Documentation
- Information Management
- Cash Assistance
- Integration
- Education
- Telecommunications



Companies with Refugees Platform

empresascomrefugiados.com.br



HELP - The UNHCR source of information for refugees

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