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National Workshop on Good Practices for Venezuelan Indigenous Population in Brazil

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Since 2014, more than 7,000 indigenous Venezuelans have sought international protection in Brazil. Primarily residing in the North, these people face multiple challenges to achieve their full integration, such as language barriers, accessing the formal job market, tailored education and health services, and experiencing discrimination. In this scenario, the Municipality of Manaus, through the Municipal Secretariat for Women, Social Assistance and Citizenship (Semasc), in partnership with UNHCR and the Ministry of Citizenship, organized the National Workshop on Good

Practices for the Promotion of Rights and Citizenship of the Venezuelan Indigenous Population in Brazil. On 5 and 6 May, a total of 70 people between policy makers, academics, humanitarian actors got together to assess emergency interventions and lasting solutions that better respond to the ethnic and cultural specificities of the indigenous refugee and migrant population from Venezuela, while also addressing related challenges and promoting the exchange of experiences at various decision-making levels.

Watch the recording of the Workshop at bit.ly/3mRKvuK

Launch of the 1st Cities of Solidarity Brazil Report

The relevance of cities and local actors for refugee integration is a theme that UNHCR has endorsed for decades, especially given their role on the front lines of welcoming, protecting, and integrating people who were forced to leave their countries of origin and are looking for ways to rebuild their lives elsewhere. This prompted UNHCR to create the Solidarity Cities initiative as a global action to highlight the efforts made by municipalities to implement public policies that promote inclusion, access to rights, and integration mechanisms for refugees, asylum-seekers, and other forcibly displaced people. On 16 May, UNHCR Brazil launched the “1st Cities of Solidarity Brazil Report: Protection and Integration of Refugees and Migrants at the Local Level” to present contextualized data and recognize 27 good practices of 17 Brazilian municipalities in five thematic areas –education, protection capacity, responsibility haring, local integration, and shelter.

The main goal of the publication is to inspire municipalities and local actors in the creation and strengthening of good practices for refugees, fostering new models of reception, integration, and sustainable development with dignity and solidarity.

Read the full report at bit.ly/3MZaL19



UNHCR Brazil Representative missions in May



In May, UNHCR Representative Jose Egas carried out a series of field missions to take stock of key operational initiatives that contribute to refugee protection in Brazil as well as to get more insights into successful practices for their socio-economic integration adopted in the region.

NORTH OF BRAZIL

Progress made by UNHCR and partners for refugee protection and socio-economic inclusion, as well as remaining challenges that require a coordinated response under Operation Welcome were in the forefront of the mission in Manaus, Boa Vista and Pacaraima. In Manaus, the Representative visited Casa Miga, a shelter for LGBTI+ refugees and Brazilians in vulnerable situations, and discussed with Hermanitos successful livelihoods initiatives and future plans. In Roraima, Mr. Egas was accompanied by H.E. Carlos Alberto Velastegui, Ambassador of Ecuador in Brazil, to visit Operation Welcome facilities, including emergency shelters, discuss with public authorities, and talk with Venezuelan refugee families about their integration journey.



MEXICO

Together with a delegation of the Ministry of Citizenship and Ministry of Justice, the Representative completed a mission to Mexico aimed to exchange good practices in reception, documentation, internal relocation, and socio-economic integration. Reception and documentation interventions in border areas, such as Paso del Coyote/ Ciudad Hidalgo and Tapachula at the Mexico-Guatemala border, were part of the highlights of this mission. Meetings with UNHCR colleagues, local authorities, private sector stakeholders, the Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR) in the cities of León, Guanajuato and Mexico City as well as direct dialogues with refugees living in the country also contributed to gain a better understanding of how refugee inclusion interventions are performed locally and assess the potential replicability within the Brazilian context.

“The mission was very demanding, but incredibly valuable for the shared experiences and analysis that we carried out with colleagues at UNHCR Mexico” said the Representative. “The two operations work under different socio-political conditions, but a number of similarities – including the country structure, needs of the populations we serve, challenges in public policies – made us reflect on how to strengthen some of the processes for refugee assistance and longer-term solutions that UNHCR promotes both in Brazil and Mexico” he added.



SÃO PAULO STATE

In the Southeast, the Representative went to the cities of Santos and São Paulo, where his agenda focused on strengthening collaboration with local authorities and other key actors engaged in public policies and initiatives for refugees' socio, economic, and cultural inclusion. Highlights of this mission include the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding with the cities of São Paulo and Guarulhos to provide technical and institutional capacity building; the event that officialized the University of São Paulo as the 34th member of the Sérgio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair; the launch of Guarulhos' Municipal Committee for Policies for Migrants, Refugees and Stateless Persons; and the discussion with the Observatory of Racial Discrimination in Football on anti-xenophobia initiatives during Santos F.C. football match, with which UNHCR has built a solid partnership.

BV-8 Annex management finalized

On 31 May, UNHCR concluded its activities in the BV-8 Annex. Since its opening on 27 October 2021, UNHCR has assisted more than 14 thousand Venezuelans who utilized the space as overnight stay, thus reducing the number of people in a street-like situation in Pacaraima exponentially. From 1 June, the space is managed by IOM.

Together for Ukraine, with Marcelo and Clarice

Brazilian soccer player Marcelo, former captain of Real Madrid F.C., and his wife Clarice Alves have joined UNHCR to launch a challenge with the aim of raising funds for the Ukraine humanitarian response. In addition to donations, the action generated positive recognition of UNHCR's work and engagement on social networks, with more than 2.1 million views and interactions.

Echo These Voices Campaign

In May, UNHCR invited actresses, singers and influencers to lend their voices to refugee women and give visibility to their stories as part of the #EcoeEssasVoices campaign. Celebrities "leaked" emotional audios, based on real testimonies to pass on the message that refugee women must be heard and deserve the chance to build better futures for themselves and their families everywhere. In total, the campaign reached an estimated audience of 30 million people through social networks and press mentions.

Check the campaign page at mulheresrefugiadas.org

HIGHLIGHTS

Quito Process Webinars

In the framework of Brazil's Pro Tempore Presidency of the Quito Process, UNHCR supported the organization of three regional webinars covering the topics of groups in situations of vulnerability, host communities, migratory regularization and recognition of refugee status.

Socio-economic study on Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Manaus

UNHCR, the Pólís Institute and AVSI launched the results of a socio-economic study on Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Manaus that analyses labor supply, barriers and opportunities to access the local job market, and the socioeconomic and professional profile of refugees and migrants. See the study at bit.ly/3mRbHtK and the executive summary at bit.ly/3xWmzg9.

R4V Year End Report Publication

The R4V Platform released its Year-End Report on the implementation of the 2021 Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP). The 159 partners reported nearly 70,000 support and assistance activities to more than 3 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela and members of their host communities in 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

IDAHOTB

In celebration of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, UNHCR conducted multiple activities in Pacaraima, Boa Vista and Manaus focused on raising awareness on the rights of LGBTI+ people, as well as providing safe spaces where the community could clarify doubts, obtain information, and empower themselves regarding their rights and opportunities in Brazil.

UN Resident Coordinator mission to Roraima

UNHCR and IOM accompanied the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Silvia Rucks, in her first visit to Operation Welcome in Roraima where she had the opportunity to learn about the emergency shelter response implemented by UNHCR and partners as well as the multi-sectoral interventions for the reception and assistance of Venezuelan refugees and migrants that integrate Operation Welcome.

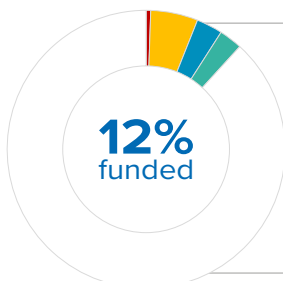
DASHBOARDS

- ▶ CONARE's Decisions bit.ly/2Z0ne1w
- ▶ Internal Relocation Strategy bit.ly/3asTv3C
- ▶ Shelters in Roraima bit.ly/3dcF6dT
- ▶ Cash-Based Interventions bit.ly/3jVTaLi
- ▶ Indigenous people bit.ly/3xzTt4L

PUBLICATIONS

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- ▶ Boa Vista Activities Report – January April 2022 bit.ly/3xtU4oR
- ▶ São Paulo Activities Report – January April 2022 bit.ly/3mW2xfs
- ▶ Interiorization Report - March April 2022 bit.ly/3OgNjgO
- ▶ Livelihoods Report – January April 2022 bit.ly/3tJ4hMX



**UNHCR Brazil
Funding update**

AS OF
7 JUNE
2022

US\$ 52,5 million

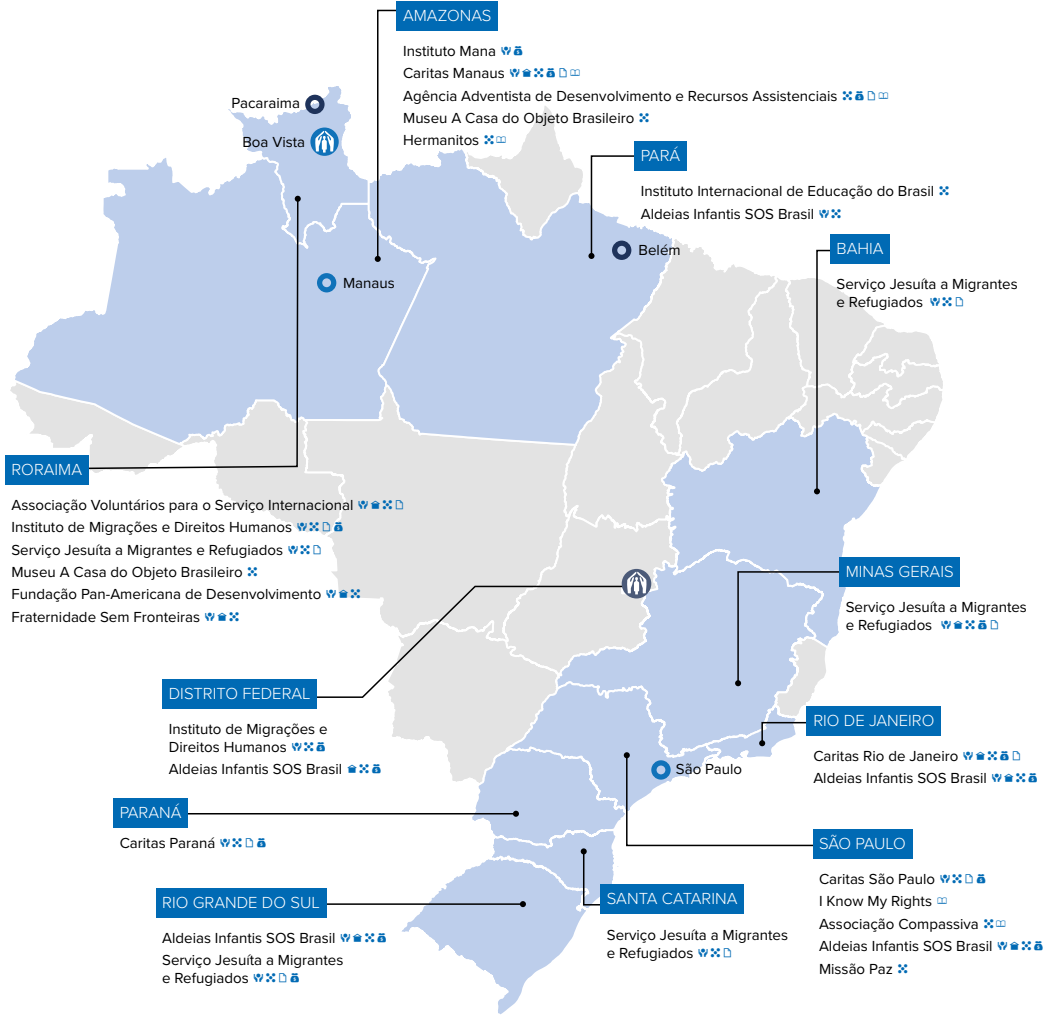
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2022

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

For more information: reporting.unhcr.org

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- Protection
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- Information Management
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