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Operational Report - Roraima **JANUARY 2021**

One of the first shelters within the Operação Acolhida response to open in 2018, Jardim Floresta, is now sheltering indigenous refugees.

Like the Pintolândia shelter, *Jardim Floresta* has two different ethnic groups, the Warao and E'ñepá.

This is the third temporary shelter in Roraima for the refugee and migrant indigenous population, which will initially house 336 people. *Jardim Floresta* received people who were in the Ka'Ubanoko occupation and in the city of Pacaraima.



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Registration

Number of refugees and migrants **registered** by UNHCR

IN JANUARY (2021)

1,437
people

SINCE MARCH (2018)

146,272
people

Documentation

Number of people **received support** from UNHCR in the documentation process

IN JANUARY (2021)

806 people

Number of people **recognized as refugees** refugees by the Brazilian government

IN JANUARY (2021)

198 people

Shelter

Number of refugees and migrants **sheltered** in Roraima

SINCE MARCH (2018)

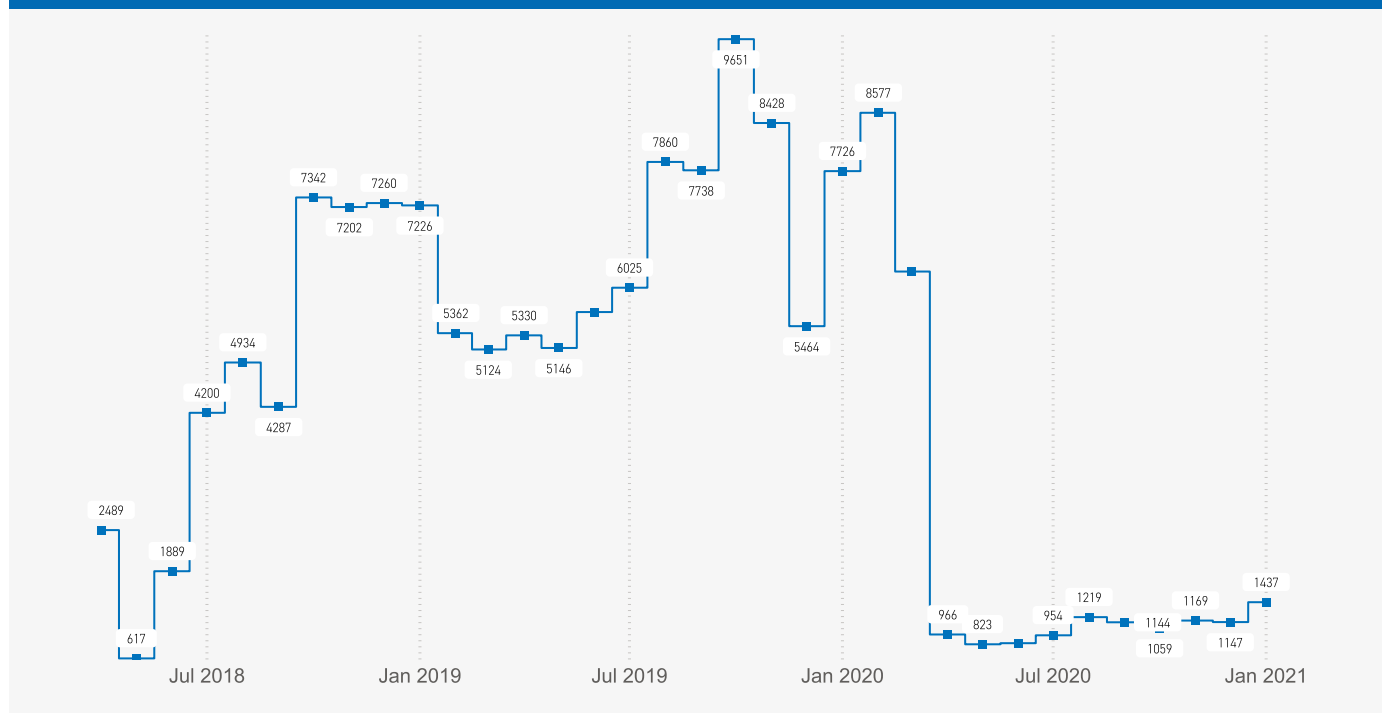
27,564 people

For more detailed information about the profile of the population sheltered, please go to

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Monthly evolution in new registrations since 2018



This graph shows the number of new monthly refugee and migrant records added to the ProGres V4 system, beginning in April of 2018.

Promote access and provide protection

UNHCR is working to ensure that access to international protection is guaranteed, under the framework of national and international legal frameworks through protection-sensitive border management, facilitating access to asylum procedures and by improving access to information and legal assistance.

Working with partners

Under our protection mandate, UNHCR's role in the state of Roraima includes, the management of shelters, delivery of NFIs, initiatives for local integration and livelihoods and relocation to other states (Interiorization). In this context, Instituto Migrações e Direitos Humanos (**IMDH**), Associação Voluntários para o Serviço Internacional (**AVSI**), Federação Humanitária Internacional (**FFHI**), Serviço Jesuíta a Migrantes e Refugiados (**SJMR**), Fraternidade sem Fronteiras (**FSF**), and Associação Internacional Canarinhos da Amazônia Embaixadores da Paz (**AICAEP**) have been key partners in providing protection to persons of concern to UNHCR.

Main Activities

REGISTRATION

UNHCR Brazil delivered Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) kits to our partners AVSI Brasil, FFHI, and FSF. The kits will be used for the distribution of non-food items (NFI) in shelters insuring greater transparency and accountability in the delivery of humanitarian aid. This is in continuation of the roll-out plan for the Global Distribution Tool (GDT), a tool for distributing NFIs to our persons of concern.



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CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

With support from UNHCR, AVSI staff from Rondon 1, Rondon 3, Pricumã and São Vicente I shelters have been facilitating the arrival and integration of incoming shelter population, mostly comprised of women and children. The initial reception is extremely important for the families. When 91 people were received at the Sao Vicente I shelter in January, the population was welcomed with an orientation where they received information about shelter norms, community engagement, the role of the management team and services available.



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With the objective of improving communication with the indigenous community, UNHCR, FFHI, and the army, indigenous leaders (aidamos) Warao and E'ñepa (community leaders) discussed solutions for challenges faced in the shelter, such as structural issues, shelter allocation, and the need for cultural adaptations.

UNHCR, jointly with the *Força Tarefa e Logística Humanitária*, led the plan for the relocation of more than 330 indigenous asylum seekers, who lived in the spontaneous settlement Ka'Ubanoko. In the first phase on 7 January, 136 persons were relocated - of these 199 Enepa and 17 Warao were sheltered at Jardim Floresta and 117 Warao at Pintolandia, while on 11 January, and additional 65 Warao were received in Jardim Floresta.



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NON-FOOD ITEMS

UNHCR delivered 1,147 hygiene kits, 821 cleaning kits, 148 packs of adult diapers, 385 mattresses, 620 mattress covers, 630 buckets, and 884 jerrycans to all 8 shelters in Boa Vista and the Emergency Space, 13 de Setembro, to meet the needs of families, adults, children and special medical cases, benefiting approximately 3,409 individuals and 1,121 family groups.

ASSISTANCE

32 families received CBI assistance during the month of January.

UNHCR held a feedback meeting with SJMR and AVSI about the pilot project "Novo Caminhar", which provided CBI and financial planning sessions for 29 sheltered families move to a rental accommodation.

UNHCR Brazil, together with Doctors Without Borders and the International Committee of the Red Cross, undertook a mission to the city of Amajari, where they met the Amajari Municipal Secretaries of Health and Social Assistance, the Amajari Municipal Guardianship Council, and the *Pastoral do Migrante* to understand the challenges, needs and gaps in service delivery in the municipality. The mission was able to identify a significant number of Venezuelans without access to documentation and services.

UNHCR conducted Protection Monitoring training for partners Serviço Jesuíta para Migrantes e Refugiados, Cáritas Brasileira, Pastoral do Migrante, AVSI Brasil, Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras and Fraternidade – Federação Humanitária Internacional (FFHI).

UNHCR Brazil, together with UNFPA and UN Women, conducted an online training session on humanitarian principles and on prevention and response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) for nine staff member of UNHCR's operational partner the Salvation Army which offers psychosocial services to the Venezuelan population in Roraima.

PROTECTION

UNHCR Brazil co-lead with UNFPA, the first Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Working Group of 2021. It seeks to map the activities developed by the partners involved in preventing and combating GBV; preparation of the Situational Report for the R4V Platform GBV sector, which will require all partners to send monthly reports on GBV-related activities; updates and inputs for the document on harassment in the labour market; and general reports, especially on the need to provide more capacity-building initiatives to humanitarian workers and the local network on SGBV and humanitarian principles.

Protection and Community Participation staff in São Vicente 1 gave weekly information sessions with the community on topics such as documentation, the local service network, labour rights, and childcare. In total during the reporting period, 153 persons received information through a participatory approach, including the use of games and group discussions.



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✈ INTERIORIZATION

UNHCR supported the fitness for travel process (FFT) for 1,079 Venezuelans in the Reception and Documentation Centre (PTRIG) from all modalities of the Interiorization strategy.

52 people were relocated through the institutional modality of the Interiorization Program. Their destination cities were São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, Curitiba, and Porto Alegre.

👥 DURABLE SOLUTIONS



Twelve women that participated in the classes of the Empoderando Refugiadas Project held at the Pricuma shelter were interviewed by potential employers. This included women with disabilities, chronic illnesses and other special needs. Ten women were already hired and will take up positions in Sao Paulo, were they will be relocated with their families.

UNHCR and partners from Operação Acolhida support the validation of driver's licenses for Venezuelan refugees and immigrants as an action for labor integration in Brazil.

UNHCR donated 10 computers, with keyboards, screens, and mice to the Salvation Army Support Space, which provides women and survivors of violence psychosocial support, education, and entrepreneurship services.

Field unit Pacaraima

UNHCR donated 324 soap bars, 30 mattresses, and 26 mattress covers to support space Casa José, managed by the São José de Chambrye Sisterhood. This donation aims to support the reception of Venezuelan women and children in vulnerable situations as well as undocumented Venezuelans.



UNHCR distributed NFIs to indigenous Pemon-Taurepang in the host communities of Sorocaima I, Bananal, Sakaumota, and Tarau Paru. In total, 450 plastic tarpaulins and 420 sleeping mats were distributed to support persons of concern to improve their shelter conditions and to promote local integration. In addition, UNHCR distributed 210 hygiene kits, 210 UNHCR bags and 1,680 soap bars donated by Unilever. Altogether, 197 families were supported.

UNHCR facilitated the virtual participation of indigenous community leaders (known as aidamos) from Janokoida shelter in the indigenous Working Group meeting co-led by UNHCR and FUNAI (National Indigenous Foundation), the Brazilian national protection agency for indigenous, with the support of partner FFHI.

UNHCR coordinated the implementation of the vulnerability assessment for undocumented Venezuelans in a street situation in Pacaraima, a process led by the army which aims to analyse individual cases for exceptional authorization for migratory regularization. UNHCR, together with AVSI, UNICEF, IOM and the Ministry of Citizenship, assessed 231 family groups comprised of a total of 706 refugees and migrants, of whom 131 were indigenous Warao.

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