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Manaus Transit Shelter (ATM) reaches mark of 10,000 refugees and migrants internally relocated

The Manaus Transit Shelter (ATM) has been operating since July 2019 in the city of Manaus, Amazonas in order to enable the voluntary internal relocation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants to other cities in Brazil. As of this month, more than 10,000 people have been supported to move to 23 states in Brazil.

The structure has the largest reception capacity of the Internal Relocation Strategy of the Federal Government of Operation Welcome and operates as a temporary reception center for those who are already registered and are waiting to travel to other states in Brazil. The space provides accommodation for up to 254 people respecting COVID-19 prevention measures and can receive more than 1,000 people monthly.

UNHCR has been present since the inauguration of ATM in 2019 and has invested more than R\$ 1.4 million in infrastructure improvements, including bathroom renovations, as well as equipping the site with basic items, such as mattresses, drinking fountains and furniture. A total of 47 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) have been installed and 1,800 essential items have been distributed, including hygiene kits, cleaning kits, diapers, alcohol gel, clothes, and backpacks.



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The support that UNHCR provides also extends to the structuring of specialized technical team of its implementing partner Fraternidade Internacional in the areas of coordination, health, protection, community mobilization and registration, which act throughout the reception process of families assisted on site. This was made possible through the support of the European Union (ECHO) to UNHCR's shelter strategy.

Read more at bit.ly/3IKTKMg



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'La Voz de los Refugiados', community radio in Boa Vista, fights rumors in shelters for refugees and migrants from Venezuela

'La Voz de los Refugiados' radio is an innovative initiative funded by the Luxembourg Government and led by Venezuelan volunteers, which engages the sheltered community. The programs are all in Spanish, and the sound spreads through the speakers of Rondon 3, where more than 1,200 refugees and migrants are sheltered. Soon the programs will also be made available in other shelters of Operation Welcome.

Read more at bit.ly/3cd2BD2

Listen to the opening ceremony in youtu.be/0y2vulQU2Cc

Dignity and health for Venezuelan refugees and migrants' women

Hygiene kit distribution is one of the ways of contributing to improving women's health. In addition to traditional tampons, the kits contain personal hygiene items such as soaps and dental health items. Since January 2020, more than 1,000 kits have been delivered to the population of refugee and migrant women from Roraima and from communities in Amazonas, Pará, Brasília and São Paulo thanks to contributions from the European Union through its Instrument for Contribution to Stability and Peace (IcSP). In Roraima, the distribution was carried out through in tandem with activities aimed at the protection and empowerment of refugee and migrant women in vulnerable situations, one of the pillars of UNHCR's work in Brazil, explains protection officer Angelica Uribe.

Read more at bit.ly/3vQwNM1



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Refugee women are leading initiatives against COVID-19 worldwide

For a year and a half, Ismenia, a Venezuelan refugee, lived in Rondon 1, a temporary shelter for about 500 people. An active member of the community, Ismenia was one of the leaders of the Health Committee, a role in which she dedicated her time as a volunteer performing different prevention activities as well as supporting the shelter's elderly population through focus group discussions and walks around the shelter to keep them active. With the arrival of Covid-19, the community leader was recruited by the World Health Organization (WHO) for a noble mission: to promote awareness of hygiene recommendations among other residents of Rondon 1 to protect everyone against the new coronavirus.

Read the history of Ismenia in bit.ly/3dnlum4

Read about the other stories in bit.ly/3f8DF1i

Launch of the 2021 Edition R4V Platform Response Plan for Brazil

Established at the regional level under the coordination of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the 2021 edition was launched on 4 March, also featured an interactive platform in which it is possible to better know each R4V sector, its priorities, indicators, partners and other information, all available in Portuguese and English.

Learn more about RMRP in bit.ly/3m2aJtm



Access the platform in bit.ly/3r2XPNs

Distribution of agriculture items in Pacaraima

On 3 March, UNHCR carried out the distribution of 80 agricultural tools, benefiting indigenous communities of refugees and Brazilians in Pacaraima. The donation will allow the Pemon-Taurepang to increase their own food production. This action was made possible through the support of the United States Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration.

Reopening of shelter Tancredo Neves

On 10 March, Tancredo Neves shelter was reopened, as the fourth indigenous shelter in the capital of Roraima. The shelter has the capacity to receive 280 people and is managed by Fraternidade Internacional. To equip the shelter to receive the population, on 5 March, UNHCR delivered 310 hygiene kits, 150 cleaning kits, 150 mattresses with protective cover, 120 packs of children's diapers, 100 jerrycans, 100 buckets, 200 Unilever soaps and 280 mosquito nets.



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Bangladesh refugee campfire leaves 45,000 Rohingya homeless

On 24 March, a major fire devastated the Kutupalong Balukali refugee camp in Bangladesh. The fire destroyed about 9,500 shelters leaving 48,000 people homeless. Facilities such as schools, registration centers and hospitals were also severely affected. To respond to this emergency, UNHCR Brazil launched a new fundraising campaign.

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Read more at bit.ly/2OGwDpQ

UNHCR and Banco Bradesco renew partnership in favor of the refugee population in Brazil

Partners since 2018, UNHCR and Banco Bradesco signed a new agreement for 2021. The Bank will support projects developed by the Agency in Brazil, including the UNHCR Response Plan for the Amazon, structured on three fronts:

1. Support for the process of internal relocation of the refugee population;
2. Promotion of livelihoods for the indigenous population in the Amazon region;
3. Continuation of the fight against COVID-19 through the expansion of vacancies in shelters and the distribution of hygiene and cleaning kits.

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Financial Assistance (CBI) for Interiorization 2020 bit.ly/394gf9C
- ▶ Internal relocation and integration at the destination: UNHCR service network and partnerships bit.ly/3ILIErs
- ▶ Profile of Shelters - Roraima bit.ly/3dcF6dT
- ▶ UNHCR Bimonthly Activities Report in São Paulo bit.ly/3d9yMDO
- ▶ UNHCR Report on Socio-Economic Profile of the Indigenous refugee and migrant population in Roraima (available only in PT) bit.ly/3tdSrZ4
- ▶ UNHCR Brazil Livelihoods and Interiorization Bimonthly Report bit.ly/3dYzL9j

10 YEARS OF CONFLICT IN SYRIA



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Syrian crisis turns 10 and UNHCR is highlighted in the Brazilian press

“Ten years of crisis in Syria have inflicted unimaginable suffering and pain. The world has failed the Syrians. (...) For global leaders, it is a harsh and condemnatory reminder that this decade of death, destruction and displacement has happened before their eyes,” said Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, in the framework of a decade of crisis in Syria.

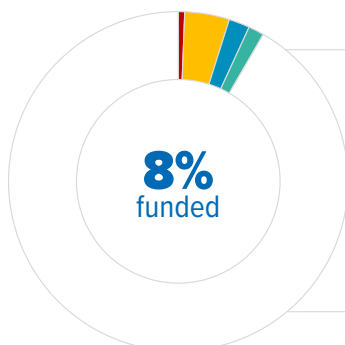
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Read more at bit.ly/327U7at

The “Brasil-Syrian” Abdul lends his voice to those who did not have the opportunity to speak:

Upon arriving in Brazil, Abdulbaset Jarour received support from CASP, a partner of the UNHCR and found his purpose of life: to promote the autonomy of other Syrians and the integration of Arab-Brazilian culture. Read about his inspiring story in bit.ly/39c5IPk

Read about other stories at bit.ly/3sqi3z and bit.ly/3IHFnlt



UNHCR Brazil Funding update

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US\$ 52,5 million

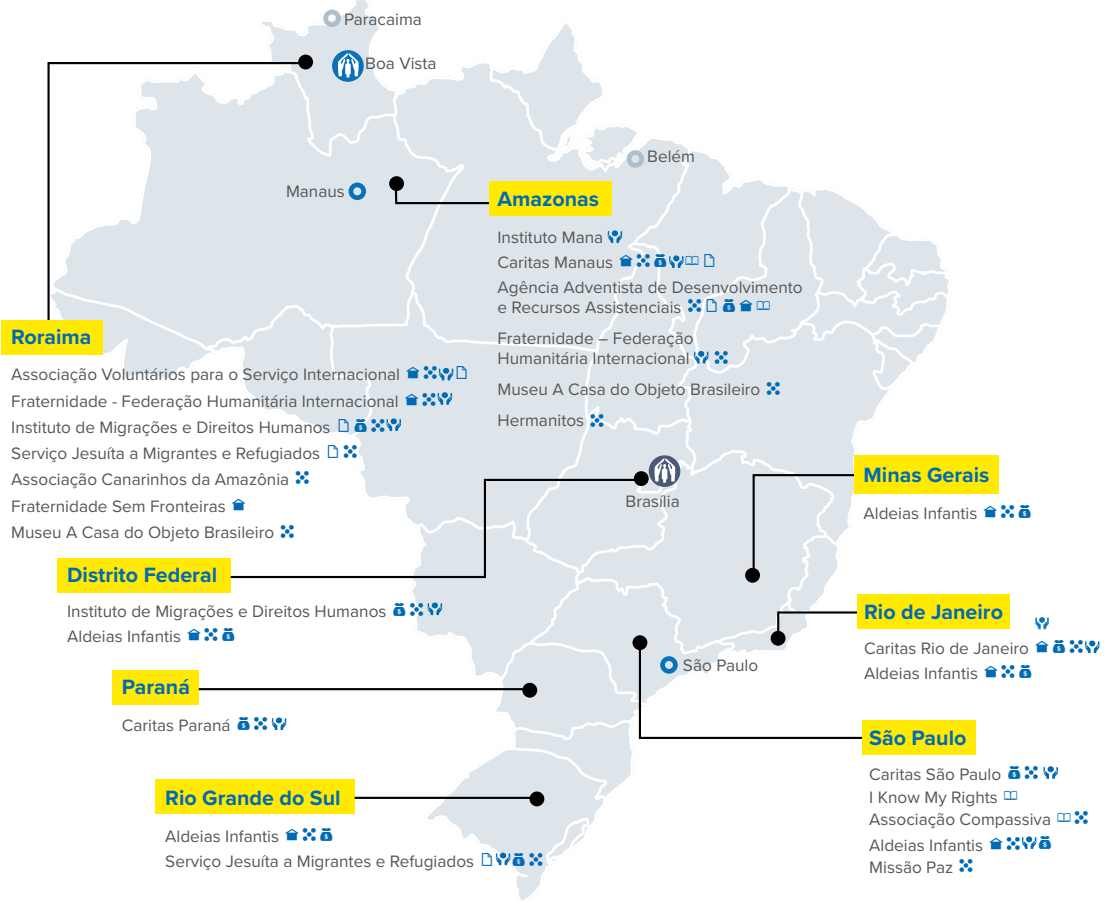
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2021

- 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
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- Information Management
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Companies with Refugees Platform

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HELP - The UNHCR source of information for refugees

help.unhcr.org/brazil

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