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UNHCR shares best practices on the Protection of Indigenous Warao through publication of anthropological study

On 15 April, UNHCR launched the publication “Os Warao no Brasil: contribuições da antropologia para a proteção de indígenas refugiados e migrantes” in a live broadcasted on UNHCR Brazil’s YouTube Channel (youtu.be/fX3SWraGXoY). The study, conducted by Dr. Marlise Rosa, PhD in Social Anthropology at PPGAS / National Museum of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ, gathers the results of 4 years of field research about the Warao population and includes the testimonies of indigenous refugees and migrants living in Brazil. Building on anthropological literature from Venezuela and Brazil, the publication also analyzes national and international laws regarding the rights of Indigenous peoples, including refugees and migrants, and aims to serve as a reference for those working in the protection of indigenous refugees in Brazil.

Currently, Brazil hosts more than **5,500 Indigenous Venezuelan refugees and migrants**, of which 67% are of Warao ethnicity. The other 33% includes Pemon, E’ñepá, Kariña and Wayúu ethnicities. **UNHCR works closely in the protection of these people**, ensuring identification and response to cases of gender-based violence and separated children, disseminating information through the Communicating with Communities approach, and supporting in accessing documentation, essential rights and services, including health, education, and livelihoods.

READ THE BOOK

- ▶ Portuguese bit.ly/3ff6WG2
- ▶ Spanish bit.ly/2RLYLsG



Learn about some refugee indigenous ethnicities in Brazil

- ▶ Warao youtu.be/2IzklsfPL2A
- ▶ Pemon youtu.be/Ulv6VA2ts7U
- ▶ E’ñepa youtu.be/LKSgKFboo5g

Watch the Documentary about UNHCR’s Emergency Response to the Indigenous Refugee Population at youtu.be/2uPFp03XK7c



3rd anniversary of Operation Welcome

On 4 April, Operation Welcome celebrated its third anniversary. In operation since 2018 in the cities of Pacaraima and Boa Vista and since 2019 in Manaus, the government, UN agencies and civil society work in synergy to receive Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Brazil and promote their socio-economic integration.

UNHCR and partners in Brazil continue to contribute to the three Operation Welcome pillars – 1) reception and documentation – conducting registration activities, providing orientation on available pathways for legal stay, supporting asylum-seekers with pre-documentation procedures and identifying and referring persons at risk to protection services and shelters for case management; 2) emergency assistance and shelter; with UNHCR overseeing the management of all Operation Welcome shelters in Roraima, and 3) integration – supporting all internal relocation modalities and all stages of the strategy.

UNHCR and Operation Welcome in numbers: From 2018 to April 2021



150,988 refugees and migrants registered



29,268 refugees and migrants sheltered in Roraima



51,735 refugees and migrants internally relocated under all modalities



The internal relocation strategy – *Interiorização* – has already transformed the lives of over 50,000 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Brazil since 2018

When refugees and migrants leave Venezuela, often under pressure from threats and with increasingly scarce resources, they can face dangerous journeys in extremely difficult conditions and without knowing how they will be received at the border. Thanks to Operation Welcome, the response of the Brazilian Federal Government, Venezuelans find protection in Brazil and can begin to take the first steps towards rebuilding their futures. Relocation opportunities are completely voluntarily, free of charge and prioritize those who are in a vulnerable situation in Boa Vista, Pacaraima and Manaus. The first internally relocated group of 104 people left Boa Vista in April 2018 for São Paulo. By March 2021, the strategy reached the milestone of 50,000 people relocated to more than 600 cities of Brazil through its 4 modalities – institutional, employment-based, family reunification and social reunion.

Since its beginning, UNHCR has invested more than BRL 40 million in the whole internal relocation strategy. UNHCR supports all interiorization modalities and acts at all stages of the Interiorization Strategy: prior to departure when registering profiles, preparing lists of people interested in being interiorized, doing information sessions on the strategy, doing the fitness for travel and pre-boarding procedures; in transit, supporting individuals and families in transit shelters and lastly at the final destination in 21 reception and integration centers, where relocated people have access to referrals to services and specialized support such as Portuguese classes, vocational training, referrals to job opportunities and other labour insertion and income generation support.

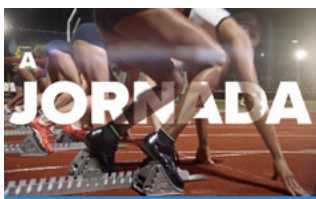
UNHCR also makes efforts to enhance the strategy by conducting surveys and studies to assess its impact on refugees and migrants; engaging companies to make available job opportunities for the employment-based modality - also in the framework of the “[Empresas com Refugiados](http://empresascomrefugiados.com.br)” (empresascomrefugiados.com.br) platform; and strengthening the Nucleos Regionais da Interiorização (NURINS), a network of 12 regional offices aiming to optimize the logistics of relocations and enhance the coordination among the local actors promoting the socio-economic integration of Venezuelans. CBI was also targeted to internally relocated individuals through the four different modalities to facilitate their settling in the destination city. Since 2019, almost BRL 2.6 million was invested in CBI, supporting more than 4,800 refugees and migrants.

- ▶ Learn more about the strategy at bit.ly/3euK2KB and bit.ly/3gKa7rJ
- ▶ Access the updated Platform data at bit.ly/32OyaO3
- ▶ Watch the voluntary internal relocation strategy video youtu.be/tCqwdXrSqS4
- ▶ Read our Publication voluntary internal relocation strategy and integration at the destination: UNHCR services and partnerships networks at bit.ly/3vrLX9y
- ▶ Read The Internal Relocation of Venezuelans through the Institutional Modality: lessons learned, challenges and opportunities (available only in Portuguese) at bit.ly/3vPyqog



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UNHCR launches video supporting refugee athletes' competing in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games



Video youtu.be/qFgOLw2TB14

'A Jornada', a powerful video depicting a refugee's path from escaping war and persecution to training for international competition, was released on social media on the

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.

The video tells the story of a refugee forced to leave his home on foot to escape conflicts and persecution. Traveling by land and sea, she finds safety, restoring her life and starts running towards a new goal: a medal.

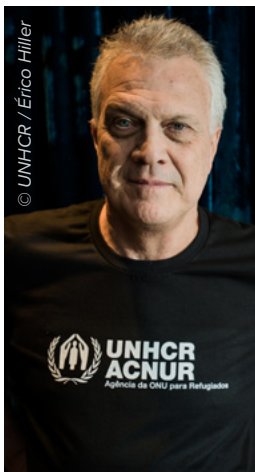
The campaign calls for global support to the over 60 refugee Olympic and para-Olympic athletes who are currently training for a chance to compete in the Tokyo Games and reveals the power of sport in changing the lives of forcibly displaced people. UNHCR has been a partner of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for 25 years to leverage the power of sport, to bring hope and opportunities to refugees around the world.

Read more at bit.ly/2R16F1h

PUBLICATIONS

acnur.org/portugues/publicacoes/

- ▶ UNHCR Manaus Activities Report bit.ly/3hgacUo
- ▶ High Frequency Survey: Protection Monitoring Report Jan-Feb 2021 bit.ly/3tClun9



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UNHCR launches new TV campaign with Pedro Bial

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) launched a new TV campaign in April to raise funds for UNHCR's refugee response in Brazil. The film features the participation of Pedro Bial, UNHCR's High Profile Supporter in Brazil, and presents the story of Anna, a refugee child who lost her parents to escape armed conflicts. Bial highlights the relevance of UNHCR's work in support of children, who currently represent about half of the world's forcibly displaced population.

Check the video at youtu.be/np114fZs0is

HIGHLIGHTS

Rio Grande do Norte and Piauí vaccinate Warao population against COVID-19

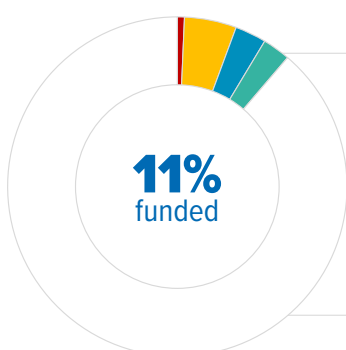
Advocacy efforts promoted by local refugee protection committees in the Northeast of Brazil were key to providing access to the COVID-19 vaccine to Indigenous living in urban areas. In the first week of April, 50 Indigenous Warao living in Natal, in the State of Rio Grande do Norte, and 134 Indigenous Warao living in Teresina, in the State of Piauí, received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

UNHCR and the World Bank launched research on Integration of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in Brazil

On 8 April, the research was presented in an official event hosted by the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Presidency (Casa Civil) with the participation of different government actors and the Operation Welcome along with UN agencies under the R4V coordination. The research and its main results can be accessed at bit.ly/3eV9vgu

CONARE Dashboard updated

UNHCR released updated data from the National Committee for Refugees, and the information on refugee status determination decisions from January 2016 to February 2021 CONARE Plenary Sessions can be accessed at bit.ly/3tTmU3



UNHCR Brazil Funding update

AS OF 11 MAY 2021

US\$ 52,5 million

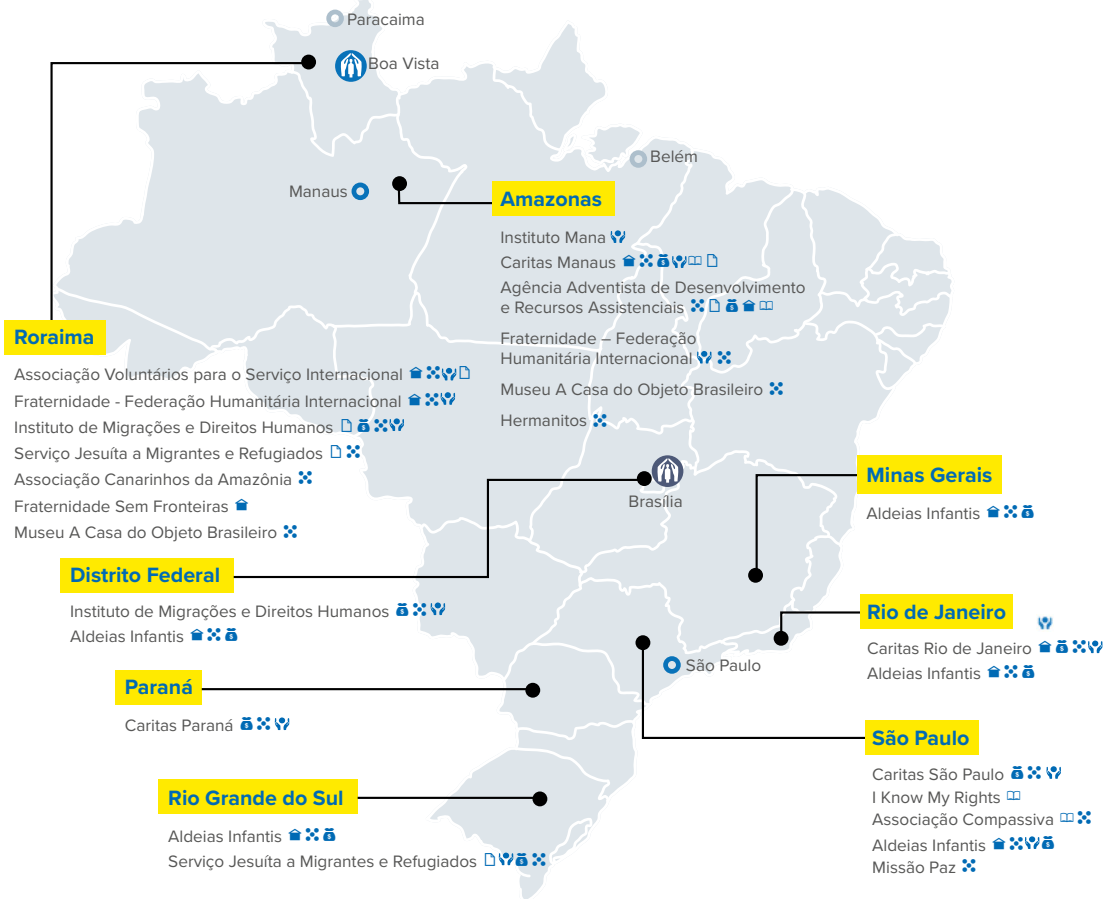
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2021

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

For more information: reporting.unhcr.org

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