



Booklet on access to land and housing guides refugees and migrants in Brazil



People who are forced to flee face different challenges – access to adequate housing is one of them and is characterized by limited knowledge of forms of assistance and lack of accurate and reliable means of information. This is worsened due to lack of formal tenancy agreements, which leaves refugees and migrants exposed to abusive conditions set by landlords. Refugees and migrants may also be less equipped to identify situations of fraud when purchasing land or real estate.

The COVID-19 pandemic amplified the associated protection risks, as it aggravated the economic situation of refugees and migrants and many were evicted, facing a greater risk of contagion and difficulties in accessing water and sanitation services, especially those in a street-like situation.

The booklet “Access to land and housing in Brazil” – developed together with the Federal and State Public Defender’s Office (DPU/DPE) from Pará – brings to light different components of access to adequate housing, such as rent, purchase, and land regularization. Moreover, it is an information instrument for the exercise of rights of indigenous and non-indigenous refugees, migrants, and host communities. The booklet is available in [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#) and is currently undergoing a translation into Warao.

Read more at bit.ly/3qMv4pt

Publication on Internal Relocation Strategy (“Interiorização”) during the COVID-19 pandemic

The preliminary results of the research entitled “Limits and challenges to the local integration of refugees and migrants from Venezuela who relocated during the COVID-19 pandemic” show that refugees and migrants from Venezuela who participated in the internal relocation strategy have greater and better access to the job market and education than the population that continues to live in Operation Welcome shelters in Roraima. The analysis also takes into consideration how gender, race and ethnicity intersect with the location integration pathways of refugees and migrants.



The research was conducted by UNHCR, UN Women, and UNFPA, in partnership with the Government of Luxembourg, and was carried out by the Regional Development and Planning Center (CEDEPLAR) of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and the Institute of Administrative and Accounting Research Institute of Minas Gerais (IPEAD), with support from the Federal University of Roraima (UFRR) and the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais (PUC-MG).

The results of the first round of data collection are available in [Portuguese](#).

Read more at bit.ly/3mU5H3V and bit.ly/3zuwlW7



UNHCR intensifies CBP activities throughout Brazil

Those who are displaced are in the best position to identify the threats and protection risks they face as they are familiar with the causes and effects of those risks and can help to address them. Therefore, UNHCR adopts a community-based approach in all its work with the people it serves and recognizes that, without their active engagement, external interventions alone cannot achieve sustained improvement in their lives. In Boa Vista, UNHCR held a training on “Theory and Practice of Community-Based Protection (CBP)” for 27 partners’ staff, covering the main concepts and guidelines for elaborating work plans to respond to key challenges and needs identified in the work with communities. In Manaus, another 51 participants of the local protection network, including municipal and state Secretariats of Social Assistance, municipal shelters coordination staff and civil society actors, were introduced to UNHCR’s CBP approach and shared good practices and tools to implement CBP initiatives.

Warao response at the southeast region is strengthened

UNHCR, together with the State Committee for the Care of Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, and Victims of Trafficking in Persons in Rio Grande do Sul (COMIRAT) and SJMR, promoted a second workshop for 77 public servants of the state’s municipalities focused on local initiatives of socio-economic inclusion of refugees and migrants in Brazil. In Minas Gerais, UNHCR met with representatives of the local protection network of Patos de Minas to discuss challenges related to assistance for Warao. An indigenous working group was created and capacity building sessions on protection for indigenous populations were planned for early 2022.

Indigenous Warao complete training course for leaders in Belém

A training course for indigenous leaders of the Warao ethnic group residing in Belém and Ananindeua was conducted with the aim to promote the integration of indigenous Venezuelan refugees in Brazil as well as the exchange of experiences with Brazilian indigenous peoples. The participants learned more about the history of indigenous peoples in Brazil; national and international legal instruments; the origin of the international refugee protection system; and the creation of UNHCR.

Read more at bit.ly/3mSFum7



Developments at the border entry point and 2022 shelter planning

The *Posto de Recepção e Atendimento* (PRA) in Pacaraima was officially closed after a significant decrease in the number of people needing to stay in the facility while waiting for their documentation. To assist other people in street like situation, the overnight stay at the BV-8 Transit Centre was reactivated. Moreover, in coordination with the Ministry of Citizenship and the Logistical Humanitarian Task Force of the Army, UNHCR has been stepping up the restructuring of the shelter response for 2022, holding operational meetings to define shelter management arrangements among partners. Strengthening community engagement mechanisms as well as strategies for community-based protection are particularly important for UNHCR and partners during this transition phases, so general assemblies with refugees and migrants are regularly being held so to integrate the needs and views of the affected populations into shelter interventions. These actions also reflect positive developments introduced by Ordinance 663, issued on 20 December, which opens land borders to individuals of all nationalities upon presenting COVID-19 vaccination proof.

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HIGHLIGHTS

RMRP launch:

On 9 December, UNHCR and IOM, within the framework of the R4V Platform, launched a US\$1.79 billion regional plan to support the increasing needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela and their host communities across 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The one-pager on RMRP 2022 Brazil is accessible [here](#).

High Level Officials Meeting:

Held on 14 and 15 December in a virtual format, the meeting brought together senior government officials, refugees, and various stakeholders. UNHCR Brazil Representative, José Egas, participated in the side event “Translating principles to practical action: Academic solidarity #withrefugees” and commended the work carried out for the 18th consecutive year by the Sérgio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair (CSVM).

European Union Special Representative for Human Rights on mission to Brazil:

In December, H.E. Eamon Gilmore held meetings with high-level government representatives and co-chaired the 10th EU-Brazil Human Rights. H.E. Ambassador Ignacio Ybáñez and other high officials of the European Union held a meeting with the UN agencies to discuss the general situation of human rights in the country.

Training sessions on Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and sexual harassment (SH):

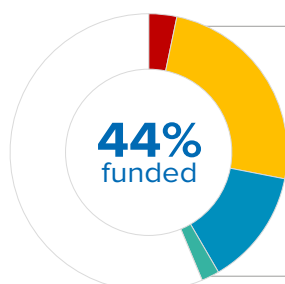
UNHCR Brazil conducted a series of training sessions on PSEA and SH for the teams in all offices, reflecting efforts made by the organization at global level to prevent this form of abuse and provide adequate response services for survivors.

New episodes of UNHCR Brazil podcast “Refúgio em Pauta” available:

The essential role played by consultative forums in promoting refugee rights and integration and the climate change impact in forced displacement of people are the new podcast episodes, which are available at UNHCR website and on major podcast apps. Read more at bit.ly/3pP53qn and bit.ly/3HC9pa7

UNHCR pays tribute to Sister Telma Lage and volunteer Áurea Cruz:

A plaque honoring the late missionary Telma Lage was placed at CMDH, in recognition of her dedication and contribution to the protection of people in forced displacement. Volunteer Áurea Cruz was also honored for her activities such as Mexendo a Panela project, which distributes meals to vulnerable people. Read more at bit.ly/32C7Lqp



UNHCR Brazil Funding update

AS OF 29
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US\$ 52,5 million

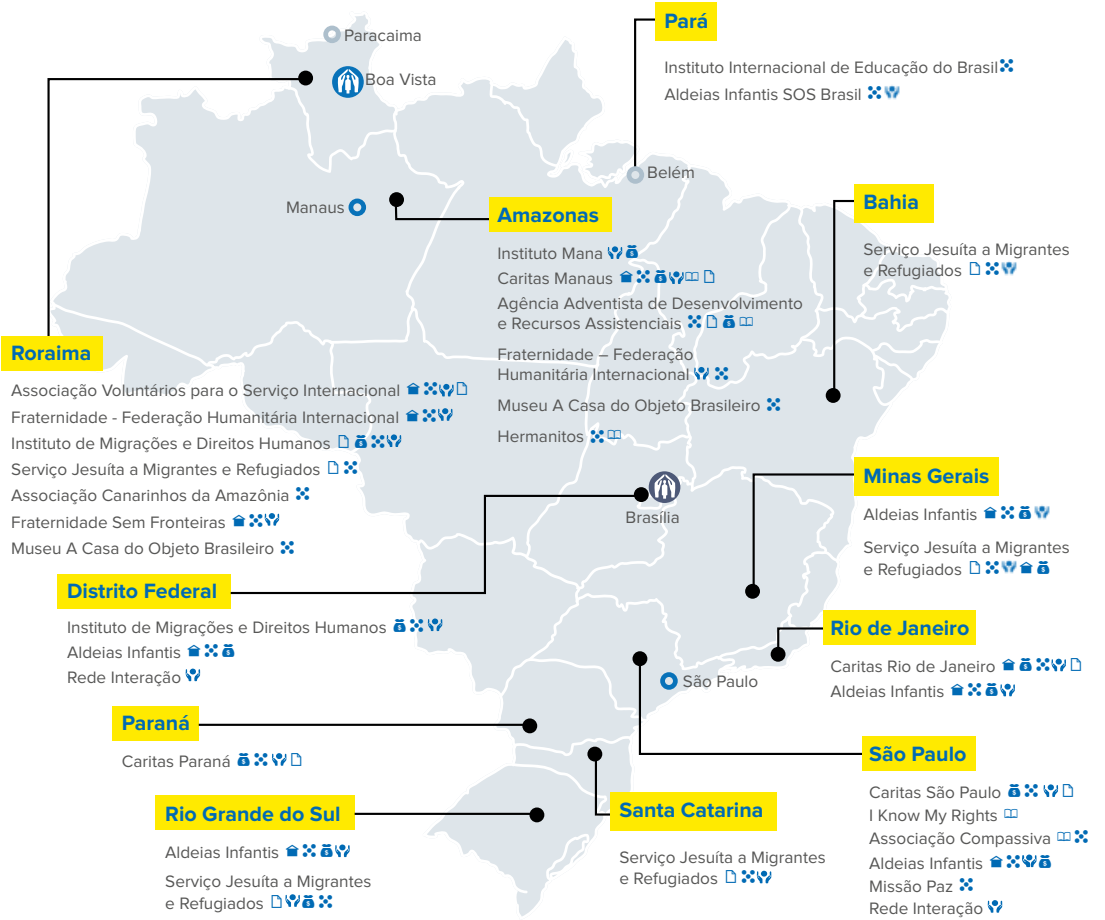
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2021

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

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