



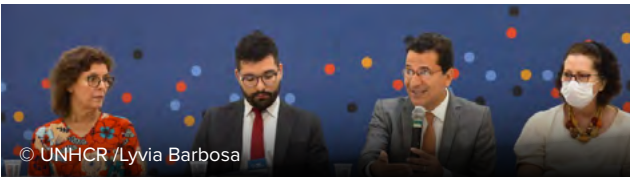
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## 25 years of the Brazilian Refugee Protection Law

On 22 July, the Brazilian Refugee Protection Law (N° 9474 of 1997) celebrated its 25th year of existence since it came into force. The legislation is well-known for its progressive character, which goes beyond the classic definition of who a refugee is, adopting not only grounds for well-founded fears of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, social group, or political opinions, but also including a broader refugee definition based on the Cartagena Declaration, which encompasses severe and widespread violations of human rights.

In this context, the UNHCR Brazil Representative a.i., Federico Martinez, participated in a seminar promoted by the Commission on Human Rights and Minorities of the Chamber of Deputies in Brasília to highlight Law N° 9474 as an essential pillar of Brazil's humanitarian commitment within the international community. Part of the reflections shared by the Representative in this remarkable commemoration can be read in his article "[On the 25th anniversary of the refugee protection law, UNHCR commends Brazil's solidarity](#)", in addition to the Podcast "[Refúgio em Pauta](#)", where Sister Rosita Milesi, director of the Migrations and Human Rights Institute (IMDH), Liliana Jubilut, professor of International Law and Human Rights at UniSantos, João Amorim, professor of International Law at UNIFESP, and João Carlos Jarochinski, professor of International Relations at UFRR, debated about the subject.



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## 1st Meeting of the National Forum of State Councils and Committees for Refugees and Migrants

UNHCR understands that refugee protection and integration is a primary responsibility of States, although shared between different public and private actors, non-governmental organizations, academia, and international institutions. Therefore, only joint strategies between these actors can meaningfully promote integral responses to the needs of these populations. For this reason, UNHCR has worked intensively in providing technical support to Councils and Committees for refugees and migrants to strengthen policies, plans, and spaces for the social participation of refugees and asylum seekers.

On 26 July, UNHCR facilitated the 1st Meeting of the National Forum of State Councils and Committees for Refugees and Migrants, which was attended by representatives from 10

states (Acre, Ceará, Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Norte, Rio Grande do Sul and São Paulo), in addition to the presence of the UNHCR Brazil Representative a.i., Federico Martinez, and the Coordinator of the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE), Bernardo Laferté. On this occasion, the importance of the Forum for state-level articulation in response to the main demands of refugees and migrants seeking protection in the country was emphasized, while also discussing good practices for integrating these communities.

In the coming months, the Forum members will continue to work on defining structures and guidelines that contribute to a greater institutionalization of this collegiate space, while UNHCR will continue to provide technical support in its role as Executive Secretariat.



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## Visit of the Head of the ECHO Regional Office in Brazil

The support of the European Union’s Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) enabled UNHCR Brazil to respond to the growing challenges faced by Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, also contributing to ensuring the protection of these people through access to care, protection, shelter and achieving self-reliance through financial assistance. In 2021 alone, more than 60,000 Venezuelans received humanitarian aid and access to basic rights and services through multisectoral interventions implemented with ECHO support.

Between 4 and 8 July, UNHCR accompanied the visit of the Head of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of ECHO, Álvaro de Vicente, to Brazil. With visits to Brasília, Boa Vista, and Pacaraima, Mr. de Vicente had an overview of the humanitarian situation of refugees in Brazil and the strategic lines of intervention of UNHCR in the country, getting to know the reception spaces and emergency shelters, in addition to the Sustainability Center and the Reception, Documentation, and Relocation Centre (PITRIG). In addition, the agenda included meetings and field visits with other UN agencies and civil society organizations that assist Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the north of the country.



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## Visit by UNHCR Senior Refugee Sports Coordinator and Klubu staff

Sport is a tool with a transformative potential, which is present in the lives and aspirations of many refugees. For this reason, UNHCR is constantly seeking strategic sports partnerships to promote activities for the protection and social development of displaced youth and their communities. In this context, between 4 and 8 July, UNHCR received a visit from the UNHCR Senior Sports Coordinator for Refugees, Nick Sore, and the team from Klubu, an organization that promotes sports activities in refugee camps to evaluate, together with refugees and migrants, what are the interests and challenges in accessing sports activities in the host community and how to mitigate these obstacles.



## PARTNERSHIPS THAT TRANSFORM LIVES: Private sector engaged in the protection of refugees

Since the start of the Ukrainian conflict, UNHCR has expanded its operations in the region to support people forced to leave everything behind to escape the conflict. Humanitarian needs have grown since then, and partnerships established with Beiersdorf, Klabin, Fitesa, Ranson, Afaplan and Realize have made a difference in the lives of thousands of people. Riachuelo and YouTube Music also recently joined UNHCR's team of corporate donors in Brazil to support projects focused on women's empowerment and access to the labor market.

UNHCR's work to protect refugees is supported by voluntary contributions from countries and donations from companies and individuals. If your company believes that refugees should have the opportunity to rebuild their lives, contact us ([sandresc@unhcr.org](mailto:sandresc@unhcr.org)) and find out the possibilities of strategic partnerships with UNHCR.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Reopening of the ATM in Manaus

On 8 July, the physical space of the Manaus Transit Shelter (ATM) of Operation Welcome was reopened, after 14 months following infrastructure damage caused by heavy floods in May 2021.

#### Documentation efforts

In July, UNHCR strengthened its efforts to ensure more agile and accessible documentation processes. Taskforces were carried out in São Paulo-SP, Joinville-SC and in the rural area of Cantá-RR, benefiting more than 150 people with requests for asylum, access to the provisional ID cards for asylum seekers (DPRNM), as well as renewal of their asylum application protocols.

#### Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Araçatuba-SP

UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Araçatuba to support the creation of a Municipal Committee for Refugees and Stateless Persons, as well as provide technical support for the elaboration of public policies, georeferencing maps of the refugee and migrant population, training of civil servants, among other activities.

#### R4V Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis Planning Workshop

On 12 July, the R4V Brazil Platform held the Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis (RMNA) Planning Workshop. The event was an opportunity for sectors and subsectors to agree on the priority needs of refugees and migrants for the next planning cycle in areas such as shelter, food distribution, education, protection, health, integration, humanitarian transportation, nutrition, and WASH. The main evidence is based on the Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) carried out by the R4V Platform in June 2022, as well as the review of secondary data. The regional RMNA, containing analyses from 17 Latin American and Caribbean countries, will be published in September.

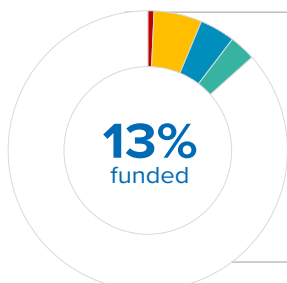
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- ▶ CONARE's Decisions [bit.ly/2ZOne1w](https://bit.ly/2ZOne1w)
- ▶ Shelters in Roraima [bit.ly/3dcF6dT](https://bit.ly/3dcF6dT)
- ▶ Internal Relocation Strategy [bit.ly/3asTv3C](https://bit.ly/3asTv3C)
- ▶ Indigenous people [bit.ly/3xzTt4L](https://bit.ly/3xzTt4L)

### PUBLICATIONS

[acnur.org/portugues/publicacoes/](https://acnur.org/portugues/publicacoes/)

- ▶ BV-8 Annex Report [bit.ly/3wGWwZA](https://bit.ly/3wGWwZA)
- ▶ Belém Activities Report – January June 2022 [bit.ly/3RhIG9v](https://bit.ly/3RhIG9v)
- ▶ Interiorization Report – May June 2022 [bit.ly/3CDjCnD](https://bit.ly/3CDjCnD)
- ▶ Pacaraima verification Exercise Report (only in Portuguese) [bit.ly/3R1vm7A](https://bit.ly/3R1vm7A)



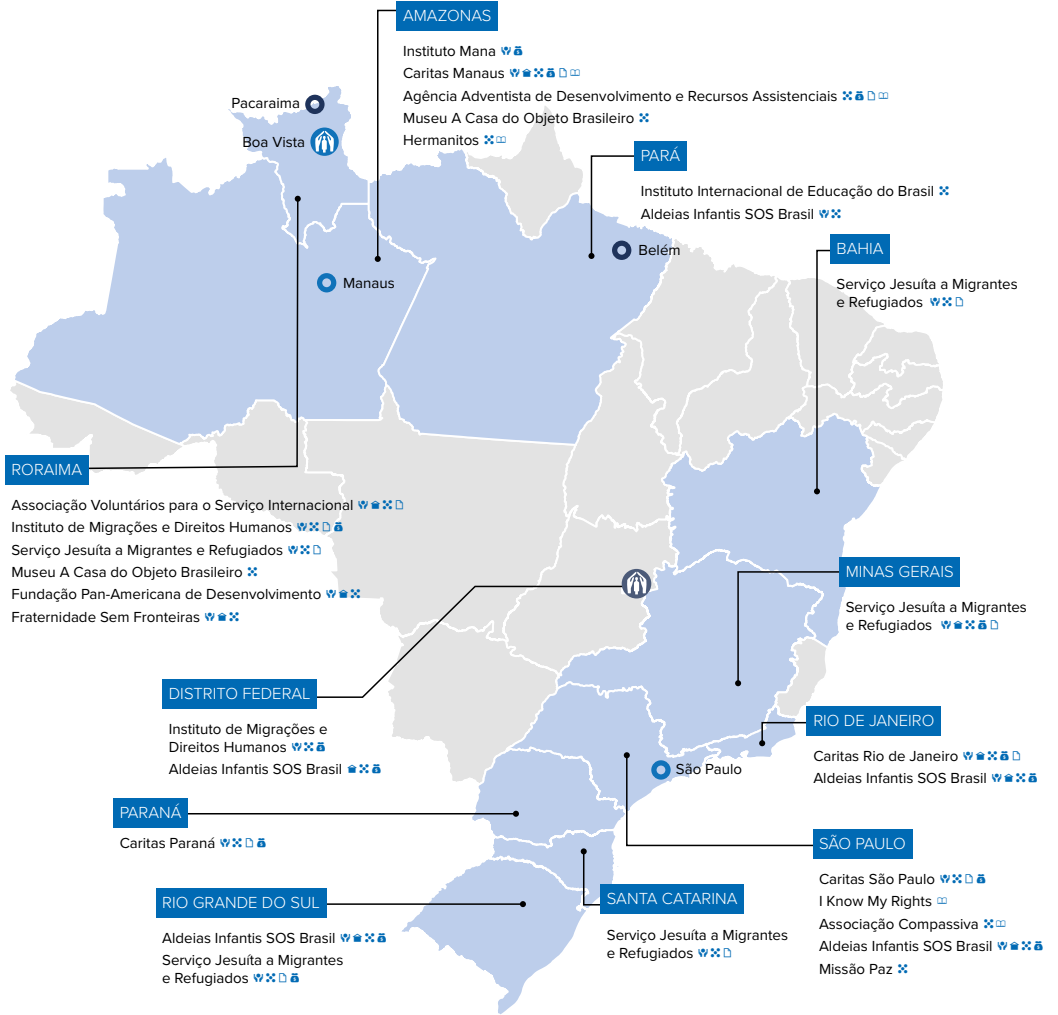
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**US\$ 52,5 million**  
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2022

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

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