



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE SUBREGION*

150,000



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**

3,978



FUNDING SITUATION***

FUNDED: \$224,000

REQUIREMENT: \$46.36 MILLION

Situation

- In **Aruba, Curaçao, the Dominican Republic, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago**, public health regulations and movement restriction measures continued in April due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the loss of livelihoods and heightened vulnerability for Venezuelans and the host population. Unemployment, increments in pricing, food insecurity, threats of eviction, and access to healthcare were reported as the main concerns throughout the sub-region. Remote modalities of working and physical distancing protocols remained enforced for R4V partners.
- The numbers of COVID-19 cases in the **Dominican Republic** increased, causing an extended state of emergency and a reduction of livelihood opportunities.
- The negative impact of travel restrictions on **Aruba's** tourism-dependent economy led some 400 Venezuelans to register for voluntary return to Venezuela on the Department of Integration and Management of Foreigners' website. R4V Partners requested that the Aruban Government provide clarification on conditions and required documentation that apply to these returns. As of 30 April, no return had taken place and discussions between the Governments of Aruba and Venezuela continued.
- Trinidad and Tobago** local press reported arrests of Venezuelans, including minors, at unauthorized social gatherings labelled "COVID-19 parties". Unfavorable press coverage and potential recourse to negative coping mechanisms in facing employment losses continue to be of concern.
- On 24 April, in compliance with an order by the Supreme Court, the **Guyana** Elections Commission approved a 25-day operational plan to carry out the recount of all votes cast at the 2 March General and Regional Elections.

PEOPLE REACHED (CURRENT MONTH)	Education	Food Security	Health	Integration	NFI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	CBI
324	3810	433	14	974	9	1004	135	393	

Response

- R4V partners continued to provide **direct emergency assistance** in the **Caribbean subregion** to Venezuelan refugees and migrants. The type of direct emergency assistance provided to those in vulnerable conditions included mainly **food and non-food items (NFIs), shelter, cash-based interventions (CBI), health assistance and protection** support. The lack of formal and informal job opportunities in host countries exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, had a significant impact on host populations' and Venezuelans' ability to be self-reliant and to improve mental well-being.
- With food insecurity on the rise across the subregion, R4V stepped up their **interventions, providing food assistance** to 124 Venezuelans in the form of food vouchers and food baskets in Aruba. In **Curaçao**, a government initiative led to the creation of a food distribution network which was



Figure 1: Distribution of food hampers and baby kits to single mothers affected by COVID-19 in Guyana

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coordinated by R4V partners. The efforts reached 1,739 beneficiaries from the Venezuelan and host populations. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, R4V Partners prioritized **food assistance** to 345 Venezuelan families. Direct deliveries of food packages and food vouchers were conducted with the assistance of community groups who aided in transporting **food hampers** to remote areas. Separately, partners approved two quick impact projects with local NGOs to aid in rapid food distribution. In the **Dominican Republic** and **Guyana**, food assistance reached 1,726 Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

- As part of their emergency support, R4V partners provided different forms of **temporary accommodations and emergency shelter**. In the **Dominican Republic**, 95 refugees and migrants benefited from support with rental accommodation. Alternatively, in **Curaçao** partners provided short-term temporary housing solutions to 4 Venezuelans, while short term lodging at hotels was provided to two Venezuelans in the **Dominican Republic**.



Figure 2: Trinidad & Tobago Police Service receives NFI kits for distribution to victims of GBV

- With remote working modalities and physical distancing protocols in place, the **use of CBI** increased in the sub-region. Multi-purpose CBI reached 122 Venezuelan migrants and refugees in **Aruba**, while in the **Dominican Republic**, it was provided to 206 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the form of vouchers and cash. Of the 206 beneficiaries, 56 were adult males, 80 females and 70 children. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, R4V partners reviewed the criteria for administering **multipurpose CBI** to include COVID-19 impacts (criterion to be added to other CBI SOPs across the subregion) and aided the most affected families with very limited resources. Sixty-three individuals including 59 Venezuelan refugees and migrants were assisted. **Non-Food Items (NFI) kits**, including **COVID-19**

kits and cash vouchers were also distributed to 254 Venezuelan individuals, including 88 adult males, 78 adult females and 88 children in **Trinidad and Tobago**. Whereas in Guyana, 720 Venezuelans benefited from the distribution of **NFIs**.

- Activities to promote access to **health** were also conducted in the Caribbean countries. R4V partner health clinic provided **emergency health services** to 165 Venezuelan beneficiaries in **Curaçao**. The same clinic provided **Primary health care** services for 402 refugees and migrants from Venezuela both by 'remote' and 'in-person' modalities. **Secondary health service consultations, including the prevention of HIV/AIDS** were also provided to two Venezuelans. In the **Dominican Republic**, 31 persons received **primary healthcare assistance**.
- To ensure the **protection** of Venezuelans, partners continued providing **protection assistance** mainly via **remote modalities** during the month of April. In **Aruba**, 168 Venezuelans received case management services, while 87 refugees and migrants from Venezuela received protection services via Hotline Non-Case Management services set up by R4V partners. In **Trinidad and Tobago**, one partner provided safe **shelter** to 4 Venezuelan victims of trafficking and at-risk refugees and migrants. As for detention cases, one R4V partner followed up by providing legal assistance to 18 individuals.
- In Guyana, **protection** activities continued with **capacity building** to develop protocols and referral pathways for 12 local frontline service providers. Additionally, 17 at-risk Venezuelans were provided with **counselling services** regarding legal rights and available services. Furthermore, 249 refugee and migrant children from Venezuela received specialised child protection services (prevention and response to violence) through the efforts of one R4V partner. In the **Dominican Republic**, one partner provided remote **psychological support** to 8 Venezuelans. **Legal** orientation during biometric registration was also provided to two Venezuelans. In addition, partners provided **specialized legal assistance** to 61 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago, bringing the total to 63 persons having received legal services.
- In order to guarantee the right to education during the pandemic, R4V partners in Trinidad and Tobago maintained **educational services** to Venezuelan children, moving their educational offerings to 100% online modality. Education teams adapted online teaching methodologies, curricula and interventions, and provided additional support, including the provision of tablets to 324 Venezuelan students.

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Who/What/Where*

	ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
PARTNERS	HIAS, UNHCR	Famia Planea, Salú pa Tur, UNHCR	FUNCOVERD, Globalizate Radio, IOM, UNHCR	HIAS, IOM, UNICEF	IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF
SECTORS					

People Reached*

SECTOR	ARUBA	CURAÇAO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GUYANA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	TOTAL
 EDUCATION					324	324
 FOOD SECURITY	124	1739	993	754	200	3810
 HEALTH		402	31			433
 INTEGRATION				12	2	14
 MULTIPURPOSE CBI	124		206		63	393
 NFI				720	254	974
 NUTRITION					9	9
 PROTECTION	168	4	56	490	286	1004
 SHELTER		4	95	36		135
 COVID-19 (CROSS-SECTOR)	168	1739	993	249	286	3435

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R4V- Response for Venezuela: <https://r4v.info/en/situations/platform>

FINANCIAL TRACKING SYSTEM: [HTTPS://FTS.UNOCHA.ORG.APPEALS/726/SUMMARY](https://fts.unocha.org/appeals/726/summary)

* Based on activities reported in the current month | ** FTS Website: fts.unocha.org