



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE SUBREGION\*  
**150,000**



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*\*  
**410**



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*\*  
 FUNDED: \$17.47 MILLION  
 REQUIREMENT: \$ 46.36 MILLION

## Situation

- Five months after the general elections in Guyana, a new government took office on 2 August. Executive President Irfaan Ali was sworn-in and highlighted in his first address “We are in this together, we are not separated by class, ethnicity, religion or political persuasion”. His postulations represent an opportunity to strengthen advocacy for integration and durable solutions for Venezuelans.
- As of August 31, Guyana confirmed [1306 cases of Covid-19](#), out of which 549 were active cases and 31 deaths were recorded, prompting the new Minister of Health to issue renewed emergency and restrictive orders. However, to boost the economy, mining resumed in regions 7, 8 and 9 with guidelines in place.
- On August 28, the [Brazilian Health Authorities announced the decision to close borders](#) with Guyana in the interest of minimizing the spread of the disease: a decision that was welcomed by the Guyana authorities. Borders will however open every Thursday to facilitate the import of goods into Guyana.



PEOPLE REACHED\*



Education

94



Food Security

192



Health

5



NFI

155



Protection

410



Shelter

211



WASH

250



CBI

143

## Response

- During the month of August, partners ramped up efforts to support over 3300 people in need in Guyana. They continue to assess the situation of Venezuelans in the country in order to identify gaps in the response and adjust operations to the evolving needs and challenges, particularly within the COVID-19 context. This was done through the provision of **Cash Based Interventions (CBI)** to respond to the immediate basic needs of 143 Venezuelans from 100 households who received their first **cash-based intervention** assistance during the reporting period, while 43 more households received their second **CBI** assistance. Partners also provided **food assistance** to 192 vulnerable Venezuelans and ensured **rent subsidies** in collaboration with a children’s charity-based organization for over 211 vulnerable refugees and migrants. Out of this number, 11 beneficiaries were from Region 9, 77 from region 7, 75 hailed from Region 4 and 48 from region 2.
- Meanwhile, almost 500 WASH interventions were carried out in the country, with 141 Venezuelan and local females receiving **dignity/hygiene vouchers** to purchase basic **cleaning** and **hygiene products** in Region 9.



*Venezuelan Women producing cloth masks as part of an income generating project between a partner and CDC*

Additionally, 143 more persons in need received **NFIs** including face masks and baby wipes were distributed to 10 mothers. **WASH Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) hampers** were distributed through the Civil Defence Commission to 50 families including 10 Venezuelans, in Lethem Region 9.

- Moreover, partners in Guyana provided almost 800 protection interventions. In a bid to prevent and respond to child-based violence in regions 1,2 and 7, they referred 387 Venezuelan minors to expert **protection services** within specialized **child advocacy centers**. Partners reached 410 Venezuelans with **information and sensitization awareness sessions** on accessing protection services in the country, and facilitated **support group meetings** and/or **virtual sensitization sessions** for 45 sex workers. Furthermore a **training** (16 hours) on prevention and response of **gender-based violence (GBV)** was delivered to 26 frontline staff from organizations working in Guyana with Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- **Additionally, through case management** services, partners identified needs and provided support to 143 Venezuelan refugees and migrants, 104 of whom were referred to external **medical care**, and internal counselling services. Six new cases received **psycho-social support** through individual counselling. Alternatively, 37 persons attended follow-up sessions and ongoing support group sessions.
- Accompanied visits for Venezuelans to access Government services in various regions continue to be provided by R4V partners during the COVID-19 pandemic. When possible, remote support is provided

with interpretation to assist beneficiaries and government officials who are offering services to refugees and migrants. Additionally, to foster integration and durable solutions, 118 Venezuelan children not enrolled in formal public education institutes received **English as a Second Language (ESL) classes**.

- A partner initiated outreach among parents of refugees and migrants and host communities as well as Tousehaus in remote areas in the hinterland, in Region 1, to seek their views on out of school children resuming community based ESL classes incorporating prevention measures against COVID. These children were not previously registered in public school and are living in communities where radio signals and internet is not accessible.



Venezuelan woman signing a contract for the cloth-mask livelihoods project promoted by a partner in region 1.

## Partners by Sector\*

| EDUCATION   | FOOD SECURITY | HEALTH | PROTECTION  | NFI              | SHELTER | WASH        | CBI  |
|-------------|---------------|--------|---|------------------|---------|-------------|------|
| UNHCR, PADF | IOM, UNHCR    | IOM    | Blossoms Inc, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition, HIAS, UNHCR, UNICEF | HIAS, IOM, UNHCR | IOM     | CDC, UNICEF | HIAS |

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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)