In the week of the World Refugee Day, the Interiorization, Integration and Humanitarian Transportation sector of the Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V) in Brazil launched a report gathering successful stories among the more than 100,000 people relocated in the country.

By highlighting their dreams, opportunities and desires, the document emphasizes the Interiorization strategy as a tool that enables people to achieve autonomy.

The material was organized by UNHCR, IOM and World Vision, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, with a presentation by minister Wellington Dias. It also had the contribution of several organizations that work in the engagement of the private sector, mobilization of the local network, delivery of financial assistance, sheltering, among other actions within the scope of Interiorization.
UNHCR data between April and June

Performance of UNHCR in the Institutional modality of Interiorization

158 people welcomed
in 6 reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR

Of a total of 397 beneficiaries of the modality

R$220,632 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality

186 installments provided
186 people benefited
92 families benefited

Distribution of people welcomed per reception and integration center

Distrito Federal (DF)
• Aldeias Infantis (28)
Rio de Janeiro (RJ)
• Aldeias Infantis (70)
Porto Alegre (RS)
• Aldeias Infantis (32)
São Paulo (SP)
• Aldeias Infantis (23)
• Missão Paz (2)
• Casa Dom Luciano (3)

Celebrating World Refugee Day

On 20 June, World Refugee Day, we celebrate the resilience and diversity and acknowledge the challenges refugee people face, but we also value the cultural, professional and human contributions they bring to the host country.

Under the motto #HopeAwayFromHome, UNHCR carried out an activity with the community welcomed in Aldeias Infantis in Brasilia to express what they understand by home, hope and integration in Brazil. Local integration was the theme launched by UNHCR in view of the current setting of 110 million forcibly displaced people in the world. The Interiorization strategy has become an example in providing opportunities for Venezuelan people to rebuild their lives with dignity in Brazil.

Advocacy

UNHCR accompanied representatives of the Municipal Secretary of Citizenship and Human Rights of Esteio (RS) on a visit to Boa Vista, in order to sensitize managers and strengthen the work developed with Operação Acolhida. A pioneer in welcoming Venezuelan people, the municipality has a reference service and a shelter for migrants and refugees. Since 2018, 685 people have been transferred to Esteio.

Performance of UNHCR in the Employment-based modality of Interiorization

R$181,693 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Employment-based modality

147 installments provided
459 people benefited
139 families benefited

Economic sectors of people employed: Gastronomy, Retail, Construction, Automotive Production, Forestry, Slaughterhouse.

Economic sectors of the offered jobs:
• Agriculture
• Civil construction
• Fuel resale
• Equipment leasing

Sheltering for Interiorization

People welcomed in the shelters of Operation Welcome supported by UNHCR in partnership with AVSI Brazil

625 people sheltered in the BV-8 Transit Shelter in Pacaraima in the Interiorization flow

3,514 (50%) people welcomed in the emergency shelters of Boa Vista were interiorized, of which 2,066 were from the Rondon 5 Interiorization Center
Overview of the Interiorization Strategy from April 2018 to June 2023

The Federal Government’s Interiorization strategy, implemented by Operação Acolhida, voluntarily relocates Venezuelan refugees and migrants from the states of Roraima to other cities in the country. UNHCR, in partnership with other UN agencies and civil society organizations, has supported the strategy since its launch. Learn more about the Interiorization strategy and UNHCR’s work.

107,299
refugees and migrants relocated in all modalities

Performance of UNHCR in the Institutional modality of Interiorization

Of a total of
15,463
people benefited by the modality

R$3,466,315
allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality

Performance of UNHCR in the Employment-based modality of Interiorization

R$2,204,274
allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (Cash assistance) for the EBM modality

Performance of UNHCR in Shelter accommodations for Interiorization

57,777
people supported by UNHCR for Interiorization purposes

Donor countries of UNHCR in Brazil and global programmes with flexible funding that supports the humanitarian response in the country

UNHCR’s private sector donors

UNHCR Brazil is also thankful for the important support of and partnerships with other UN agencies, Brazilian authorities (at federal, state and municipal levels) and civil society organizations working together to deliver the emergency response and in the regular programmes of the Brazilian operation.