



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN COUNTRY*
22,000



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**
1484



FUNDING SITUATION***
FUNDED: USD 2,585,335
REQUIREMENT: USD 13,030,738

Situation

- On 30 July, the Guyana Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that the [results of the election recount were legitimate](#) and should be used to declare the winner of the election.
- [The United States of America imposed sanctions on Guyana on 15 July 2020](#), citing that visa permits would be revoked for the persons complicit in undermining Guyana's democratic values. Meanwhile, [the European Union \(EU\) promised not to waver in its espousal of support to the democratic process](#) with the aim of having a rapid conclusion to the political and electoral crisis in Guyana.
- Guyana reported 413 cases of COVID-19, an increase of 165 infected, with 7 additional deaths, bringing the death toll to 20 during the month of July. COVID-19 outbreaks reported in Aranka, Region 7, and Moruca, Region 1, led the authorities to implement further lockdown measures, blocking transit of people within these areas. The lockdown was met with resistance in the form of protests from residents living in Region 1.
- Hinterland regions 1, 7 and 9 became hot spots, forcing the National COVID-19 Task force to implement emergency measures inclusive of 6.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. curfew, closure of mining and transportation activities and restrictions to businesses. On the other hand, region 4 saw the planned "phase 3 re-opening" and businesses starting to operate with limitations; bar activities and social events remained prohibited.
- As businesses slowly re-opened, owners prioritized hiring host community members over refugees and migrants. Job cuts continued, leaving refugees and migrants disproportionately affected by challenges such as evictions, inadequate shelter, food, medical supplies and services and sanitation issues.



Distribution of mosquito nets for protection against dengue and malaria during the rainy season.



PEOPLE REACHED



Food Security

37



Health

2



NFI

104



Protection

786



Shelter

156



WASH

490



CBI

1484

Response

- As an emergency response to the increasing risks of homelessness for Venezuelans, partners in **Guyana** provided 156 refugees and migrants at risk of eviction with rent subsidies for **medium to long term accommodation**. Separately, the Catholic Diocese and an R4V partner provided 98 refugee and migrant households with **food hampers, NFIs and shelter support**, and 37 Venezuelans and host community members benefitted from **food distribution** by another R4V partner.
- To provide emergency relief, 62 vulnerable households received their first of three **Cash Based Intervention (CBI)** disbursements of USD 300 each. Additionally, the Ministry of Social Protection provided assistance to a total of 1,484 households, with **the financial and technical support of one R4V partner**. The support is based on assessed needs

* Population by end of 2019 | ** From 01/07/2020, total calculated from sectoral maximum | *** Source: FTS Website (fts.unocha.org); Includes paid contributions and committed funds as of June; totals estimated from multi-country contributions.

of households related to access to food, rent, education, and more. 90% of the beneficiaries are Venezuelan refugees and migrants and the remaining 10% returnee Guyanese.

- Partners **carried out nutritional intervention** campaigns providing 7,000 pregnant and lactating women with support and guidance on **breastfeeding, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and hygienic practices (WASH)** which were infused in the delivery of immunization services. Partners also facilitated technical training to health workers and promoted breastfeeding as a ‘best practice’ during the pandemic.
- With the aim of providing **information, prevention and response services on Gender Based Violence (GBV)** one R4V partner organized 10 **support group meetings** and **sensitization sessions**, promoted by peer educators. These were attended by 59 and 49 Venezuelan sex workers respectively. As well, **3,400 condoms were distributed to female sex workers** in Port Kaituma in Region 1, and Mahdia in Region 8.
- Additionally, 238 Venezuelan children received **specialised protection services** and obtained legal

assistance through Child Advocacy Centers (CACs), that assisted with birth registrations.

- To ensure safe and dignified access to basic rights and services such as medical care, immigration, and police services, partners continued to provide in-person and remote **interpretation** services to Venezuelans and government officials. Four female adults were also assisted with **psychosocial interventions**.



Distribution of food vouchers to vulnerable Venezuelan families

- R4V partners provided **information and sensitization** to more than 780 Venezuelans and individuals from the host community, with the aim of curbing xenophobia and enhancing peaceful coexistence.

Partners by sector

Based on activities reported for the current month.

FOOD SECURITY	HEALTH	NFI	PROTECTION	SHELTER	WASH	CBI
IOM, UNHCR	IOM	IOM, UNHCR	Blossoms Inc, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition, HIAS, UNHCR, UNICEF	IOM	Blossoms Inc, UNICEF	HIAS, Ministry of Social Protection, UNHCR, UNICEF

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