



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL
 145,462 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE
 96,556 ASYLUM SEEKERS
 46,343 REFUGEES
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PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE
 9,545



FUNDING REQUIREMENTS=
 USD 98 MILLION

Situation

- **On 20 April, the Ministry of Citizenship hosted a virtual event to celebrate the milestone of 50,000 Venezuelans internally relocated from Roraima and Amazonas to over 600 cities** with greater opportunities for socio-economic integration. The event saw the participation of the Ministers of the Presidency, Justice, and Citizenship as well as key partners in the voluntary internal relocation strategy, such as municipal governments and R4V coordinators. Testimonies from relocated Venezuelan families who successfully integrated in their destination cities were also presented.
- **On 8 April, a Federal Judge in Roraima ordered the government of Boa Vista to provide equal access to healthcare services to foreign nationals in Brazil, preventing local authorities from discriminating on the grounds of nationality or migration status.** The decision determined that all municipal health centres must publicly display information on refugees and migrants' access to healthcare in Brazil, both in Portuguese and Spanish. The court decision comes after a controversial 2020 municipal law that established that only 50% of healthcare services capacity would be available for foreign nationals.

Response

Education

- With the Education sector's technical support, **the school enrolment rate reached 100% for children and adolescents living in two municipal shelters hosting indigenous populations in Tarumã Açú, State of Amazonas.** In addition, the sector provided technical guidance to develop **culturally tailored school curricula and educational services** to guarantee a greater inclusion of indigenous populations.



Health

- Sector partners continued their support to the public health system in Manaus, which has been overburdened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **This month, an oxygen plant was donated to a municipal maternity hospital in order to ensure oxygen supply to newborns who require care in intensive units.** In addition, a general practitioner started to provide primary healthcare consultations to refugees and migrants in state and municipal shelters, as well as at the PRA (Manaus Bus Station Support Space).

Integration/ Interiorization/ Humanitarian Transportation

- **R4V integration sector partners and the World Bank published a policy research working paper on "Integration of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in Brazil".** The research found that Venezuelan refugees and migrants face challenges integrating into the education system, social protection programmes, and the formal labour market, despite few legal constraints, easy access to work permits and free access to public services. They are more likely to find lower-paid jobs and not attend schools than their Brazilian counterparts. The

results suggest that increased school capacity, recognition of Venezuelan degrees, and relocation to places with greater employment opportunities may facilitate integration.

- **The integration sector and the Ministry of Economy held the sixth [webinar](#) of *Proteja o Trabalho* (Protect the Work), an information campaign aimed at ensuring the protection of vulnerable refugees and migrants at work in the context of COVID-19.** Experts discussed identification and referral mechanisms to prevent and respond to trafficking in persons. In addition, a booklet was released called "[Am I a Victim of Modern Slavery?](#)", available in four languages, including Spanish, to help refugees and migrants identify and report exploitative labour situations.
- The private sector is key to ensuring the economic integration of refugees and migrants into host communities. This month, R4V integration partners strengthened their partnerships with a wide range of private companies, including in **Santa Catarina State, where 77 Venezuelans secured jobs in the food and furniture industries. In the same state, R4V partners offered sewing courses to 30 Venezuelans, as part of a cooperation agreement with Renner, one of the largest clothing retailers in Brazil.**



Nutrition

- **R4V partners continued their nutritional surveillance programme and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus, Belém, and Santarém and public health facilities in the State of Roraima.** In total, 587 children under the age of 5 (including 162 Indigenous Warao children) and 249 pregnant and lactating women were screened for malnutrition, out of whom 321 received daily micronutrient tablets. Counselling sessions on appropriate feeding were held

for 608 caregivers of infants, girls, and boys aged 0-23 months.

- **R4V partners donated 10 computers to enhance the capacity of public health institutions based in Roraima, including the Children's Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre**, to provide nutritional services to children and lactating women, such as screenings, assessments, interventions and counselling.

Protection

- **The Protection sector supported local authorities with the reception and protection of Warao indigenous groups.** Sector partners provided technical support to the municipality of Itabuna, Bahia State, with the design of a protection strategy for newly arrived refugees and migrants. Similarly, in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul State, the sector held protection trainings for local authorities currently assisting a group of 30 people.
- As part of its strategy to support capacity development of all stakeholders involved in child protection including public servants and NGOs, the Child Protection sub-sector **held a webinar on 'Core Commitments for Children, Child Protection and Adolescent Development' for 100 social workers in Pará State. In Roraima State, the sub-sector is conducting a 5-module training to strengthen the local child protection system.**
- The GBV subsector has taken a wide range of actions to tackle increasing rates of gender-based violence during the pandemic. This month, sub-sector partners held information sessions for 95 humanitarian actors and community leaders to raise awareness about GBV and local referral pathways for survivors in Boa Vista. In addition, **information sessions and booklets on the Maria da Penha Law, the Brazilian legal framework on violence against women, were culturally adapted to resonate with indigenous populations.**
- **As part of its efforts to combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP), the sub-sector held training sessions on identification and referral mechanisms for the local protection network composed of public servants and civil society organizations in the municipalities of Rorainópolis and São João da Baliza, in Roraima State.**



Shelter/Food Security

- **In Boa Vista, R4V partners supported community leaders of the former Ka'Ubanoco spontaneous settlement and current residents of the Jardim Floresta shelter, in the planning process of their relocation to private land in the municipality of Cantá and the registration of their indigenous association.** Preliminary steps include preparation of the land and a topographical assessment.
- **In Manaus, R4V partners resumed their regular support in Indigenous shelters,** which was suspended in January due to the second wave of COVID-19. The activities include provision of technical support for the coordination of shelters and working on prevention and response to protection risks.



WASH

In addition to the regular provision of WASH services in Roraima and Amazonas States, including safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene items, sector partners implemented the following activities:

- **In Pará State, sector partners hired three Warao-speaking WASH monitors to implement standards and protocols to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Warao indigenous communities living in shelters and spontaneous settlements in the state.**
- Heavy rains in April resulted in water ponding in multiple shelters in Roraima. In response, **R4V partners and the Brazilian army installed a rainwater collection tank at the Pricumã shelter,** significantly reducing runoff. Partners also made **repairs to greywater and wastewater pipes and manholes, commissioned new water storage tanks for the Rondon 3 shelter and installed new privacy doors in Rondon 1 shower stalls.**
- As part of a plan to address waste management issues in Roraima's Operation Welcome shelters, sector partners, together with the technical team of the Army, constructed a **biogas septic tank at the "13 September Emergency Space".**

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	CBI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
1,648	2,034	3,730	1,260	4,801	2,097	1,032	7,778	1,382	1,221

* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in April 2021.