

BRAZIL



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL
 145,462 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE
 96,556 ASYLUM SEEKERS
 46,343 REFUGEES
 (PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2019)



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE
 16,720



FUNDING SITUATION =
 FUNDED: 51.4 M
 REQUIRED: 87.5 M
 FUNDING GAP: 36.1 M (42%)

Situation

- On 12 November, Brazilian authorities approved Ordinance nº 518/2020, which extends by an additional period of 30 days the exceptional and temporary restrictions on entry by land or sea for refugees and migrants regardless of nationality, due to COVID-19. The measures remain the same as those in previous months, explicitly stating that Venezuelans do not benefit from exceptions, regardless their status or family ties in Brazil. The failure to comply with the Ordinance will lead to deportation and disqualification of the asylum claim.
- On 13 November, the Ministry of Education issued the [Resolution n. 1](#) alongside the National Council of Education and the Chamber for Basic Education, on the rights to enrolment of children and adolescent refugees, migrants, stateless and asylum seekers in the Brazilian public education system. The resolution establishes that, when requested, the enrolment of said children and adolescents shall be ensured without discrimination in the primary school system, public-run day cares (creches) and the “Basic Education for Youth and Adults” (Educação de Jovens e Adultos - EJA) — an inclusive system coordinated by the Brazilian Federal Government to provide basic education for adults and adolescents that have not concluded their education. The resolution also waives the refugee and migrant children and adolescents from translated school records, allowing them to undergo placement evaluations in their native language if needed.

Response

 Education

The Education sector has advocated with federal and local authorities for the implementation of guidelines for school reopening including a self-assessment tool on WASH to evaluate COVID-19 preparedness in education facilities. Although most of the schools in Brazil, including those in Roraima, are planning to resume face-to-face classes only next year a careful and timely planning is key to ensure continuity of learning and minimize health risks of children and education personnel.

 Health

- Partners continued their regular monitoring of suspected cases of COVID-19 among refugees and migrants from Venezuela. As of 30th November, a total of 779 suspected cases were treated in the isolation space of the Area of Protection Care (APC) in Boa Vista. Out of them, 10 per cent were laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Partners continued to operate their health mobile units in Roraima with doctors providing primary healthcare to refugees and migrants living in shelters and spontaneous settlements, as well as host communities.

 Integration / Interiorization / Humanitarian Transportation

- A total of 1,239 refugees and migrants were voluntarily relocated from Amazonas and Roraima states to other parts of Brazil by bus or flight through family and social

reunification (873 individuals), were matched with employment (108 individuals) or were received in shelters managed by R4V partners (258 individuals).

- As part of a broader strategy to strengthen the engagement of the private sector in the socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants, R4V partners managed to secure 114 jobs for Venezuelans in the transport, food, retail and metallurgical industries in Santa Catarina State.
- The Integration sector partnered with the Brazilian Central Bank to launch a third version of the Financial Information Booklet for Refugees and Migrants. The publication guides refugees and migrants through the Brazilian financial system and services, enhancing their financial inclusion and their participation in the economy. It also contains critical updates such the introduction of a new instant payment scheme, the so-called PIX, which facilitates transfers between individuals, companies, and government entities.

The Ministry of Economy has partnered with the Integration sector to organise ‘Fight Against Child Labour’, the fourth webinar of the information campaign *Proteja o Trabalho*, aimed at ensuring the protection of vulnerable refugees and migrants at work in the context of COVID-19. Integration, labour and child protection experts discussed the impacts of the COVID-19 on child labour and measures to enhance the fight against it. The video can be accessed [here](#). In addition, an information sheet on child labour prevention were created in different languages, including in Spanish.

 Nutrition

- **R4V partners continued their regular nutritional surveillance and preventive activities in shelters of Roraima and Pará, and in public health facilities in Roraima.** Children under 5 as well as pregnant and lactating women were screened for malnutrition and provided with daily micronutrient tablets. Counselling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for caregivers of boys and girls of 0-23 months. In addition, practical trainings were organised in shelters with community kitchens.
- **As part of its strategy to improve the nutritional situation of indigenous refugees and migrants, sector's members signed a partnership agreement with the State University of Roraima.** The agreement establishes the terms of a critically needed research collaboration on indigenous nutrition and provides for the participation of indigenous public health students in the implementation of nutrition activities in indigenous shelters in Boa Vista.

 Protection

- **The Protection sector, GBV sub-sector and local authorities across Brazil joined their efforts to celebrate the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence.** Activities included awareness-raising campaigns, as well as trainings on prevention mitigation and response, that already started on 20 November to honor Black Awareness Day.
- **As part of the PSEA project conducted collectively by the Protection sector, awareness-raising activities were conducted for humanitarian workers.** In addition, the sector already started to distribute brochures on reporting mechanisms and protection support networks for SEA survivors

 Shelter/NFI/Food Security













- **The sector organised the first Training of Trainers (ToT) in Camp Management and Camp Coordination in Brazil.** The ToT, which was adapted to the local context, strengthened the response capacity in the country, with special attention to Boa Vista. Participants, including shelter managers from UN agencies, civil society organizations and local authorities, were certified as CCCM Master Trainers and will be mobilised to deliver further trainings in other cities such as Manaus.

 WASH

- **WASH education and hygiene promotion activities remained a priority intervention** in official shelters and private housing arrangements in Amazonas, Roraima and Para States, as well as indigenous communities in Pacaraima and the Maternity Hospital in Boa Vista.
- **In addition, the sector prioritised the improvement of sanitary conditions in the shelters hosting indigenous refugees and migrants, mostly Warão, in Manaus.** A new WASH team was deployed to promote behavioural change among communities through awareness-raising and service provision to combat the spread of COVID-19.
- The sector continued to provide WASH services in Roraima and Amazonas states **including safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene items.** Over 555,000 litres of treated water were provided by truck to refugees and migrants living spontaneous settlements and those using the space located around the Bus station in Boa Vista. In addition, **3,000 litres of sodium hypochlorite solution for disinfecting surfaces and rooms** was provided to indigenous communities, spontaneous settlements, and shelters of Operation Welcome.

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PEOPLE REACHED*	Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	NFI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH	CBI
	2,492	2,393	1,040	2,126	5,991	9,557	154	17,495	3,319	(not reported)	237

* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in the month of November