

Trinidad & Tobago

April - June 2024

Key Figures



UNHCR protects **34,740** people in Trinidad and Tobago: **3,320** are refugees, **30,208** are asylum-seekers, and **1,208** correspond to their children born in the country.



Nearly **86 per cent** are from Venezuela.



From April to June, **108** refugees and asylum-seekers from 40 households received cash assistance. Fifty-one were new beneficiaries (20 households).

Context

Starting September this year, 200 Venezuelan children whose parents were registered in the 2019 Migrant Registration Framework (MRF) will be able to **enrol in school**. The Ministries of Education and National Security are coordinating the verification of permits and immunization cards for these students. Last year, the lack of these requirements **halted enrollment**. The government enabled eight district offices nationwide for eligible children to **register**.

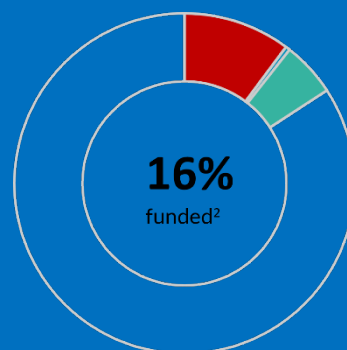
Trinidad and Tobago was upgraded to Tier 2 in the 2024 US **Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report**, after being on the Tier 2 Watch List for three consecutive years. According to the report, the government has shown increasing efforts in combating human trafficking through investigations, legal reforms, and victim support enhancements.

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society implements **free primary healthcare programmes** for refugees, migrants, and other vulnerable groups through the Henry Dunant Clinic in Port of Spain. Services include medical consultations, blood pressure checks, and diagnostic tests, such as glucose, cholesterol, BMI, HbA1C, lipid profile, and urinalysis.

In year's second quarter, UNHCR registered 1,415 people, 25 per cent of whom were children. Additionally, the Agency identified 262 refugees and asylum-seekers eligible for resettlement.

Regional funding Overview

as of 30 June 2024



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

\$56.1 million

¹ Financial requirement for the Panama MCO in 2024 including requirements for the operations and activities in Aruba, Belize, Cuba, Curaçao, Guyana, Panama, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

² The percentage funded is indicative.



UNHCR RESPONSE

UNHCR works with the Government, other UN agencies, and partners to assist and protect refugees and asylum-seekers in Trinidad and Tobago. UNHCR works with four partners: The Caribbean Centre for Human Rights (CCHR), the Family Planning Association of Trinidad and Tobago (FPATT), La Casita Hispanic Cultural Centre and UNICEF.



Protection | UNHCR and the CCHR provided legal assistance to 249 asylum-seekers and refugees on international protection and access to rights. In June, UNHCR submitted cases of 228 applicants and their families for resettlement consideration. The Agency is assisting the Children's Authority translate a book on basic life skills. The book will be used as educational and therapeutic material for children survivors of human trafficking.



Coordination with Authorities | UNHCR trained 39 Government officials on international protection and UNHCR's mandate. UNHCR and IOM hosted the Humanitarian Breakfast Series on Trafficking in Persons. Seventy-two people participated, including representatives from the Ministry of National Security, the Ministry of Labour, the Defense Force, and diplomatic officers. The Agency met with the Legal Aid & Advisory Authority (LAAA) for possible collaboration opportunities. LAAA offers free legal assistance to the public, including non-nationals.



Interagency | UNHCR conducted 404 telephone surveys as part of R4V's Joint Needs Assessment in the country. Results will be used to prepare the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) 2025-2026.



Local Integration | UNHCR participated in the Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity Forum, bringing key stakeholders together to showcase project achievements.



Commemorating World Refugee Day (WRD)

UNHCR organized football matches with 150 participants, including locals, refugees, and asylum-seekers from Venezuela, Cuba, and Cameroon. The Agency and the EU screened the documentary *Starting Over*, and *'Any Day Now,'* a movie depicting the story of an Iranian refugee family in Finland. Over 100 people participated, including Government officials. UNHCR and La Casita organized a four-day bilingual camp in solidarity with people forced to flee. Tatil, a private company in the country, lit their building blue to commemorate WRD. The building is one of the tallest in Port of Spain.


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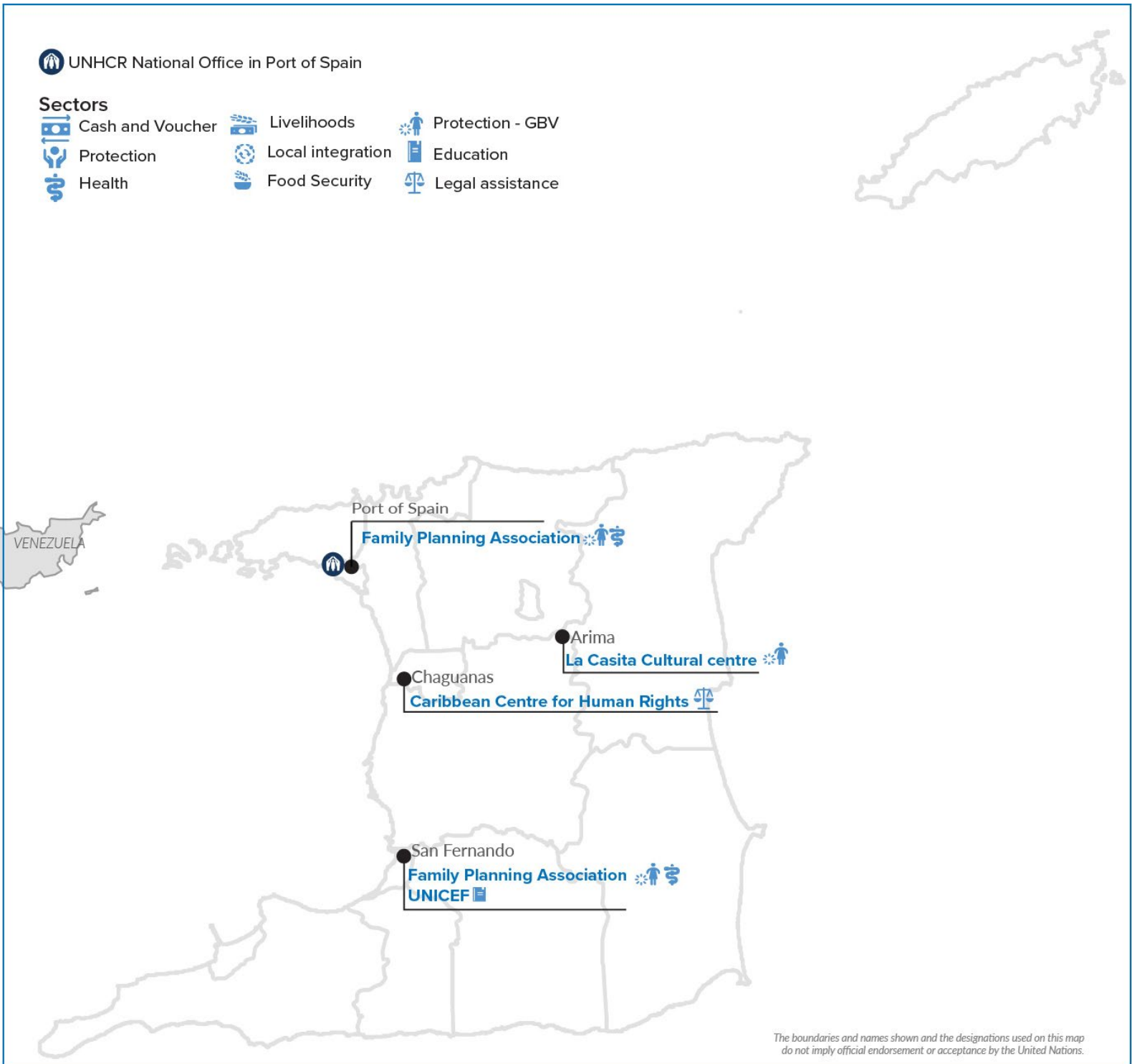
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UNHCR's presence in Trinidad and Tobago

 UNHCR National Office in Port of Spain

Sectors

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|  Cash and Voucher |  Livelihoods |  Protection - GBV |
|  Protection |  Local integration |  Education |
|  Health |  Food Security |  Legal assistance |



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