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UNHCR's registration in Havana, Cuba


1085

Forcibly displaced and stateless people from **773 households** were registered in all countries under MCO Panama in 2025

Registration Snapshot

January - February 2025

Registration - recording, verifying, and updating biographical, biometric, and socioeconomic data - is the first step to protecting forcibly displaced and stateless persons. It allows for the **identification of specific needs, the provision of targeted assistance, and the attainment of durable solutions**. Registration protects against arbitrary arrest, detention, and refoulement, helps keep families together and facilitates reunification.

The Population Registration and Identity Management Ecosystem (**PRIMES**) is a set of interoperable tools developed by UNHCR to enhance registration, case management, and identity management for the persons we protect.

MAIN FIGURES – PEOPLE REGISTERED



51%

Male



49%

Female



802

Adults, **2%** over 60 years



283

Children, **35%** under five years



813

People biometrically registered through BIMS**



24

Nationalities registered, mainly Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Jamaica



82%

Asylum seekers, **0.6%** refugees, **15%** other people UNHCR protects

PROTECTION RESPONSE THROUGH PRIMES



557

Specific protection needs identified, related to

- **Legal and physical protection: 277**
- **Child protection: 101**
- **Serious medical conditions: 81**
- **Violence against women and girls: 26**
- **Single parents: 23**
- **Women at risk: 20**
- **Disabilities: 15**
- **Unaccompanied/separated children: 11**
- **Older person at risk: 3**



225

Counselling sessions provided



297

Assistance delivered, mainly for basic needs, transport and documentation



1347

UNHCR Documents*** issued in Cuba, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago



42

Asylum seekers helped to get permanent residency under Belize Amnesty



14

Refugee Status Determination cases finalized (36 individuals)

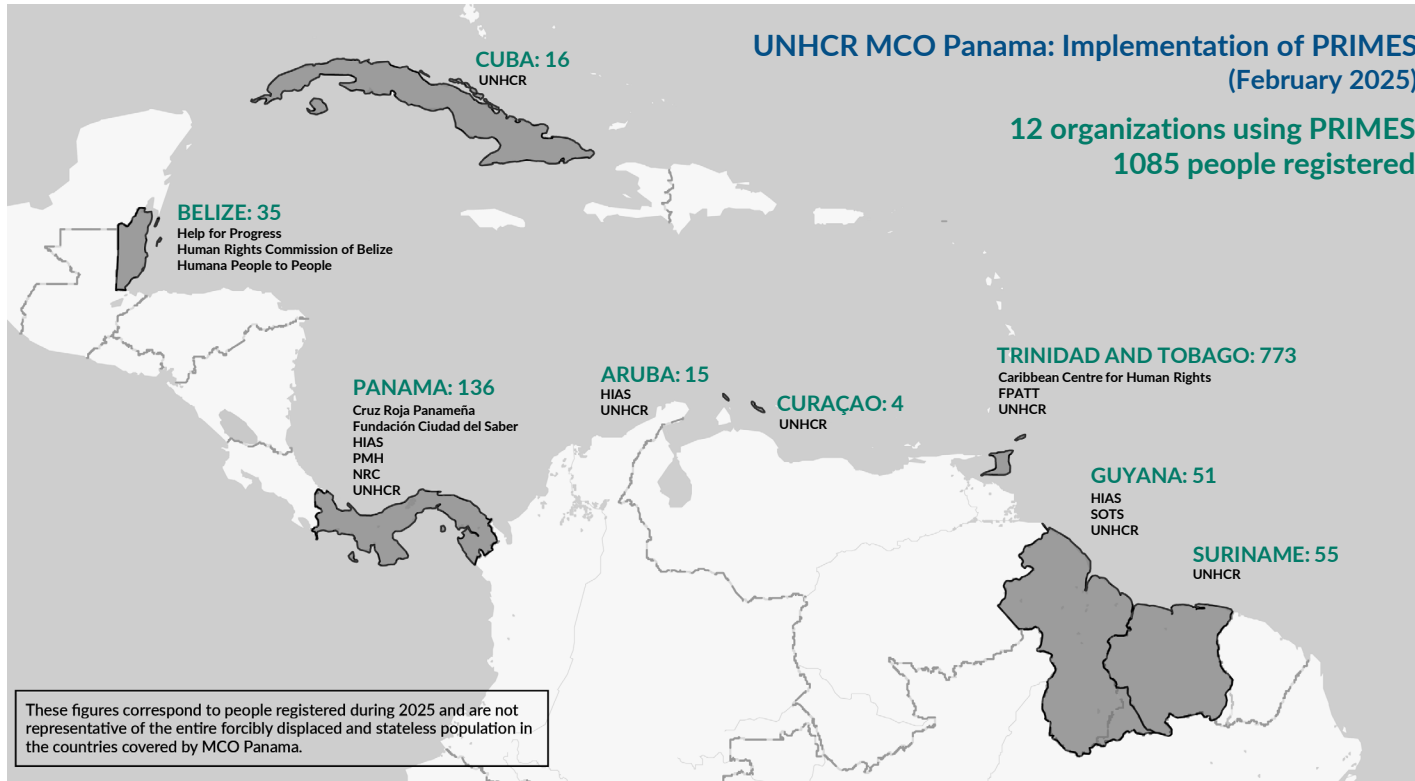


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Cases interviewed for resettlement (93 individuals)

*These figures are not representative of the entire forcibly displaced and stateless population in the countries covered by MCO Panama. ** Biometric Identity Management System: biometric registration includes fingerprint and iris scans and a facial photograph.

*** UNHCR Documents are Certificates or Cards attesting to an individual's recognition as a Mandate Refugee or as an Asylum Seeker to certify that they are persons protected by UNHCR



STRATEGIC REGISTRATION GOALS

- ✓ **Ensure high-standard registration** at the internal level for efficient case management, mandate RSD (Cuba, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago) and RST (Aruba, Curaçao, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago).
- ✓ **Enhance partners' capacity** and integrity in case management procedures and data protection.
- ✓ **Support governments** to build or strengthen digitalized registration, case management and identity management systems to ensure fair and efficient national asylum procedures.

How does PRIMES enhance registration, case management, and identity management for forcibly displaced and stateless persons?

- ✓ **Data Integrity and Accuracy.**
- ✓ **Security and Privacy** through encryption and access controls, preventing fraud and corruption.
- ✓ **Collaboration** between partners, facilitating joint efforts, avoiding duplication, and reducing revictimization.
- ✓ **Digital identity for persons we protect**, enabling their socio-economic inclusion within host communities.
- ✓ **Field-proofing**, though tools working in online, offline, and GSM* environments.
- ✓ **Scalability**, enabling seamless expansion to support potential large-scale and emergency displacements.