



UNHCR's registration in Trinidad and Tobago


Registration Snapshot

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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


1,422

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

PROTECTION RESPONSE THROUGH PRIMES


51%
 Male



49%
 Female



1,072
 Adults,
 2% over 60 years


350
 Children,
 35% under five years



1,027
 People biometrically registered through BIMS**


29
 Nationalities registered, mainly Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Jamaica



78%
 Asylum seekers, **1%** refugees, **15%** other people UNHCR protects



225
 Counselling sessions provided


665
 Assistance delivered, mainly for basic needs, transport and documentation


1,633
 UNHCR Documents*** issued in Cuba, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

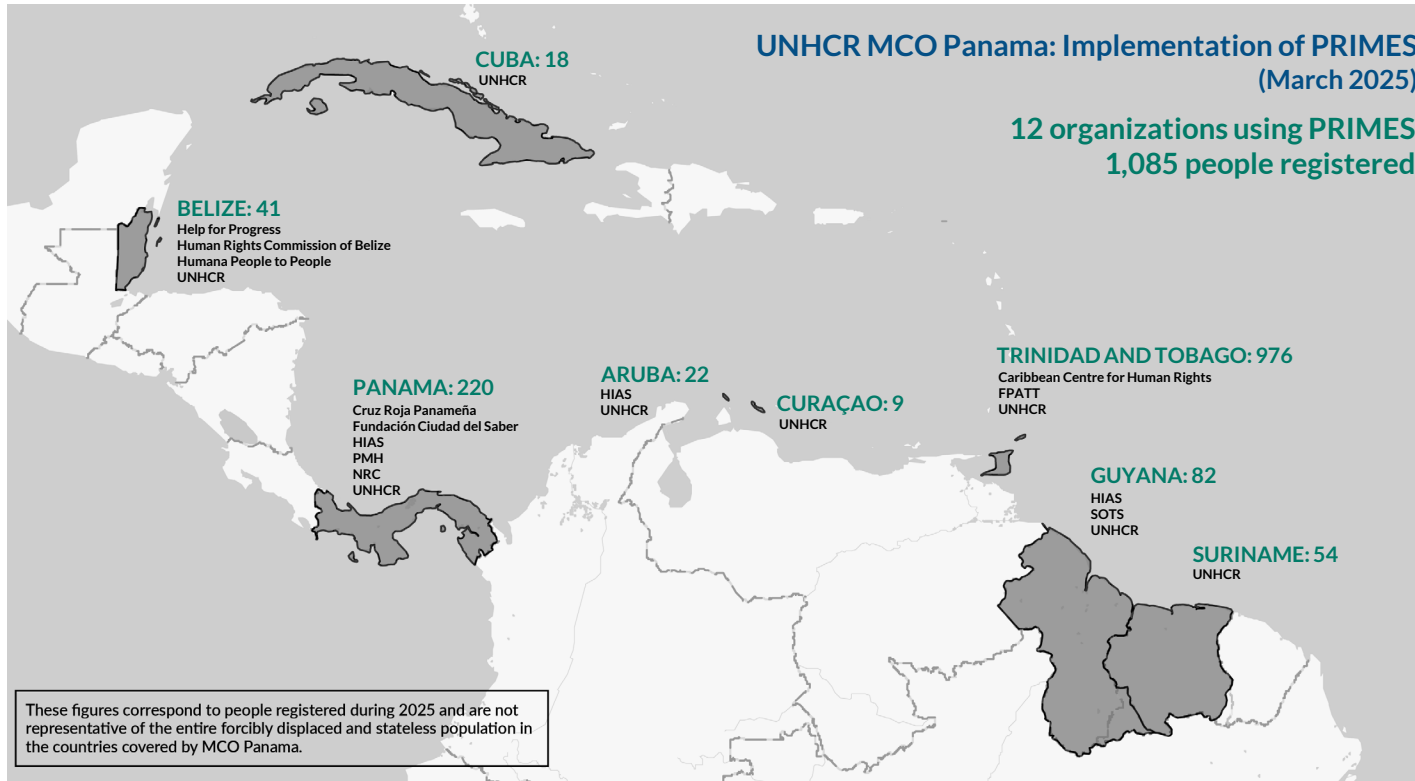

57
 Asylum seekers helped to get permanent residency under Belize Amnesty


21
 Refugee Status Determination cases finalized (51 individuals)


59
 Cases interviewed for resettlement (109 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.

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*GSM: Global System for Mobile Communications, the most widely used cellular-wireless telecommunications standard.