



2022

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**JAN**



**UNHCR and Ministry of Citizenship renew their partnership**

UNHCR and the Ministry of Citizenship renewed their partnership, in action since 2018, through their Technical Cooperation Agreement to continue promoting humanitarian reception, which include the managing of emergency shelters in Roraima, and internal relocation opportunities for refugees and migrants and guarantee their access to social assistance rights in Brazil.

**FEB**



**UNHCR Brazil efforts to raise funds for the Ukraine situation**

With the start of the Ukrainian conflict and the need for UNHCR to scale up its operation in the region, UNHCR Brazil promoted several actions to raise funds to help people in dire need in Ukraine and in neighboring countries. In total, BRL 744,530,000 (141,920,000 USD) were raised through 7,181 individuals, of which 73.3% committed themselves as regular donors to UNHCR Brazil. At the corporate level, donations totaled BRL 1,374,851, of which around BRL 625,000 were raised in partnership with Beiersdorf in several countries.

**MAR**



**Opening of Waraotuma a Tuaranoko shelter**

On 14 March, Waraotuma a Tuaranoko, the largest shelter for displaced indigenous peoples in Latin America was inaugurated. It features structures for hammocks, collective kitchens, recreational areas, among other arrangements that were decided after a series of consultations and working groups with the indigenous population.

**APR**



**Refugees in the Rio Carnival parade**

In April, 20 refugees participated in Rio de Janeiro's carnival parade together with Salgueiro's Samba School, conveying a message of solidarity and inclusion. This experience turned into a documentary that shows how these people integrate and contribute to the communities that welcomed them.

**MAY**



**National Workshop on Good Practices for Indigenous Peoples**

With over 70 people attending the event, the “National Workshop on Good Practices for the Promotion of Rights and Citizenship of the Venezuelan Indigenous Population in Brazil” was an opportunity to debate emergency interventions and lasting solutions to better respond to the cultural specificities of the indigenous refugee and migrant population and assess how to put them into practice.

**JUN**



**Closing of the VIII Round of the Quito Process**

In June, the VIII Round of the Quito Process came to an end with the signature of the Joint Declaration of the Brasilia Chapter. In the document, the countries reaffirmed their commitments in the advancement of their humanitarian responses in welcoming refugees, sending a message of regional coordination and common agreement on the need to generate a response that strengthens the socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants, as well as host communities.

**JUL**



**1st Meeting of the National Forum of State Councils and Committees for Refugees and Migrants**

UNHCR facilitated the 1st Meeting of the National Forum of State Councils and Committees for Refugees and Migrants, a setting created for continuous state-level articulation in response to the core demands of refugees and migrants seeking protection in the country. Representatives from 10 states attended the event and discussed good practices for integrating refugees and migrants in Brazil.



### **UNHCR facilitates the opening of two shelters in SP for Afghan nationals**

The number of Afghan nationals arriving at the Guarulhos International Airport, in São Paulo, seeking international protection and better living conditions increased in August. To respond to the needs of newcomers, UNHCR stepped up efforts in coordination with public authorities and civil society organizations and supported the opening of two facilities: “Todos Irmãos”, a temporary shelter managed by Caritas São Paulo with a capacity for 30 people, and the Poá Reception and Integration Centre, operated by Aldeias Infantis with 40 vacancies.



### **National Seminar of SVMA Chair**

In September, the XIII Annual Seminar of the Sergio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair occurred, highlighting 2021 results in education, research, outreach and community services, and advocacy and policymaking. In addition, the event was enriched by round tables and online working groups to discuss themes of discrimination and xenophobia faced by refugees.



### **R4V publishes the Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis (RMNA 2022)**

The Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V) published the [Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis \(RMNA 2022\)](#), which showed that, years after the emergency started, refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the region continue living in uncertainty, moving along dangerous routes and without access to basic needs, such as food and shelter. The evidence compiled in this document informed the [Refugee and Migrants Response Plan \(RMRP\) 2023-2024](#) that was launched at the end of the year.



### **Training in humanitarian journalism**

UNHCR, in the framework of the Sergio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair, promoted a course that reached more than 650 journalism students in 36 higher education institutions in all regions of Brazil. The goal was to encourage the production of informed content on forced displacement, in which press professionals become more knowledgeable about technical terms and the need to have a sensitive eye when dealing with vulnerable people.



### **Taskforce for the implementation of informative signs and boards in key locations of Belém**

In December, UNHCR and the Pará Secretariat of Justice and Human Rights (SEJUDH) established a taskforce to install information materials at the airport in Belém, the city’s bus terminal, and in various private waterway ports of Belém. Refugees arriving in the city will now have easy access to information about the protection services provided in the Advanced Post of Humanized Assistance to Migrants (PAAHM) in the airport and the Refugee and Migrant Space at the SEJUDH building.

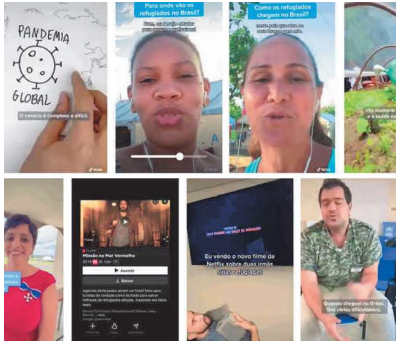
## **2022 Round off of activities for the protection and integration of indigenous youth**

Currently, over 8,600 indigenous peoples from Venezuela live in Brazil, many of whom face challenges accessing basic goods and services (such as food, education, and health) and opportunities for local integration. Because of that, UNHCR has several initiatives in place to foster indigenous integration, all aimed at boosting their self-reliance while building upon traditional elements such as music, ecological knowledge, handicrafts, and many others, to do so.

One of these initiatives is the Youth Committee of the Sustainability Center, which enables young people to participate in Bioconstruction and Permaculture courses and promotes activities that strengthen community ties among refugees and

Brazilians - such as planting trees to reduce the environmental footprint left by the humanitarian operation in the region. In December, the project celebrated the end of the 2022 activities by delivering training certificates in citizenship, leadership, and sustainability to 20 indigenous and non-indigenous refugees.

Another initiative is the project “Música Sem Fronteiras”. Funded by UNHCR and led by the refugee association AMIR – Associação de Indígenas Migrantes de Roraima. Música Sem Fronteiras aims to offer music classes for children and adolescents living in the shelters, Brazilian indigenous communities that host Venezuelan indigenous peoples, as well as Roraima’s public schools. On 16 December, the project closed its 2022 activities with a musical at the Palacio da Cultura Nene Macaggi, Boa Vista, showing to a vast audience the result of weeks of training in which music played a key role for intercultural exchange.



## UNHCR Brazil Tiktok Account

The headquarters acquisition team granted a significant amount of boost to the @acnurbrasil Tiktok account, which during the month of December reached 40 million impressions (times our content appeared on screens). Our following increased by 450%, now totaling 21K, with a peak engagement of 519% - the average high engagement post is 10%. The comment “you are welcome here” was by far the most shared message in the comments section, demonstrating solidarity and support from the Brazilian community towards refugees and stateless persons in Brazil.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### UNHCR documentary “Resistência” wins best documentary award

The São Paulo International Film Festival publicized that “Resistência – the journey of refugees at Rio’s carnival” won best documentary award. Produced by UNHCR, the documentary narrates the unprecedented participation of five refugees in Rio de Janeiro Carnival parade and their integration journey in Brazil.

### Humanitarian visa policy for Haitians extended

On 30 December, the Ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs issued Ordinance N° 33 extending the granting of humanitarian visas to Haitian nationals and stateless persons affected by the situation in Haiti until 31 March 2023. The temporary visa will be valid for 180 days and granted exclusively by the Brazilian Embassy in Port-au-Prince.

### Quito Process of Pro Tempore Presidency is transferred from Brazil to Chile

On 15 December, the Quito Process member states, representatives of the Group of Friends, UNHCR, and IOM gathered for the Pro Tempore Presidency (PTP) transfer from Brazil to Chile. After taking on the role of the next PTP, Chile presented its work plan, focused on border management, the strengthening of local authorities and international coordination.

### 4th phase of Operation Horizon is concluded

In December, Operation Horizon – the Federal Police taskforce supported by UNHCR that aims to facilitate access to documentation for vulnerable refugees and migrants – concluded its last phase. Altogether, the four fast-track documentation windows facilitated access or renewal of documentation for 4,000 people.

### UNHCR participated in the public hearing of the Commission on Human and Minority Rights (CDHM) on the humanitarian reception of Afghans in Brazil

UNHCR attended the public hearing of the Commission on Human and Minority Rights (CDHM) and reinforced the importance of the humanitarian visa policy for the protection of Afghan nationals. In addition, UNHCR promoted a discussion on actions to improve the current situation in the state of São Paulo, including strengthening protection services at the airport.

### Closure of 7th edition of Empowering Refugee Women

The Empowering Refugee Women project – an initiative carried out by UNHCR, UN Global Compact in Brazil, and UN Women – held the last two “graduation” ceremonies for the 63 women attending vocational courses in Boa Vista-RR and Curitiba-PR that will better prepare them in the search for job opportunities. Overall, in 2022, the project trained 102 women and assisted the hiring of 49.

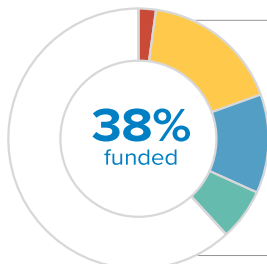
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**UNHCR Brazil  
Funding update**

**AS OF 29  
DECEMBER  
2022**

**US\$ 52,5 million**

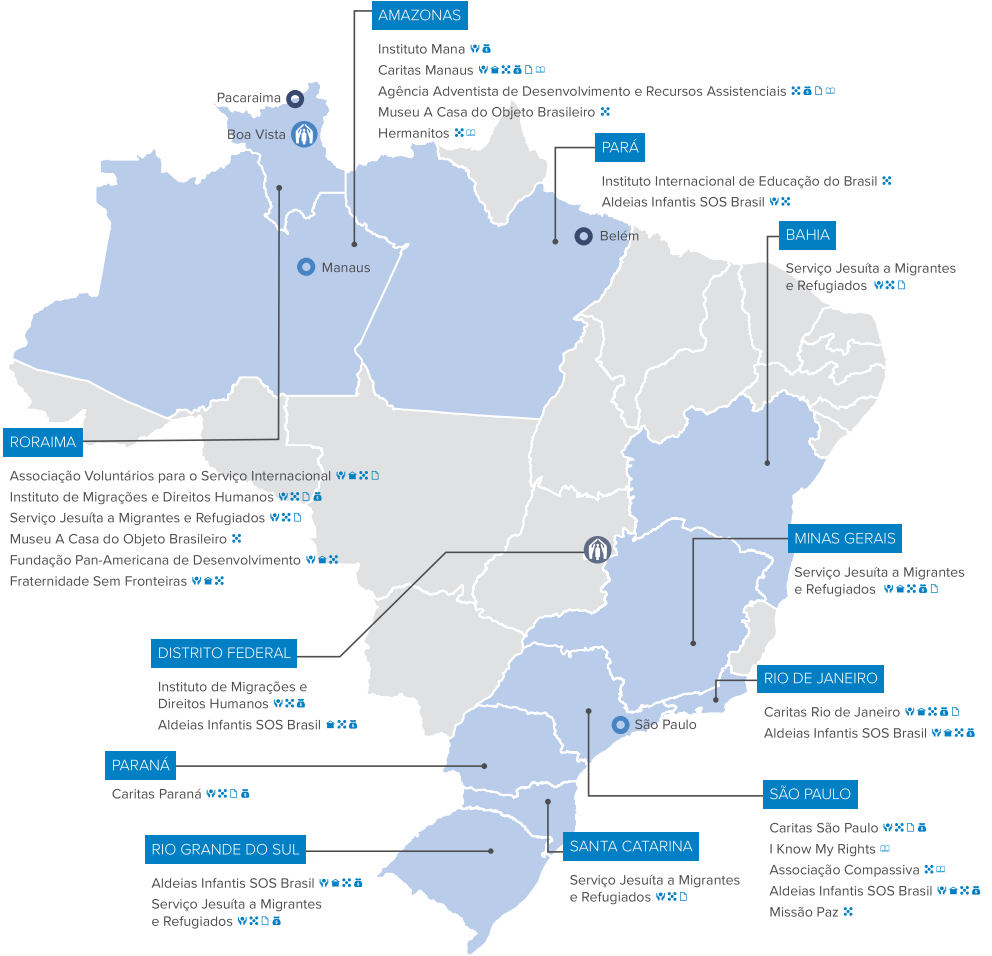
UNHCR’s financial requirements in 2022

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

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- Integration
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- Telecommunications



Companies with Refugees Platform  
[empresascomrefugiados.com.br](http://empresascomrefugiados.com.br)



Help

HELP - The UNHCR source of information for refugees  
[help.unhcr.org/brazil](http://help.unhcr.org/brazil)

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