

Guyana

January-February 2023

Key Figures



Guyana hosts

20,899

Refugees and migrants from Venezuela, and **190** refugees and asylum-seekers of other nationalities.

Approximately



45 per cent

Of them are women, and an estimated **40 per cent** are children.



500

Forcibly displaced people and host community members participated in UNHCR's interventions on gender-based violence prevention and gender equality promotion.

Context

UNHCR supports the government in the provision of assistance and protection services to refugees and migrants with specific needs and to vulnerable host communities while working in coordination with other interagency response partners.

The Government announced that one billion dollars, from the overall 94.4 billion allocated for the Ministry of Education (MoE) in the 2023 national budget, will be destined to fund education initiatives for vulnerable populations.

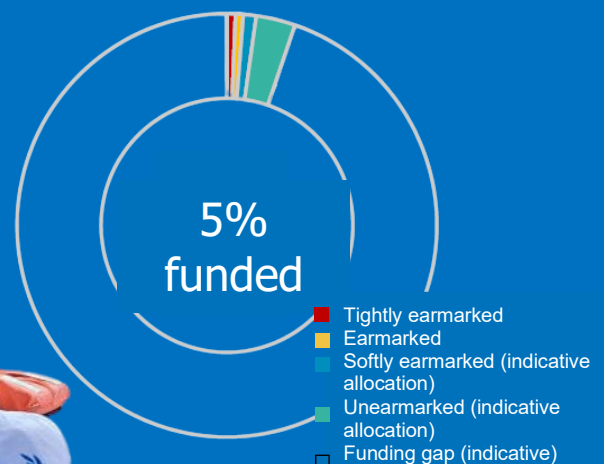
This includes improving water supplies in the hinterland regions and developing of an English as a Second Language (ESL) multi-year program for indigenous children in remote areas.

The Government stated that 240 indigenous villages, some of them host communities of forcibly displaced Venezuelans, will receive funds from the sale of carbon credits signed last year with Hess Corporation. Fifteen per cent of this payment (US\$750 million) will be allocated for investment projects in indigenous communities.

In February, UNHCR Guyana distributed over 2,300 food and core relief items (CRIs) to nine communities in the Mabaruma and Matakai sub-districts, benefiting over 500 people.

Regional funding Overview

as of February 28th, 2023



\$55.4 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023

¹ Financial requirement for the Panama MCO in 2023 including requirements for the operations and activities in Aruba, Belize, Cuba, Curaçao, Guyana, Nicaragua, Panama, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

² The percentage funded is indicative.

UNHCR RESPONSE

UNHCR works with four partners in Guyana and supports the State in providing assistance and protection services to refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and host communities. UNHCR coordinates with other response partners to provide access to education, food security, health, integration, protection, shelter, WASH, and cash assistance. See the R4V Subregional portal for more information.



Protection | UNHCR provided information on access to protection services to 342 refugees and migrants (101 women, 72 men, 81 girls, 88 boys). In addition, UNHCR accompanied 103 people (34 women, 20 men, 26 girls, and 23 boys) to relevant government services. UNHCR, through Blossom Inc., has provided case management services to 33 refugee and migrant children and conducted 10 forensic interviews with Venezuelan and Guyanese children survivors of sexual abuse.



Gender-based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response | In remote mining areas, UNHCR the Guyana Sex Work Coalition (GSWC) conducted awareness sessions on HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) among 87 women who engage in survival sex. GWSC also distributed 23,756 condoms and 50 dignity kits to 50 women engaging in survival sex. UNHCR, through HIAS, provided case management services to 20 GBV survivors and assisted six individuals with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).



Cash-based Interventions and Assistance | UNHCR and partner HIAS distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to 72 refugees and migrants, reaching 26 households, mainly in regions 1,2 and 9.



Education | In partnership with the Ministry of Education, UNHCR supported access to education of 604 children – in regions 1, 2, 3 and 7 – through ESL classes. UNHCR distributed educational materials, such as workbooks, stationary items, and sports equipment for recreational activities to Venezuelan and Guyanese children. UNHCR held community-based ESL classes in Region 1, benefiting 101 out-of-school children in four indigenous communities.



UNHCR COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

In 2023, UNHCR Community-Based Protection staff conducted focus group discussions with members of 15 communities Region 1. To date, UNHCR has reached over 200 people with information and awareness sessions, as well as assisted over 100 people through community-based activities.

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