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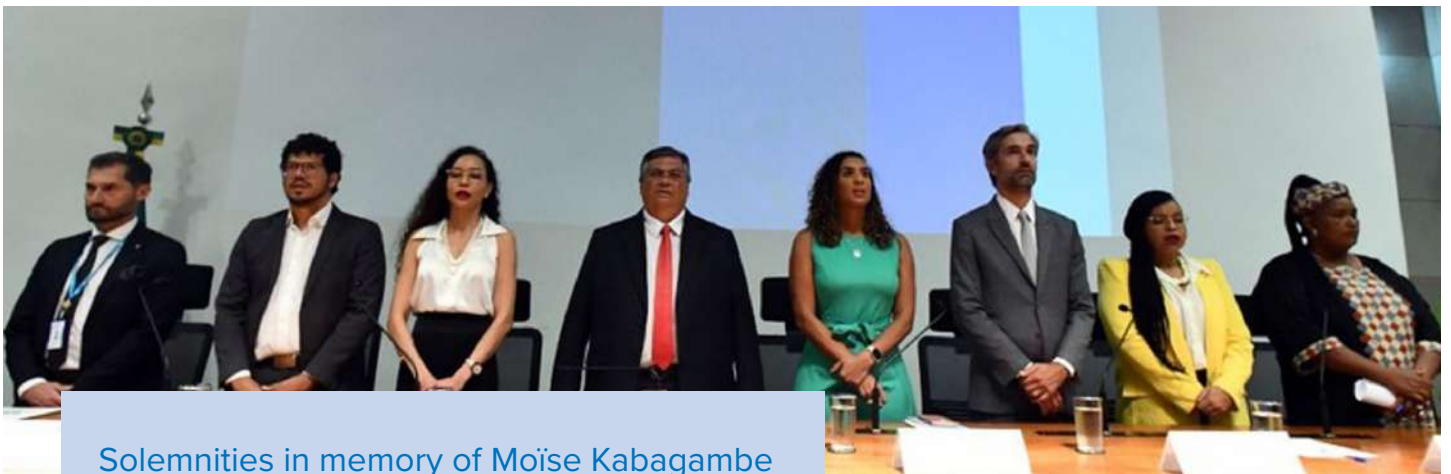
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UNHCR Brazil New Representative

In January, Davide Torzilli assumed his functions as Representative of UNHCR in Brazil. With more than 26 years of experience with the Agency and different responsibilities worldwide, Mr. Torzilli brings a deep understanding of humanitarian issues, which will guide his vision to strengthen protection and solutions, with a focus on local integration, for refugees and other forcibly displaced people in Brazil.

In the first month into his role, the Representative met high-level counterparts in the government as well as donors and other partners to leverage collaboration opportunities and mobilize broader support and in favor of the people UNHCR serves. A recap of the Representative's first month is on his [Twitter](#) account!



Solemnities in memory of Moïse Kabagambe

On 23 January, UNHCR attended a ceremony held by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security in honor of Moïse Mugenyi Kabagambe, the Congolese refugee whose brutal murder occurred last year in Rio de Janeiro.

Besides highlighting the urgency of fighting xenophobia and racism in Brazil, the event counted with two crucial moments. The Minister of Justice, Flávio Dino, announced the creation of a National Policy on Asylum, Migration and Statelessness, and a task force to develop it in the next 60 days, to which UNHCR will contribute to. Also, the CONARE President, Sheila de Carvalho, launched a program to speed up access to asylum policies for the Afro-descendant population as part of the initiatives under the Observatory of Violence against Refugees in Brazil, renamed "Moïse Kabagambe Observatory."

The next day, UNHCR also attended the African Refugee Day – an official date on the state of Rio de Janeiro calendar – that counted with a tribute to Moïse at Christ the Redeemer.

UNHCR Representative recalls how inclusive policies play a critical role in helping ensure positive socio-economic outcomes for both displaced persons and host communities, and how racial discrimination demands action every day, at every level, in his article in honor of Moïse published on Estadão [here](#).

UNHCR support to Afghan refugees



After months of advocacy and coordination between UNHCR, state and municipal authorities, and civil society organizations, the number of Afghan refugees staying in precarious conditions at the International Guarulhos Airport awaiting shelter has been progressively diminishing. UNHCR continues to work on shelter referral processes, while also paying great focus on local integration activities to ensure these people access to other essential rights and services.

Beyond the emergency response in GRU, in January, UNHCR contributed to a task force organized by CIC do Imigrante in partnership with the Municipal Secretary of Assistance and Social Development (SMADS), IOM, and other civil society organizations to provide information on rights, documentation, access to social assistance benefits, and livelihood opportunities to about 100 forcibly displaced people, mostly Afghans living in public shelters.



Support to indigenous community Warao Coromoto

UNHCR donated 10 Refugee House Units (RHUs) to the Warao Coromoto community, where thirty indigenous families from Venezuela are living. The initiative resulted from consultations with the community, who had reported issues in infrastructure due to heavy rains, and is part of broader interventions that UNHCR is carrying out with displaced populations in the Federal District.

Now, the RHUs will guarantee a collective dormitory, a dedicated space for children who will start the school year in the coming months, and for women's artisanal activities. Moreover, the community has set up an association, an essential tool for community strengthening, social protection and guarantee of rights, that can use one RHU for their activities.

The donation has been possible thanks to the partnership between UNHCR and the Secretariat for Social Development (Sedes) of the Federal District and is the tangible result of the cooperation between UNHCR and Latam Airlines. Through its Solidarity Plane program, the airline company offered free transport of 48 RHU from the UNHCR regional office in Panama to Brazil, besides the transportation of items such as clothes, diapers, school bags, and personal hygiene materials that will be distributed by UNHCR to refugees all over Brazil.



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New year, new rep!

The best performing post across platforms was Davide Torzilli's introduction where we got to know 5 facts about him. On Instagram, the highlight was the collab with @ONUBrasil on National Trans Visibility Day.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sheila de Carvalho is appointed as President of the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE)

On 17 January, Sheila de Carvalho, Special Advisor to the Minister of Justice, was formally appointed as President of the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE). Since then, Ms. Carvalho has been in constant contact with UNHCR, having met UNHCR Brazil Representative to exchange ideas and way forward on refugee protection issues in Brazil, as well as visited the emergency shelters of Operation Welcome in Boa Vista and the facilities hosting Afghan nationals in São Paulo.

Inauguration of CRAI-Rio, the first of its kind in the city

On 7 January, UNHCR attended the inauguration of the Reference Center for Refugees and Immigrants of Rio de Janeiro (CRAI-Rio). UNHCR has equipped the facility with furniture, office items, and a multi-use room for Portuguese classes and meetings. Also, UNHCR supported the Center with training sessions for its staff to expand capacities on refugee rights and international protection.

2023 1st meeting of National Forum of State Councils and Committees for Refugees and Migrants

On 26 January, UNHCR participated in the first regular meeting of the National Forum of State Councils and Committees for Refugees and Migrants, which was attended by the new director of Migration Department (DEMIG) of the Ministry of Justice, Tatyana Friedrich, who presented the main priorities guiding DEMIG activities and heard the demands brought by the Forum.

Federal Police starts 2023 phase of Operation Horizon

On 27 January, the Federal Police in São Paulo started another phase of Operation Horizon, aimed at facilitating assistance and regularizing documentation for vulnerable refugees and migrants. Last year, this initiative, supported by UNHCR, benefited 4,000 people.

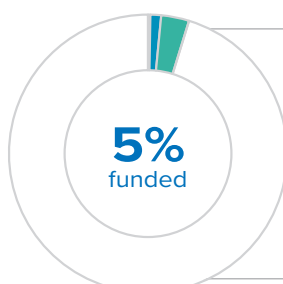
DASHBOARDS

- ▶ CONARE's Decisions bit.ly/3u4oInK
- ▶ Shelters in Roraima bit.ly/3dcF6dT
- ▶ Internal Relocation Strategy bit.ly/3asTv3C
- ▶ Indigenous people bit.ly/3xzTt4L

PUBLICATIONS

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- ▶ Livelihoods Activities Report bit.ly/MeiosDeVidaSetDez2022
- ▶ Belém Report bit.ly/3IT9rge
- ▶ Interiorization Report bit.ly/InteriorizationNovDec2022
- ▶ Manaus Report bit.ly/3KZcl0b



UNHCR Brazil Funding update

AS OF 31 JANUARY 2023

US\$ 52,5 million

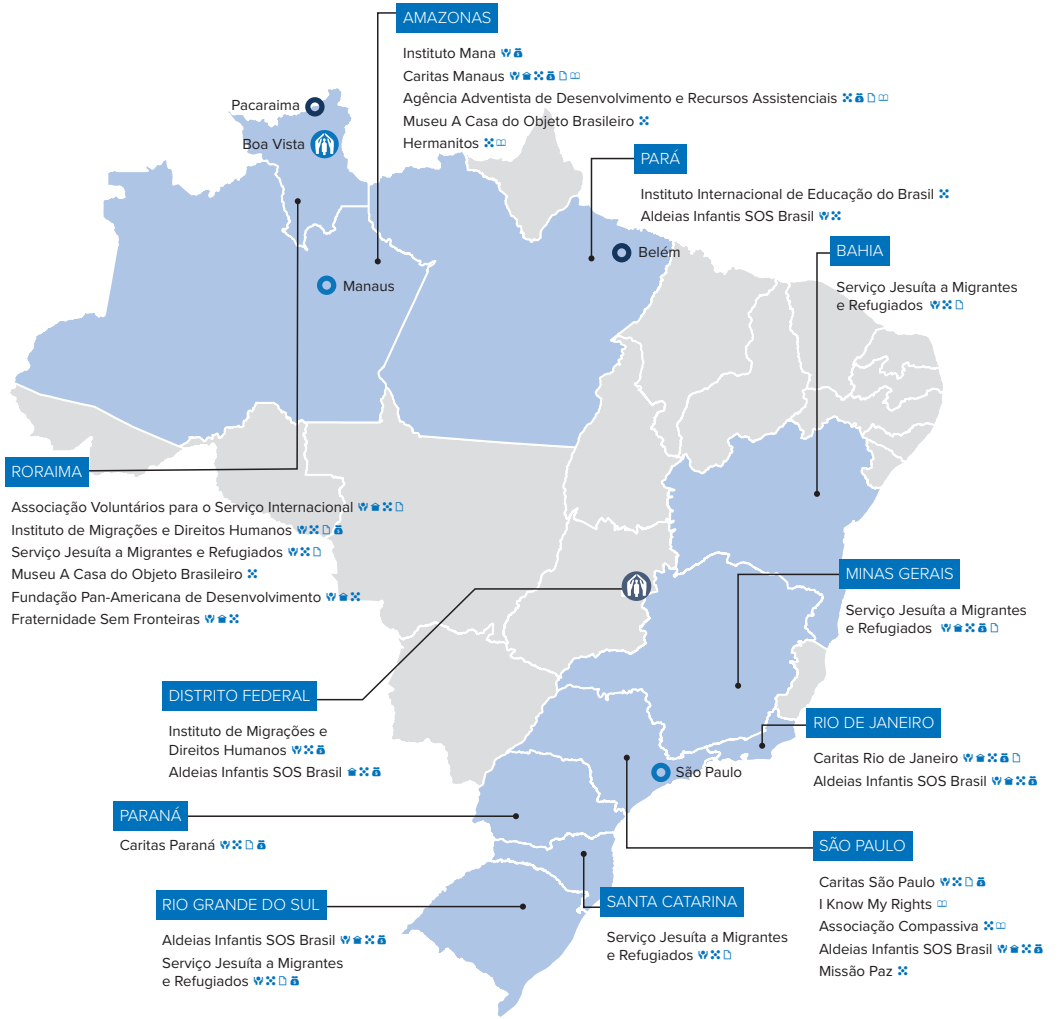
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2023

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

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Brazil Operation: UNHCR and Partners

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- UNHCR Field Office
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- Protection
- Reception Sites
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- Integration
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UNHCR Brazil is also thankful for the important support of and partnerships with other UN agencies, Brazilian authorities (at federal, state and municipal levels) and civil society organizations working together to deliver the emergency response and in the regular programmes of the Brazilian operation.