

Guyana

July - August 2023

Key Figures



Guyana hosts **21,974** Venezuelan refugees and migrants and **111** refugees and asylum-seekers of other nationalities.



Over **400** forcibly displaced Venezuelans participated in UNHCR's interventions on gender - based violence (GBV) prevention and gender equality promotion.



Over **800** people received information and awareness sessions on international protection, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and GBV prevention.

Context

Due to its growing oil and gas production, the World Bank reclassified Guyana as a high-income country in its latest GNI index report.

The President announced that Spanish will become mandatory in public schools starting in September, and the government may hire foreign teachers in this transition period. Additionally, the Government has set aside GYD\$500 million to build a shelter to host forcibly displaced Venezuelans.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) granted precautionary measures to the Chinese Landing indigenous community in Region 1, after members alleged threats due to their opposition to mining activities. Following the decision, the Government temporarily suspended all mining activities in this area.

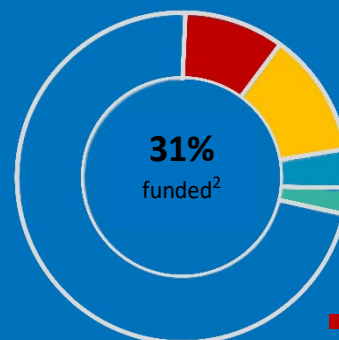
Authorities reported an increase in dengue fever cases and estimated that, as of the middle of August, over 3,450 people have contracted it.

The University of Guyana launched its International Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies, introducing courses on displacement's social and economic implications of displacement.

UNHCR donated 16 generators and over 19,240 school materials to the Ministry of Education. This includes pencils, exercise books and English as a Second Language (ESL) textbooks. The donation benefited 20 schools in Regions 1, 2, 3 and 7, supporting forcibly displaced students with access to quality education.

Regional funding Overview

as of 31 August 2023



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

\$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 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 grant 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, including documentation and rights, to over 800 forcibly displaced people and accompanied 172 individuals to protection, health, and documentation services. UNHCR, through Blossom Inc., has provided case management services to 66 children and their caregivers. The Agency also provided Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to 70 girls and boys, including survivors of child abuse, and those experiencing post-traumatic stress syndrome.



Gender-based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response | UNHCR and the Guyana Sex Work Coalition (GSWC) conducted awareness sessions on HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights among 16 women who engaged in survival sex. UNHCR, with HIAS, provided case management services to nearly 40 survivors of GBV and assisted 16 individuals with MHPSS.



Cash-based Interventions and Assistance | UNHCR and HIAS distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to 57 forcibly displaced individuals, reaching 39 households.



Education | UNHCR held community-based ESL classes for 83 out-of-school children and 75 adults in indigenous communities in Region 1.



UNHCR and the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Guyana visit Lethem, Region 9

UNHCR participated in a three-day joint mission with the UNCT and high-level Government officials in Lethem, Region 9, to assess this region's protection, humanitarian, and development situation. The Agencies identified 31 Venezuelan families with WASH, shelter, and protection needs living in the Bom Success settlement.

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UNHCR's presence in Guyana

