

Guyana

January - March 2024

Key Figures



Guyana hosts **22,677** forcibly displaced Venezuelans.



722 forcibly displaced Venezuelan children enrolled in the Ministry of Education's English as a Second Language (ESL) after-school classes.



948 people received information and awareness on international protection and how to access Government services.

Context

Guyana started its two-year term as an elected member of the [UN Security Council](#) and assumed its [Presidency](#) on 1 February for one month.

Guyana hosted and chaired the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)'s forty-six Heads of Government meeting. Several [diplomatic officers](#) participated in the four-day event. Discussions focused on food security, climate resilience, regional security, and sustainable energy.

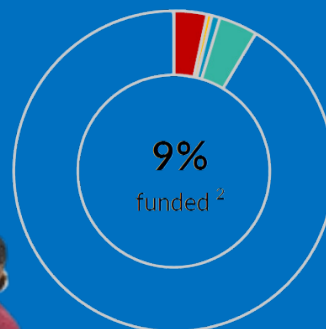
Over 6,500 teachers joined a [national strike](#) that extended for a month and closed of several schools in eleven districts nationwide. The educators protested for an increase in salaries. The Guyana Teachers Union (GTU) disclosed that the union requires improved welfare packages for some [14,000 teachers](#).

Following the adoption of a law by the Venezuelan National Assembly declaring the [Essequibo region](#) as part of Venezuela, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs qualified it as a flagrant violation of Guyana's sovereignty. The Government mentioned that Guyana remains committed to peace on its borders and will not allow its territorial sovereignty to be usurped.

In February, UNHCR donated over 15,600 school materials designed for ESL and integration classes to the Ministry of Education. This donation will benefit forcibly displaced children registered in after-school ESL classes in Regions 1, 2, 3, and 7.

Regional funding Overview

as of 31 March 2024



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

\$56.1 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024

¹ Financial requirement for the Panama MCO in 2024 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 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 to over 370 forcibly displaced people (FDP). UNHCR, through Blossom Inc., provided case management services to 140 children and their caregivers.



Local Integration and livelihoods | In Region 1, UNHCR liaised with the National Agricultural Research Education Institute (NAREI) to host an agricultural fair where FDP sold their produce and crafts. HIAS hosted an intercultural festival where forcibly displaced groups displayed handmade crafts, including outfits from the "Stitches of Hope" sewing group. UNHCR previously donated sewing machines to FDP participating in the sewing project.



Cash-based Interventions and Assistance | UNHCR and HIAS distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to 23 FDP, reaching 11 households. Of these, 19 were new beneficiaries.



International Women's Day | UNHCR organized GBV awareness and entrepreneurship sessions for FDP indigenous women in Region 9. In Region 3, UNHCR, IOM and HIAS, liaised with the Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers to conduct outreach sessions for FDP and host communities. The sessions focused on preventing domestic violence and clarifying available services. In Region 1, as part of the "Invest in Girls and Women" initiative, UNHCR featured women from diverse professions promoting gender equality.



UNHCR visits Forcibly Displaced Communities in Region 1

UNHCR visited the Kumaka, Akubani, Hobo, Koberimo Creek, and Aruka River communities in Region 1 and engaged with forcibly displaced groups. The Agency conducted a focus group discussion with 10 focal points, providing insights into the community's dynamics and protection needs. UNHCR also distributed 357 lunch kits to forcibly displaced children and school shoes to 88 students.

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