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UNHCR Biometric registration in Moruga, Trinidad


Registration Snapshot

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Registration – recording, verifying, and updating **biographical, biometric, and socioeconomic data** - is the first step to ensure the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons. It allows to **identify specific needs, provide targeted assistance, and reach durable solutions**. Registration protects against refoulement, arbitrary arrest, and detention, helps keep families together and facilitates reunification.

The Population Registration and Identity Management Ecosystem (**PRIMES**) is a set of interoperable tools developed by UNHCR to enhance registration, case management and identity management for the persons we protect.

MAIN FIGURES – PEOPLE REGISTERED


6,394

Forcibly displaced and stateless people from **4,537 households** were registered in all countries under MCOPA during 2024.



49%

Male



51%

Female



4,753

Adults, 2% over 60 years



1,637

Children, 35% under five years



4,727

People biometrically registered through BIMS**



41

Nationalities registered, mainly Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Jamaica



81%

Asylum-seekers, 2% refugees, 16% other people UNHCR protects

PROTECTION RESPONSE THROUGH PRIMES



3,302 Specific protection needs identified, related to

- **Legal and physical protection: 1,542**
- **Child protection: 693**
- **Serious medical conditions: 412**
- **Gender-based violence: 209**
- **Women at risk: 172**
- **Single parents: 136**
- **Unaccompanied/separated children: 64**
- **Disabilities: 61**



672

Counselling sessions provided



171

Asylum seekers helped to get permanent residency under Belize Amnesty



2,039

Assistances delivered for basic needs, livelihoods, documentation, inter alia



192

Refugee Status Determination cases processed (326 individuals)



7,333

UNHCR Documents*** issued in Cuba, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

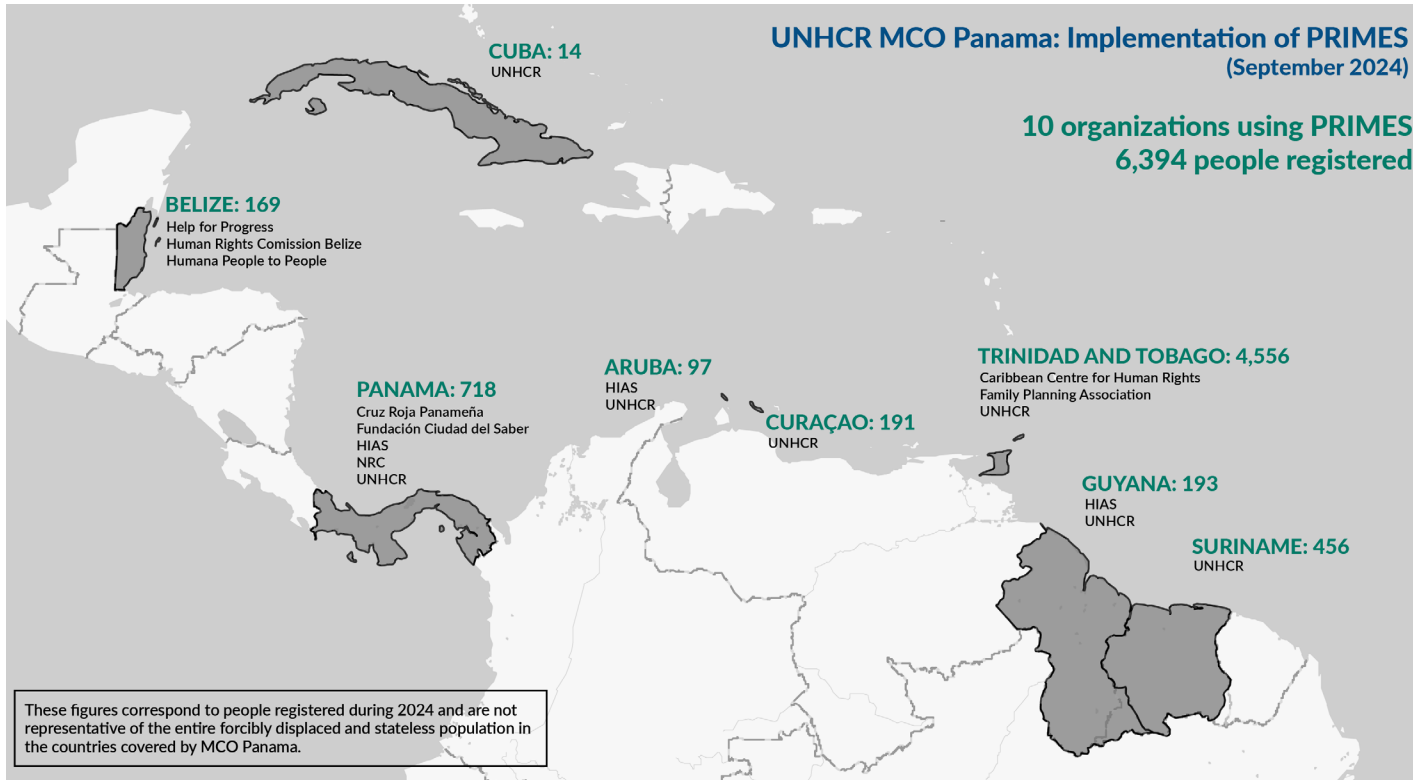


413

Cases interviewed for resettlement (996 individuals)

*These figures are not representative of the entire forcibly displaced and stateless population in the countries covered by MCO Panama. ** Biometric Identity Management System, biometric registration includes fingerprint and iris scans as well as a facial photograph.

*** UNHCR Documents are Certificates or Cards attesting to an individual's recognition as a Mandate Refugee or as an Asylum Seeker to certify that they are persons protected by UNHCR



STRATEGIC REGISTRATION GOALS

- ✓ **Ensure high-standard registration** at the internal level for efficient case management, mandate RSD (Cuba, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago) and RST (Aruba, Curaçao, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago).
- ✓ **Enhance partners' capacity** and integrity in case management procedures and data protection.
- ✓ **Support governments** to build or strengthen digitalized registration, case management and identity management systems to ensure fair and efficient national asylum procedures.

How does PRIMES enhance registration, case management and identity management for forcibly displaced and stateless persons?

- ✓ **Data Integrity and Accuracy;**
- ✓ **Security and Privacy** through encryption and access controls, preventing fraud and corruption;
- ✓ **Collaboration** between partners, facilitating joint efforts, avoiding duplication and reducing revictimization;
- ✓ **Digital identity for persons we protect**, enabling their socio-economic inclusion within host communities;
- ✓ **Field-proofing**, though tools working in online, offline and GSM* environments.
- ✓ **Scalability**, enabling seamless expansion to support potential large-scale and emergency displacements.

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*GSM: Global System for Mobile Communications, the most widely used cellular-wireless telecommunications standard.