



UNHCR Biometric registration in Paramaribo, Suriname



7,156

Forcibly displaced and stateless people from **5,074 households** were registered in all countries under MCOPA during 2024.

Registration Snapshot

January – October 2024

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





Female





1,818

Children, 34% under five years



Male

5,258

People biometrically registered through BIMS**



Nationalities registered, mainly Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Jamaica



80%

Asylum-seekers, 2% refugees, 17% other people UNHCR protects

PROTECTION RESPONSE THROUGH PRIMES



3,634 Specific protection needs identified, related to

Legal and physical protection: 1,712

Child protection: 752

Serious medical conditions: 442 Gender-based violence: 233

Women at risk: 187 Single parents: 145

Unaccompanied/separated children: 78

Disabilities: 72



Counselling sessions provided



Asylum seekers helped to get permanent residency under Belize Amnesty



1,794

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



Refugee Status Determination cases finalized (339 individuals)



7,983

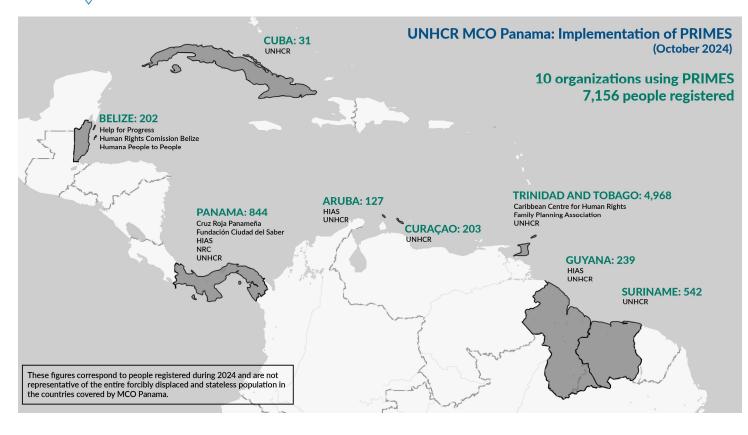
UNHCR Documents*** issued in Cuba, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago



Cases interviewed for resettlement (1078 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 UNHCR MCO PANAMA | Creation date: 8 November 2024 | Sources: UNHCR monitoring data | Feedback: panpaim@unhcr.org





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.