

Guyana

July - September 2024

Key Figures



According to official figures, **23,412** forcibly displaced Venezuelans received stay permits since 2018.



1,369 people received information and awareness sessions on international protection and how to access Government services.



624 forcibly displaced people received case management and protection services.

Context

Guyana is not a signatory of the 1951 Convention nor its 1967 protocol. Authorities provide legal stay permits to forcibly displaced people, and Guyana's policy ensures access to health and education services for everyone, regardless of status.

These groups face limited livelihood opportunities and language barriers, which remain obstacles to their integration. Access to sanitary facilities and potable water remains challenging, especially for Indigenous people in remote areas.

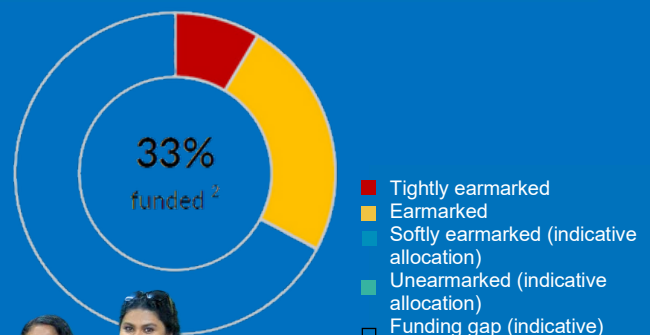
Caribbean Community (**CARICOM**), headquartered in Guyana, is preparing to launch a Regional Migration Policy to address regional displacement trends. The policy, which focuses on safety, border security, and data collection, is expected to be reviewed by CARICOM leaders in February 2025.

Following Guyana and Venezuela's border dispute, at the fifty-fourth **OAS General Assembly**, Guyana encouraged all member states to work together to maintain the region as a zone of peace.

UNHCR supported the Migrant Education Support Unit of the Ministry of Education in their annual "Spanglish Bee" Competition, which aimed to enhance the English and Spanish proficiency of forcibly displaced children in Regions 3, 4, 5, and 7.

Regional funding Overview

as of 30 September 2024



\$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 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 counselled 1,273 forcibly displaced people and accompanied 575 to access education, health, and documentation services. Through Blossom Inc., the Agency provided case management services to 56 children and their caregivers. UNHCR provided 28 forcibly displaced people, including children, with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support sessions, helping them navigate difficult experiences.



Cash-Based Interventions | UNHCR and HIAS provided 156 forcibly displaced people with multi-purpose cash assistance to cover basic needs. Eighty-one were new beneficiaries.



Education and Local Integration | UNHCR distributed over 100 school supplies, including notebooks and backpacks, to forcibly displaced children in schools in Mabaruma, Region 1, and donated 547 supplies, including sewing machines and boat engines, to the Ministry of Education to support their economic management courses and outreaches to remote communities. In Region 1, UNHCR distributed 188 equipment materials, including safety gear and farming tools, to enhance the self-reliance activities of six forcibly displaced Indigenous communities living in remote areas.



Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Response | HIAS and Shades of the Sky (SOTS), in partnership with UNHCR, conducted GBV risk mitigation and awareness sessions, directly reaching 630 forcibly displaced people. In Regions 3 and 8, SOTS and the National Aids Programme Secretariat (NAPS) provided voluntary HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing, reaching 327 people.



UNHCR donates a boat to the Regional Chairman Office, Mabaruma, Region 1

UNHCR donated a boat to the authorities at the Regional Chairman's Office in Mabaruma, Region 1. This donation enabled UNHCR to enhance collaboration with the local government and other authorities in Region 1, and it contributes to developing joint initiatives for vulnerable riverine communities.

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