



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN COUNTRY\*  
**30,300**



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*\*  
**3,353**

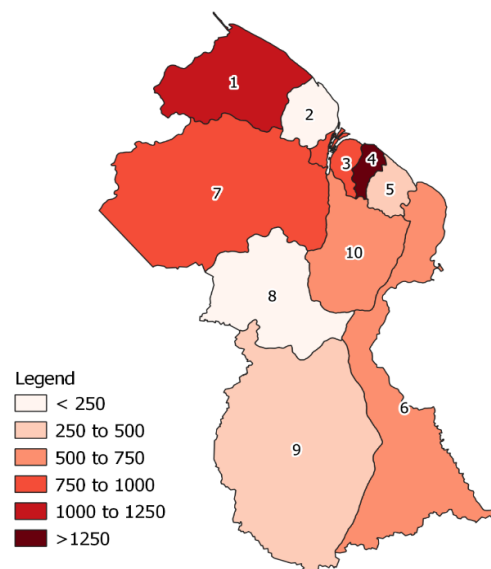


FUNDING SITUATION  
REQUIREMENT: \$ 7.35 MILLION

## Situation

- Guyana's total confirmed COVID-19 cases increased by 19% in March as compared to February, reaching 10,249. Active cases saw a steady increase of 120% reaching 920 infected, whereas the death toll rose by approximately 18% reaching 231.
- As the pandemic persisted, existing vulnerabilities related to gender-based violence (GBV) worsened, and the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security in collaboration with an appealing partner **developed and launched an app called the Gender Based Referral App**.
- In light of the national festival Phagwa/Holi in March, the **Guyana** Ministry of Health banned public gatherings. Authorities experienced challenges in enforcing pandemic protocols and persons found means of circumventing the rules.
- By the third week of March, 15,524 persons had been vaccinated, including frontline health workers, persons over 60, and refugees and migrants, parliamentary and government officials. The Ministry of Education organized for teachers to receive vaccines.
- By the end of the reporting period, Guyana confirmed they would receive enough COVID-19 vaccines from China, India and Russia to immunize the entire adult population in the country, including refugees and migrants.
- Lockdowns and restrictions due to the pandemic, continued to limit the job security and livelihood opportunities for refugees and migrants, resulting in limited financial resources. R4V partners observed an increased number of persons requesting assistance, with many reporting their inability to secure shelter and basic needs for their families.
- A [three-year national action plan](#) to eliminate trafficking in persons has been set up in place by Guyana's authorities, inaugurated with workshops to develop a programme that will prepare every frontline worker of agencies with the skills to identify victims of trafficking.

CASES OF COVID-19 IN EACH OF THE TEN REGIONS OF GUYANA, MARCH 2021



PEOPLE REACHED\*\*

Education	Food Security	Health	Integration	CBI	Protection	Shelter	WASH
292	308	209	202	100	2,054	18	170

## Partners by Sector\*\*\*

EDUCATION	FOOD SECURITY	HEALTH	INTEGRATION	CBI	PROTECTION	SHELTER	WASH
UNHCR	IOM, UNHCR	HIAS, UNICEF Blossoms Inc	IOM	HIAS, IOM	HIAS, UNHCR, UNICEF Blossoms Inc, UN Women	IOM	IOM, UNHCR

[Appealing Partner, Implementing Partner]

\* Estimated population at end of 2021 | \*\* 1/03/2021 – 31/03/2021 | \*\*\* Based on activities reported in the current month

## Response

### Education

One R4V partner started hybrid **English as a Second Language classes** in Mabaruma through an Implementing Partner. Following all COVID-19 protocols, children attend classes at the local Community Centre and online lectures are facilitated by a teacher located in Georgetown. **Learning support** is available through an R4V partner staff who assists children during class sessions.

### Integration

One R4V partner implemented a **socio-economic support program** to help at-risk families focus on the best ways to integrate, while meeting survival-level needs through cash support. Targeted households were those living in extreme poverty, who will now participate in a **12-month program** that includes multi-purpose CBI/food voucher support for six months, workshops on access to rights, financial literacy training, and access to vocational and technical training. As a **support for self-employment**, Venezuelan women started training in cosmetology which will happen between March and June 2021. In addition, they will also be given **food and hygiene kits** at the end of every month during the period of the training.

In addition, R4V partners supported the production of hammocks and selling of face masks as a **source of income** for vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

### Shelter

Rent subsidies were given to vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants to secure medium- and long-term **accommodation**.



School in Mabaruma, Guyana  
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### Food Security

**Food vouchers** from identified suppliers were distributed to Venezuelans in need while **food kits** were delivered by R4V partners to families of vulnerable Venezuelans and host communities, in particular in the hinterland areas where the voucher system was not previously accessible.

### Protection

R4V partners provided **case management** services to Venezuelan refugees and migrants and host community members following reported GBV incidents. R4V partners also did **sensitization sessions** in four regions of the country, and male service providers received **capacity building** nationwide on GBV prevention. Partners facilitated access to **psychosocial support and activated referral systems** for refugees and migrants'<sup>1</sup> families within the Child Assistance Centres' system and shock responsive cash transfer mechanism for R&M and host community families. **Know-your-rights sessions** were conducted weekly in Spanish. One R4V partner provide information on several topics related to all R4V sectors. In addition, a partner's Counsellor provided MHPSS<sup>2</sup> **individual consultations** to improve Venezuelans' well-being and mental health. Support groups for Venezuelan GBV survivors also met to provide information and positive coping mechanism to address their specific needs.

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<sup>1</sup> R&M- refugees and migrants

<sup>2</sup> Mental Health and Psychosocial Support