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VENEZUELA

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- During the first quarter of 2022, UNHCR took part in coordination exercises promoted by OCHA and local authorities in Amazonas to articulate with all stakeholders the humanitarian actions to be implemented in the area. A roundtable on birth registration was also held with local authorities from the border municipality of Atures on activities to promote access of indigenous people to civil birth registration starting in May 2022.
- UNHCR, the Office of the Ombudsperson and CONARE jointly organised a three-day immersion course on International Refugee Law and the Rights of Stateless Persons/Prevention of Statelessness for 22 high ranking national officials from the SAIME migration service, the National Electoral Council, the National Civil Registry Office, Public Defence Office, Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Education. The course provided an opportunity to bring together all parties to analyse current refugee-related issues in Venezuela.

FIRST QUARTER IN FIGURES



35,988

BENEFICIARIES



15,324

WASH



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EDUCATION



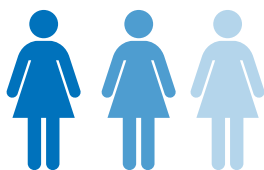
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SHELTER

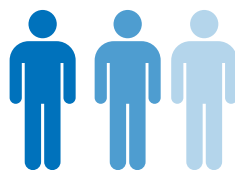


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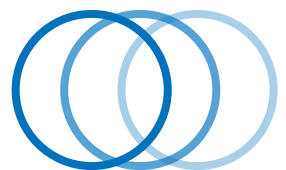
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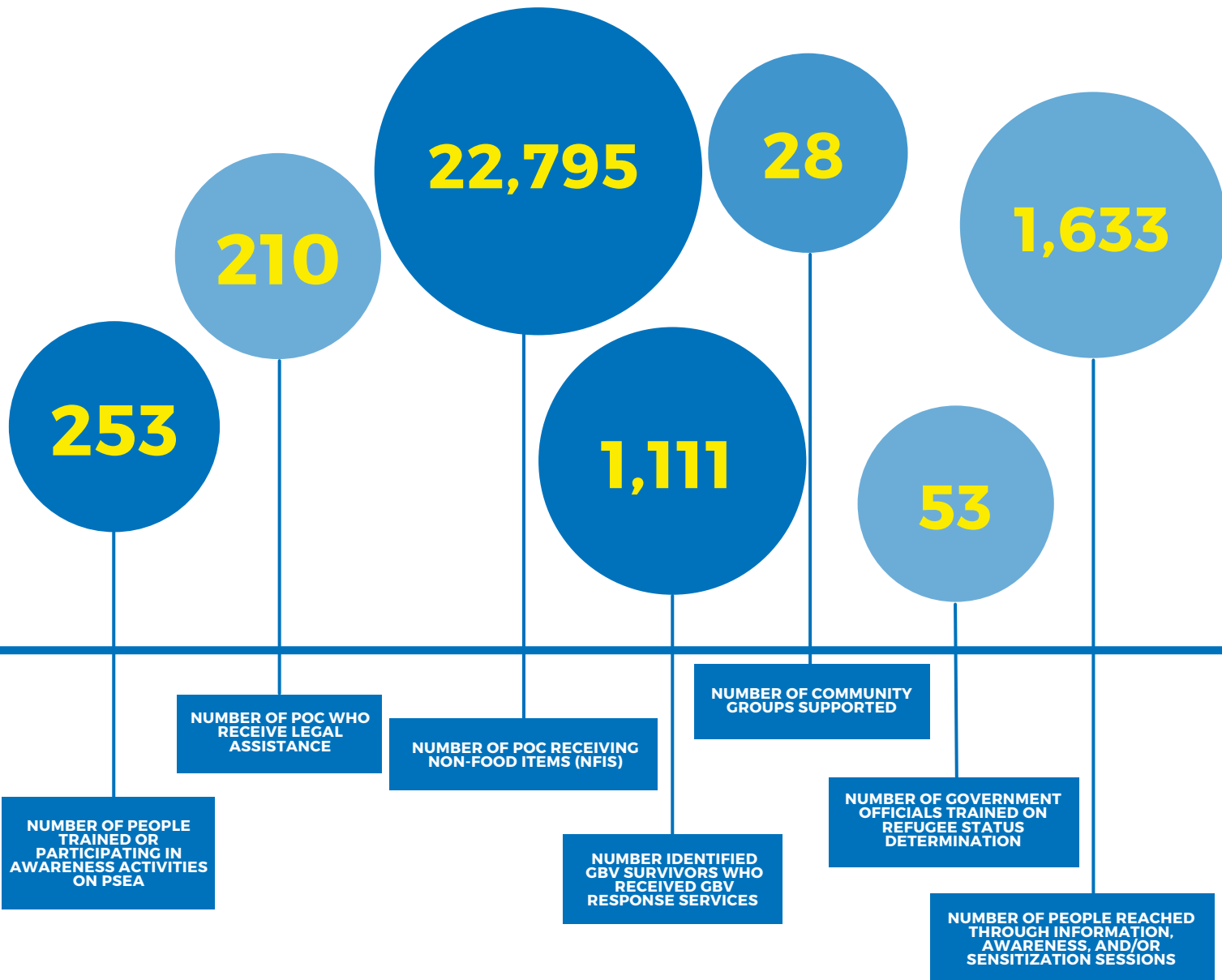


14,824



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UNHCR INDICATORS



AGE GROUPS

0 - 17

8,916

18 - 59

23,273

+60

3,799

PROTECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Jointly with the Bar Association of Caracas and partner HIAS, UNHCR launched their first Postgraduate course on International Refugee Law and Statelessness. With the overall goal of establishing a pool of specialised pro-bono legal support capabilities, the course is targeted to enable the Bar's newly affiliated legal practitioners to promote refugee rights and remedies, prevent statelessness and advance legal strategic engagement, particularly in the areas of access to fair asylum procedures and documentation. A total of 23 lawyers enrolled in the 120-hour course, which is being held twice a week from 17 March to 19 May 2022.

- In alignment with the UNHCR Global Action Plan to End Statelessness, and in close coordination with the Civil Registry Office, the Office of the Ombudsperson and partners, UNHCR supported the late birth registration and the issuance of birth certificates for 253 children during the first quarter of 2022. Late birth registration was facilitated in three outreach community brigades that were organised in the Pemón indigenous community of Uroy Uaray and the Pijiguaos Parish in the state of Bolívar, and in El Nula, Apure.

HRP CLUSTERS LED BY UNHCR

SHELTER CLUSTER

By the end of the first quarter of 2022, the Shelter, Energy and NFI Cluster reached **39,857 beneficiaries** through its partner organizations. Activities covered 11 states and the Capital District. As part of the response, **16 community centres** were built or rehabilitated and **11 spaces delivering essential services** for the most vulnerable were also rehabilitated. Additionally, the Cluster installed **81 solar streetlights** and eight energy generation systems, distributed **668 portable solar lamps**, **146 habitat kits** and **4,238 kits of basic NFIs** to vulnerable populations, and provided individual relief kits to 2,208 people on the move and 1,124 persons lodged in temporary collective shelters.

PROTECTION CLUSTER

Within the framework of the 2022-2023 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), the Protection Cluster **trained 160 persons** on the Centrality of Protection and Protection Mainstreaming to support their organisations in the submission of strong project funding proposals under the HRP. The application period closed in February and, of all the proposals submitted, 112 included elements of protection. The projects are currently under review for an evaluation of strategic relevance and incorporation of protection themes. During the first quarter of the year, the Protection Cluster also **donated 40 desks** to the Office of the Ombudsperson to enhance its case management capabilities and launched a national **community-level protection monitoring survey in 21 states** to update its information on communities' protection needs and priorities.