

Guyana

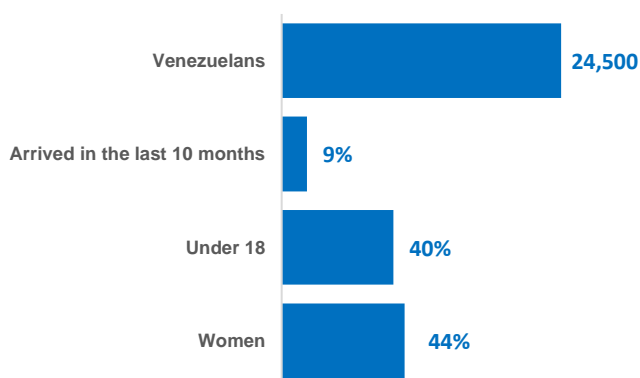
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Guyana hosts **24,500 refugees and migrants from Venezuela**, as well as a 178 refugees and asylum seekers from other nationalities, including Cubans and Haitians.

A monthly **average of 50 vulnerable individuals** arrived in *Khan Hill* and Region 2 including Venezuelan Waraos.

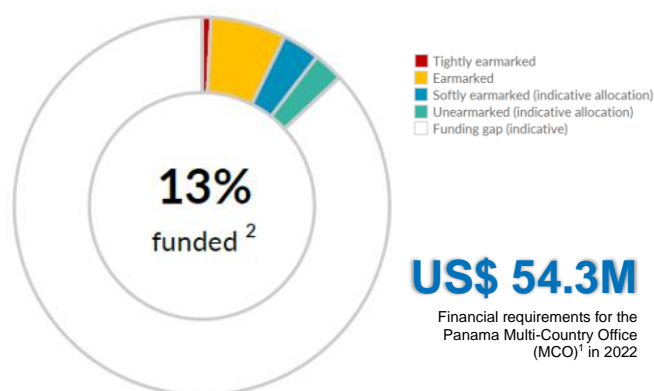
The Government continues issuing stay permits to Venezuelans upon arrival. The permit is valid for **six months** and requires **periodic renewal**.

Population of concern*



* Source: UNHCR internal estimates, as of 30 April 2022

STATE OF PLAY: FUNDING RECEIVED VS. FUNDING NEEDS (AS OF 5 JULY 2022)



¹ The financial requirements for the **Panama Multi-Country Office** include those for the Coronavirus Emergency and the Venezuela Situation. **Guyana** is part of the **Panama MCO** since 2021 along with Panama, Nicaragua, Belize, Cuba and the Southern Caribbean.

² The percentage funded includes indicative allocations of softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions.

Context

UNHCR supports the government in the provision of assistance and protection services to refugees and migrants with specific needs, and to vulnerable host communities while working in coordination with **other Interagency Response Platform partners**.

UNHCR delivers **humanitarian aid**, including food kits and sanitary items, as well as **interpretation support** and **counseling** to facilitate access to government services for refugees and migrants.

Gender-based Violence (GBV) continues to be a major concern, particularly for **Venezuelan** refugees and migrants – **mainly women** – who have been **victims in trafficking** and/or engage in **survival sex as a coping mechanism**.



Seeking to promote and strengthen local integration, UNHCR delivers community-based English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to out-of-school Warao and other Spanish speaking children in Khan Hill (Region 1).

UNHCR Response and Strategy

UNHCR works with four partners in Guyana and supports the State in the delivery of assistance and protection services to refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and host communities. UNHCR works in coordination with other response partners to provide access to education, food security, health, integration, protection, shelter, WASH, and cash assistance, among others. See the R4V Subregional portal for more information.

Main Activities

Alongside the government, partner organizations, civil society, development actors, and UN Agencies, UNHCR undertakes protection and solutions activities, including:



Protection | UNHCR provided information on access to protection services to **362 refugees and migrants**. In addition, **318 persons** were either accompanied or referred to relevant governmental protection services.



Gender-based Violence | In remote mining areas, UNHCR and the Guyana Sex Work Coalition (GSWC), sensitized **196 sex workers** on HIV, Sexually transmitted infections and Sexual and Reproductive Health, and provided HIV testing and counselling to **154 sex workers**. A total of **163 hygiene kits** were distributed, and **11 key community members** were sensitized on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the specific needs of Venezuelan sex workers. UNHCR and HIAS, reached **176 persons** with **GBV prevention messaging and counselling** on rights, services and referral pathways. Over **110 persons** participated in Community-Based initiatives, including awareness raising on Intimate Partner Violence. HIAS also provided **case management services** to **12 GBV survivors**. UNHCR and Blossom Inc. supported **six children GBV survivors** with trauma-focused therapy. Through Blossom Inc., UNHCR conducted **16 forensic interviews** with **Venezuelan and Guyanese children** who survived sexual abuse. Case management services were provided to **10 Venezuelan children**, and **4 Venezuelan children** were placed in foster care.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) | UNHCR delivered hygiene kits to **120 refugees and migrants**. UNHCR donated jerry cans to **209 members of vulnerable host communities** in Regions 1, 2 and 4. In addition, UNHCR distributed soap bars to **203 vulnerable individuals** with limited access to WASH.



Cash-based Interventions and In-kind Assistance | UNHCR through HIAS distributed multipurpose cash and in-kind assistance to **71 refugees and migrants**. UNHCR distributed food kits to **136 persons in need** in Regions 1, 2, and 4.



Health | UNHCR supported health workers from Port Kaituma Hospital in a vaccination campaign at the Green House settlement, community, Region 1, where **34 Venezuelans** were vaccinated against **yellow fever, Polio, HPV, Covid-19, and Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)**. In Regions 1, 2 and 4, UNHCR accompanied and provided counselling on access to health services, such as sexual and reproductive health.



Education | In partnership with the Ministry of Education, to promote the integration of refugee, migrant, and indigenous Warao children enrolled in formal education, UNHCR commenced English as a Second Language beginner level after-school classes with a total enrolment of **466 children** across **13 schools** in Region 1, 3 and 7. All children were provided with **learning materials**. To facilitate access to education for displaced out-of-school children in Region 1, UNHCR supported **58 children** with community-based classes in three communities and collaborated with the Regional Democratic Council to roll out a site assessment in the Farmcore community to establish a community class. Further, to better address the educational needs of displaced children in Region 1, UNHCR initiated a dialogue with the Minister of Amerindian Affairs to discuss areas for collaboration and the expansion of community language classes.

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