

## BRAZIL



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BRAZIL  
 145,462 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE  
 96,556 ASYLUM SEEKERS  
 46,343 REFUGEES  
 (PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2020)



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE  
 15,115



FUNDING REQUIREMENT= 90 MILLION

## Situation

- In February, Brazil registered a total of 10,551,259 confirmed cases and 254,942 deaths from COVID-19. The northern region of the country continued to be severely impacted by the pandemic. Amazonas recorded already more COVID-19 deaths in the first two months of 2021 than all of last year, while Acre declared a state of emergency, facing the combination of COVID-19 resurgence, an outbreak of dengue fever, and heavy flooding.
- The Federal Government launched a [National Vaccination Plan against COVID-19](#), identifying priority groups including health workers, elderly people and Indigenous communities for the first phase. In total, 10.8 million people in Brazil had received at least the first dose of a vaccine by the end of February, including elderly and Indigenous refugees and migrants.
- On 8 February, the Brazilian Federal Revenue Office issued a memorandum stating that undocumented refugees and migrants are eligible to obtain an individual taxpayer registry identification number (CPF) using documentation from their country of origin. The CPF is essential to access public services in Brazil, including health and financial services.

## Response

### Education

- As a result of advocacy efforts coordinated by the Education Sector of the national R4V Platform in Brazil, the education departments at the Amazonas state and Manaus municipal levels committed to ensuring equal access to public schools for refugee and migrant children who lack the required documentation. **Local R4V partners are disseminating information through various channels to encourage parents to enroll their school-age children.** To tackle the digital information gap experienced by the majority of refugee and migrant children in Manaus, R4V partners distributed 200 tablets to provide new students with the opportunity to attend online and radio broadcasted classes, since public schools remain closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Health

- R4V partners donated 17,000 antigen test kits to Operation Welcome and 43,000 test kits to the Health Department of Roraima.
- R4V partners continued their regular monitoring of suspected cases of COVID-19 among refugees and migrants living in rented houses or in Operation Welcome shelters in Roraima and Amazonas states. Refugees and migrants with symptoms are referred to the health centres for further evaluation.
- R4V partners also continued to operate mobile health units in Roraima, with doctors providing primary

healthcare to refugees and migrants living in shelters and spontaneous settlements, as well as host communities.

### Integration/ Interiorization/ Humanitarian Transportation

- In February, a total of 1,109 refugees and migrants voluntarily relocated from the states of Amazonas and Roraima to other parts of Brazil by bus or flight, being matched with employment (141), housed in R4V partner's shelters (120), or through family and social reunification (848 individuals).
- R4V partners launched [the Refugee Entrepreneurs Platform](#), an online tool designed to give better visibility to refugee-led businesses, foster engagement opportunities with the private sector and provide useful resources for refugees interested in launching or expanding their businesses in Brazil.
- In Rio Grande do Sul, R4V partners organized entrepreneurship and business management trainings for 150 refugees and migrants from Venezuela and other countries. These activities seek to build on the existing expertise of refugees and migrants and encourage a sense of ownership over their self-development goals. And in Brasilia, R4V partners hosted a capacity-building session on the production and sale of traditional Venezuelan food, especially targeting refugee and migrant women who are being supported in starting a collective business in this sector.



### Nutrition

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- **R4V partners continued to conduct regular nutritional preventive activities and screenings in the shelters of Pacaraima, Boa Vista, Manaus and Belém as well as in public health facilities in the State of Roraima.** In total, 481 children under the age of 5, including 162 Indigenous Warao children, and 245 pregnant and lactating women were screened for malnutrition and received daily micronutrient tablets. Counseling sessions on appropriate feeding were held for 582 caregivers of infants, girls and boys ages 0-23 months.

## Protection

- **In February, R4V partners conducted capacity-building sessions with 218 participants from the municipal Departments of Social Assistance in the State of Minas Gerais** to strengthen their knowledge and response capacity on protection, migration and refugee issues and facilitate standardization of social assistance practices.
- In February, R4V partners identified and interviewed 1,700 undocumented people, of whom approximately 600 were children. **Child Protection subsector R4V partners continued to support the most vulnerable families and children recently arrived at the overnight facility located at the Boa Vista bus station.** The sector is ensuring timely identification of risks and needs, referral to service providers and the provision of psychosocial support and assistance, with special attention to undocumented unaccompanied children.
- **The Gender-based violence (GBV) subsector supported advocacy activities conducted by LGBTQI+ community leaders with humanitarian actors and the armed forces, while also providing life-saving information on rights, protection, and available local services for GBV prevention and response to 1,235 women, girls, men, and boys in several support spaces, safe spaces and other Operation Welcome facilities.**



## Shelter/Food Security

- **The rising numbers of homeless and undocumented refugees and migrants in Roraima prompted the reactivation of the Nova Canaã shelter in Boa Vista, in order to receive members of Indigenous communities and to ease pressure on the transit shelter in Pacaraima.** Coordinated by Operation Welcome, **R4V partners supported preparedness measures, including strengthening existing shelters and identifying potential sites for the creation of new shelters.**
- **Operation Welcome introduced medical screening for COVID-19 as part of the shelter allocation process in Boa Vista and Pacaraima, with the support of R4V partners who provided technical assistance to operationalize the screening in accordance with healthcare standards.**
- **As a result of a sharp rise in food prices, the most vulnerable refugees and migrants continued to struggle to meet their food needs.** To enhance food security, the sector worked to design a strategy to increase meal distributions at the Boa Vista bus station overnight facility.



## WASH

- **WASH partners conducted and presented to Operation Welcome a comprehensive technical assessment on WASH conditions in all shelters in Boa Vista and Pacaraima.** The multi-partner assessment included recommendations to undertake urgent actions in order to meet SPHERE standards regarding water supply, sanitation, hygiene (personal and shelter), drainage, solid waste, and vector control.
- **R4V partners upgraded WASH facilities at the overnight facility at Boa Vista's Bus Terminal, which on average receives 1,600 refugees and migrants a day, twice as much as the 2020 corresponding figure.**

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Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	CBI	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH
2,000	2,540	4,710	1,109	6,796	2,184	922	8,487	6,244	5,982

\* Partners submitting data to Activity Info in February 2021.