

MAY 2022



VENEZUELA

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR's new field unit in Santa Elena de Uairén joined the indigenous community of Mana Kru at the inauguration of partner IRFA's new office in Santa Elena de Uairén. This space will allow IRFA to conduct activities in the municipality of Gran Sabana, supporting communities and local authorities in the area and working in close cooperation with UNHCR.
- UNHCR inaugurated the COVID-19 clinic at the Wilfredo Medina health centre in the municipality of Colina, together with the Falcón State Health Secretariat and the Office of the Mayor of Colina. As part of the COVID-19 emergency response, UNHCR has supported the health centre with the rehabilitation of a COVID-19 clinic, including the provision of solar panels and solar streetlights, and the donation of medical equipment and PPEs, benefitting communities in La Vela de Coro. In the long term, the clinic will be used to provide specialised attention to women at risk.

MAY IN FIGURES



21,167

BENEFICIARIES



2,548

WASH



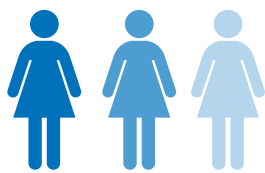
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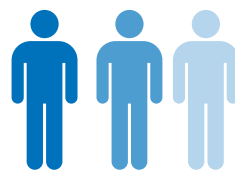


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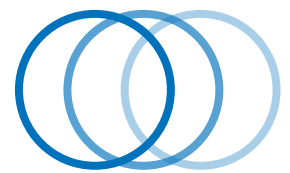
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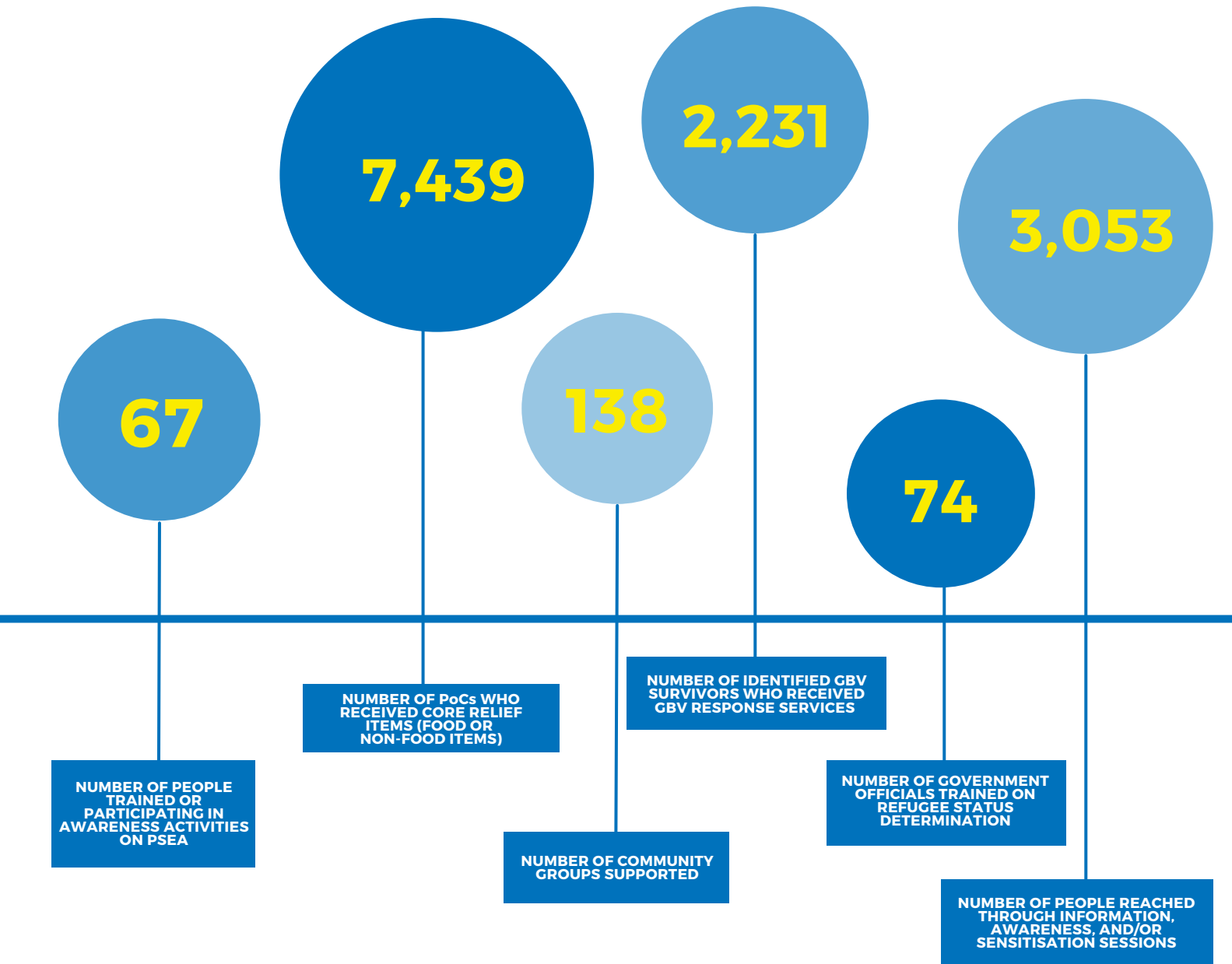


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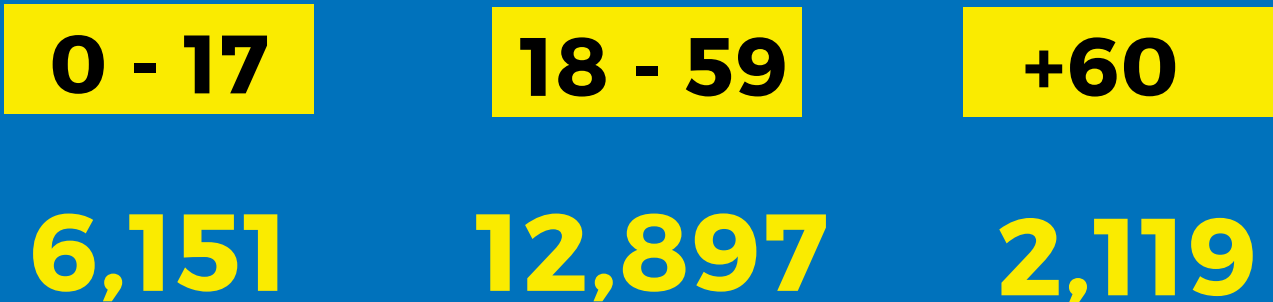


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UNHCR INDICATORS



AGE GROUPS



PROTECTION HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR and the National Association of Child Protection Counsellors (ASONACOP) signed a Letter of Understanding aimed at strengthening coordination and the response to child protection related matters.

Prioritised cooperation areas include: 1) legal aid to promote alternative care arrangements for unaccompanied and separated children, including refugees/asylum-seekers, Venezuelan children on the move, and children left behind; 2) legal assistance to address barriers to access to late birth registration, including returnee children and children born in Venezuela to refugee parents; 3) joint advocacy before relevant Venezuelan institutions, particularly the Child Mobility Interinstitutional Group led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to advocate for simplified confirmation of nationality procedures; and 4) capacity-building activities such as trainings for and support to Child Protection Counsellors and Children Defender Offices.

HRP CLUSTERS LED BY UNHCR

SHELTER CLUSTER

By the end of May, the Shelter, Energy, and NFI Cluster reached **16,375 direct beneficiaries** through partner organisations and **54,551 indirect beneficiaries** through interventions in institutions and community spaces providing essential services to the affected population. **Activities covered 14 states and the Capital District.** Fourteen spaces delivering essential services to communities were built and rehabilitated and 85 spaces received NFIs; 4 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs), 27 solar streetlights and 8 systems to generate energy were installed. Also, 3,539 portable solar lamps and 1,109 habitat kits were delivered directly for the most vulnerable population, 2208 individual kits were provided for people on the move, and 1,124 people occupied temporary collective shelters.

PROTECTION CLUSTER

The Working Group for the prevention and response to Trafficking in Persons (TiP) was established on 6 May. The TiP is coordinated by the Protection Cluster's Counter-Trafficking in Crisis specialist and is co-led by UNHCR and local NGO Éxodo. The current members of the Working Group are the organisations involved in the Child Protection and Gender-based Violence Areas of Responsibility: UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, OHCHR, and local and international NGOs. The Cluster also evaluated 82 projects to receive funding under the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2022-2023, for a total appeal for protection projects of 79.1 million USD. The estimated number of persons in need (PiN) is 4.2 million, whereas the total target for the Protection Cluster is 2.8 million beneficiaries, covering a 67% of the PiN.