

Guyana

September - October 2023

Key Figures



Over **2,300** people were interviewed by UNHCR and partners for the Result Monitoring Survey (RMS).



Over **400** forcibly displaced Venezuelans participated in UNHCR's interventions on gender - based violence (GBV) prevention and gender equality promotion.



Over **500** people received information and awareness sessions on international protection, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and GBV prevention.

Context

The Venezuelan Government condemned Guyana's auction for oil exploration and bids to international companies. This raised tension between the countries, as Venezuela declared that Guyana's actions were illegal since reserves are on the disputed border.

At the seventy-eight UN General Assembly, Guyana's President reaffirmed that the nation hopes for a peaceful resolution in accordance with international law.

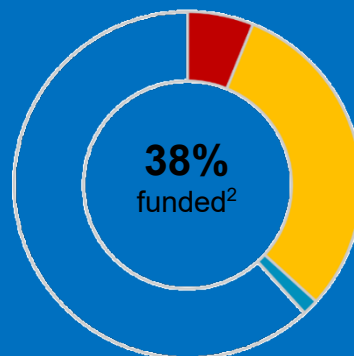
Venezuela's National Assembly approved a consultative referendum to ask the population to support the defense of Essequibo and the country's alleged rights over this region. Guyana reiterated that the country will not re-enter bilateral talks with Venezuela and will rely on the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as the venue for resolution according to the 1966 Geneva Agreement.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the US, and Brazil supported Guyana and called on Venezuela to fully engage in the ICJ procedure. Guyanese authorities and the opposition released a joint statement agreeing that robust diplomacy is needed to protect the state's sovereignty by combating misinformation on the border dispute and the Geneva Agreement.

In Georgetown, UNHCR participated in a public mental health fair organized by the Health Ministry. UNHCR briefed participants on the Agency's mandate and support to forcibly displaced populations and host communities.

Regional funding Overview

as of 31 October 2023



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

\$55.4 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023

¹ Financial requirement for the Panama MCO in 2023 including requirements for the operations and activities in Aruba, Belize, Cuba, Curaçao, Guyana, Nicaragua, Panama, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

² The percentage funded is indicative.

UNHCR RESPONSE

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



Protection | UNHCR provided information on access to protection services, including documentation and rights, to over 670 forcibly displaced people and accompanied 162 individuals to government services. UNHCR, through Blossom Inc., has provided case management services to 153 children and their caregivers. The Agency also provided Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to 18 girls and boys, including survivors of child abuse and those experiencing post-traumatic stress syndrome.



Gender-based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response | UNHCR conducted a two-day training for 54 officials of the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security on the identification of sexual misconduct and GBV prevention and response.



Cash-based Interventions and Assistance | UNHCR and HIAS distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to over 40 forcibly displaced individuals, reaching 21 households.



Education | UNHCR and the Ministry of Education held community-based ESL classes for over 900 people in indigenous communities in Region 1. The Ministry of Education's Migrant Education Support Unit hosted its second annual *Spanglish Bee Competition* for forcibly displaced children. On this occasion, UNHCR donated two electronic tablets and three trophies.



UNHCR visits Mabaruma, Region 1

UNHCR distributed food baskets, mosquito nets, hygiene kits and other core relief items to 199 vulnerable households in Yarakita, Farm Corps, White Water, Kamwatta and Wauna communities in Region 1.

The Agency reached 974 forcibly displaced Venezuelans (291 women, 230 men, 210 boys, and 243 girls) and provided information on access to fundamental rights.

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UNHCR's presence in Guyana

