



UNHCR Biometric registration in Moruga, Trinidad


**6,394**

Forcibly displaced and stateless people from **4,537 households** were registered in all countries under MCO PA during 2024.

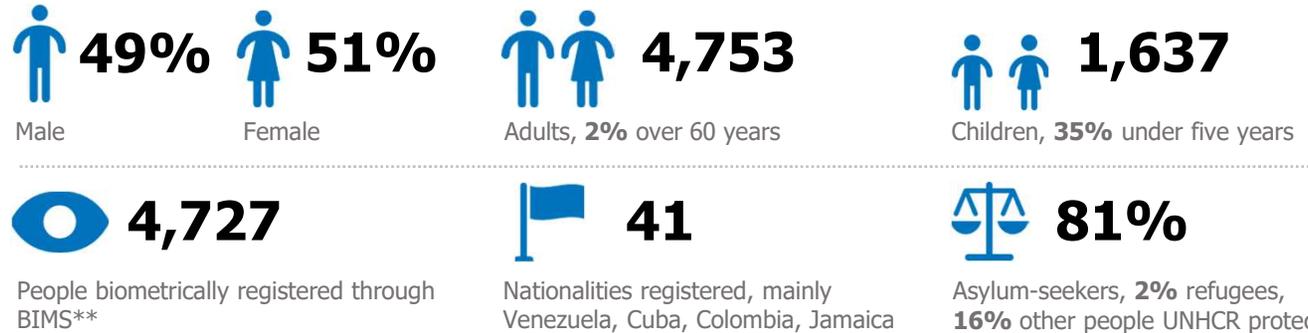
# Registration Snapshot

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**Registration** – recording, verifying, and updating **biographical, biometric, and socioeconomic data** - is the first step to ensure the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons. It allows to **identify specific needs, provide targeted assistance, and reach durable solutions**. Registration protects against refoulement, arbitrary arrest, and detention, helps keep families together and facilitates reunification.

The Population Registration and Identity Management Ecosystem (**PRIMES**) is a set of interoperable tools developed by UNHCR to enhance registration, case management and identity management for the persons we protect.

## MAIN FIGURES – PEOPLE REGISTERED

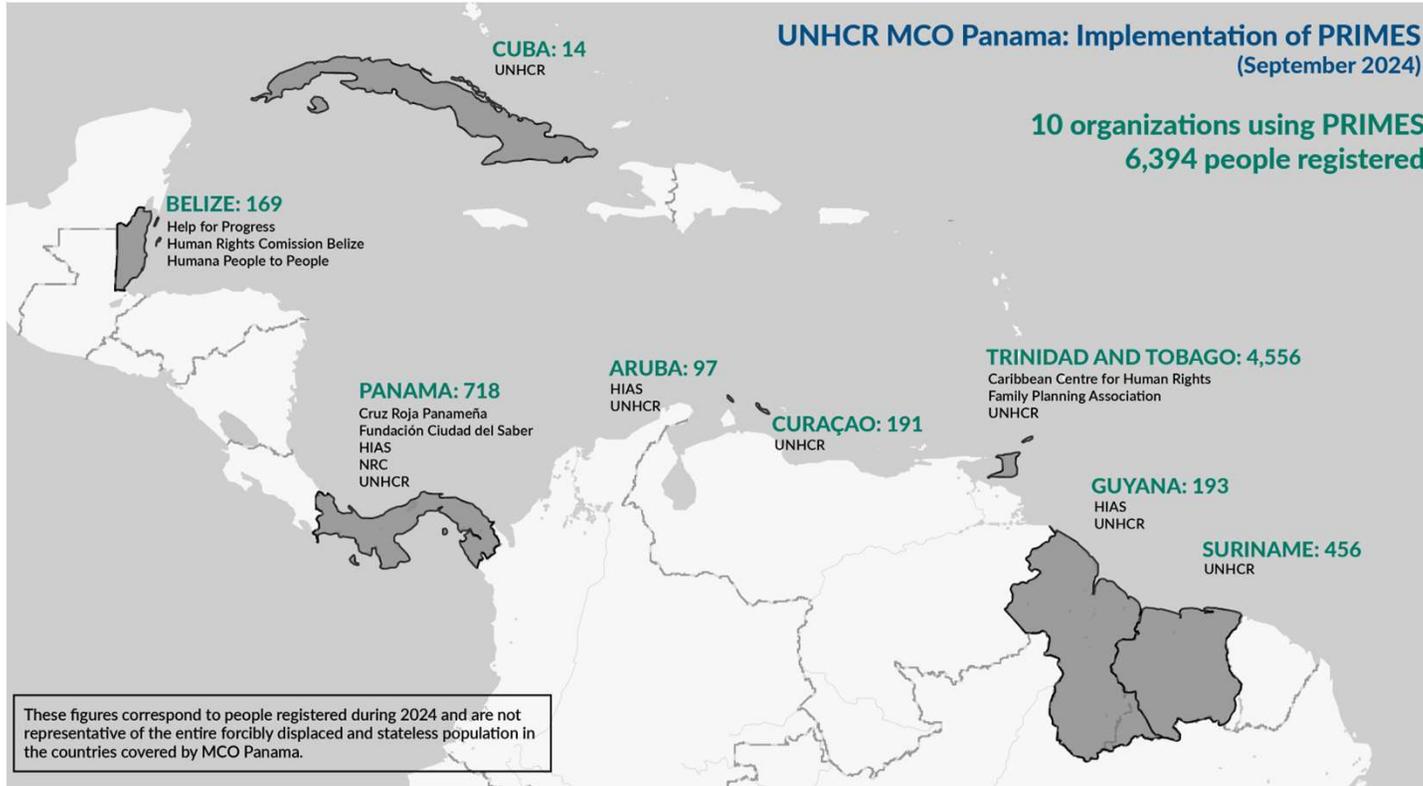


## PROTECTION RESPONSE THROUGH PRIMES



\*These figures are not representative of the entire forcibly displaced and stateless population in the countries covered by MCO Panama. \*\* Biometric Identity Management System, biometric registration includes fingerprint and iris scans as well as a facial photograph.

\*\*\* UNHCR Documents are Certificates or Cards attesting to an individual's recognition as a Mandate Refugee or as an Asylum Seeker to certify that they are persons protected by UNHCR



## STRATEGIC REGISTRATION GOALS

- ✓ **Ensure high-standard registration** at the internal level for efficient case management, mandate RSD (Cuba, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago) and RST (Aruba, Curaçao, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago).
- ✓ **Enhance partners' capacity** and integrity in case management procedures and data protection.
- ✓ **Support governments** to build or strengthen digitalized registration, case management and identity management systems to ensure fair and efficient national asylum procedures.

## How does PRIMES enhance registration, case management and identity management for forcibly displaced and stateless persons?

- ✓ **Data Integrity and Accuracy;**
- ✓ **Security and Privacy** through encryption and access controls, preventing fraud and corruption;
- ✓ **Collaboration** between partners, facilitating joint efforts, avoiding duplication and reducing revictimization;
- ✓ **Digital identity for persons we protect**, enabling their socio-economic inclusion within host communities;
- ✓ **Field-proofing**, though tools working in online, offline and GSM\* environments.
- ✓ **Scalability**, enabling seamless expansion to support potential large-scale and emergency displacements.

The boundaries, names, and designations shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

\*GSM: Global System for Mobile Communications, the most widely used cellular-wireless telecommunications standard.

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