



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN COUNTRY*

22,000



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE**

725



FUNDING SITUATION***

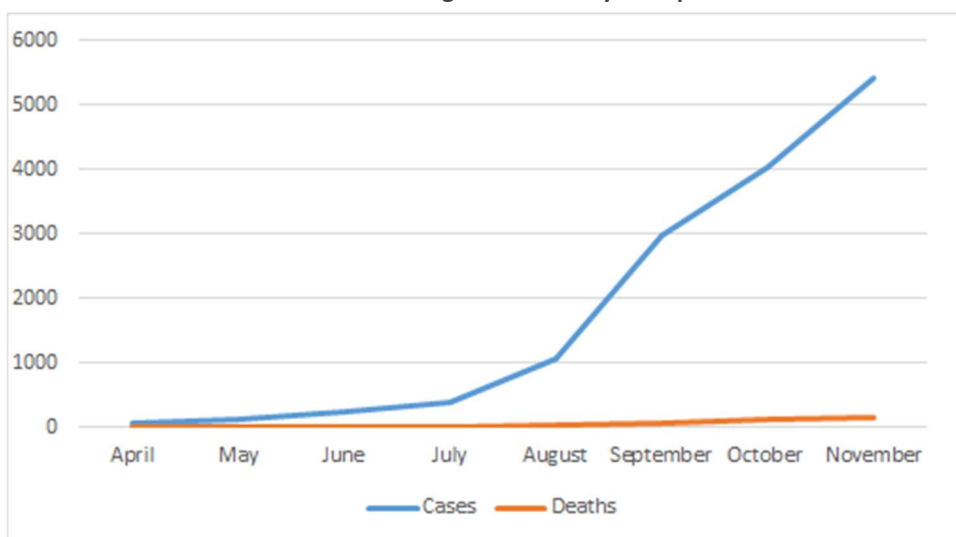
FUNDED: \$8.03 MILLION

REQUIREMENT: \$13 MILLION

Situation

- At the end of November, COVID-19 cases continued to rise as did the death toll with Guyana reporting a total of 5,406 COVID-19 cases, 863 active cases and 150 deaths. The pandemic reached all ten regions of the country and some remote areas locked down to prevent further spread of the virus. A curfew remained in place between the hours of 10:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. as other emergency measures continued. Bars and nightclubs remained closed while law enforcement continued to execute the “covi-curb” initiative, which consists of an education campaign to ensure that preventive measures are adhered to by citizens.
- The Government and R4V partners continued working together to deliver food, NFIs and medical supplies to both urban and rural communities.
- As the virus spread and the COVID pandemic continued to impact the country, the need for more funding to support basic needs remained a priority. Venezuelan requests for rent subsidies increased, and unemployment rates escalated even as businesses operated at limited capacity, adding to the existing socio-economic crisis and fueling more demand for food assistance and shelter.
- The re-opening of airports resulted in the entry of persons that tested positive for Covid-19. Although negative tests were required for entry into the country and could be performed at the airport, results were available 24 hours after landing with all returnees expected to self-quarantine for seven days after return.
- Public schools which also serve refugees and migrants reopened countrywide to facilitate students of grades 10, 11 and 12 who have exam preparations, even as the pandemic continued to affect all ten regions of Guyana. Online classes continued and vocational centres also reopened; however, universities remained closed.
- Instances of discrimination and xenophobia against Venezuelans continued to be reported by R4V partners.
- Partners also continued to experience challenges in rolling out R4V activities in remote locations, such as the Hinterland regions due to climatic and infrastructural factors including inaccessible roads, limited communications such as power supplies and internet. .

COVID-19 Cases and Resulting Deaths in Guyana April-Nov 2020.



Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/guyana/>



PEOPLE REACHED**

Education	Food Security	Health	Integration	NFI	Protection
98	66	536	56	27	725

* Estimated population at end of 2019 | ** 1/11/2020 – 31/11/2020, total calculated from sectoral maximum | *** Source: FTS website (fts.unocha.org). Contributions and commitments as of 11 Dec.; estimated from multi-country contributions.

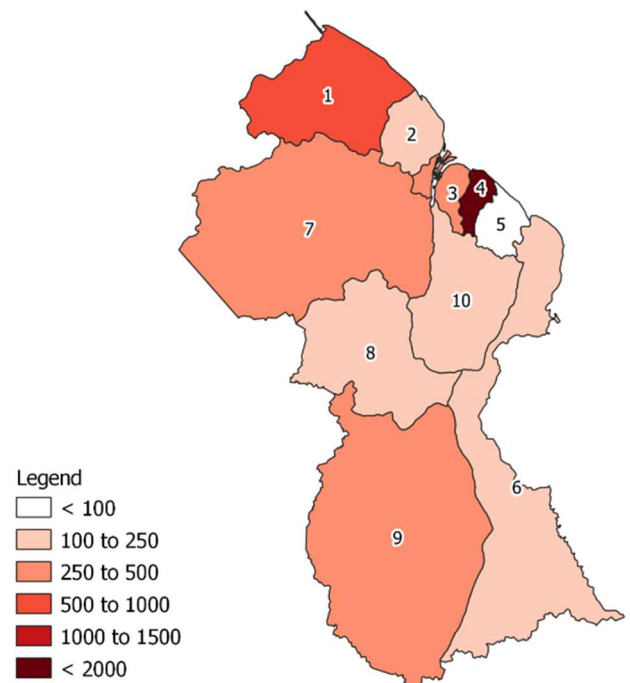
Response

- R4V partners distributed NFI baby kits and hygiene kits to 31 vulnerable refugees, migrants, and host community individuals, including returning Guyanese.
- Emergency food distributions in the form of non-perishable food items reached 89 individuals through partners and social organizations. In Region 4, another partner provided 43 people with food assistance, whilst in region 9, one person in quarantine was also assisted.
- Four hundred and seventy-three persons benefited from accompanied visits to Government service providers and interpretation support to access services. Of this number, 455 were Venezuelans.
- In Guyana, as an ongoing activity between R4V partners and the **Ministry of Health**, 536 Venezuelans received **vaccinations** against Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Yellow Fever and Diphtheria & Tetanus (DT). Separately, networking with the Ministry of Health, another R4V partner initiated facilitating access to essential services to refugee and migrant mothers and their babies in the budding mining community. Persons with babies in the community requested assistance in getting their **babies admitted to a clinic**, assistance with **vaccinations, birth registrations and birth certificate applications**. With the cooperation of MOH, a “**Mother and Baby Clinic**” was set up and a clinic day was held to ensure registration and receipt of requisite “**clinic cards**”. The clinic card is a requirement to enter the public school system in Guyana.
- To foster **livelihoods** and self-reliance, 56 Venezuelan women engaged in the production of cloth masks, while separately, 46 Venezuelan women engaged in the production of *chinchorros* (traditionally weaved hammocks) as part of income-generating activities where they are provided with materials. The final products are procured by partners and later distributed to persons in need.
- As a part of **educational** activities, 95 Venezuelans adults received **English classes**, and 28 Venezuelan children in grades 6 and 10 attended **educational** support classes. Three Venezuelan adults participated in **ESL instruction training**.
- As a part of **child protection** services, partners in Guyana referred some 64 children and adolescents who had experienced violence for expert caseworker services. Of this number, 32 were Venezuelans. The same center








provided similar support to 190 adult females and 123 adult males during the reporting period. Additionally, as a part of **general protection services** 695 Venezuelans were sensitized on access to services and other protection needs.

- Furthermore, 28 Venezuelan households received comprehensive **case management** services in Georgetown and Bartica. After the intake and screening process, they were referred for services where 22 Venezuelan women benefitted from **Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS)** through individual and group activities to improve their well-being. Moreover, sex workers participated in support group meetings and/or virtual sensitization sessions and received **GBV** information, prevention, and response. A number of Venezuelans received **GBV prevention and response** services, including through **referrals for case management** or provision of emergency assistance and **sensitization information**.

COVID-19 CONTINUED TO AFFECT THE TEN REGIONS OF GUYANA IN NOVEMBER 2020



Partners by Sector*

 EDUCATION	 FOOD SECURITY	 HEALTH	 PROTECTION	 NFI	 SHELTER	 WASH
UNHCR, PADF	IOM, UNHCR	IOM	Blossoms Inc, HIAS, UNHCR, UNICEF	IOM, UNHCR	IOM, UNHCR	Guyana Water Inc, UNICEF

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R4V- Response for Venezuela: <https://r4v.info/en/situations/platform>

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