

FP Semester Report - Belém



OPENING OF THE REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SPACE

On May 26, UNHCR and the Secretariat for Justice and Human Rights (SEJUDH) inaugurated the Refugee and Migrant Space at the Secretariat’s headquarters in Belém to meet the demand for access to documentation, information and services, including legal and psychological assistance for refugees and migrants residing in the State of Pará. The space will also help refugees and migrants, including indigenous people, to have more autonomy and ensure their rights, as explained by Venezuelan Warao Gardenia Quiroz, who attended the event representing indigenous refugees and migrants. A highlight of the event was the signing of the Technical Cooperation Agreement between Pará State Government, through SEJUDH, and UNHCR, which provided the equipment to the space and promoted training activities for the team who will work there.



The new Refugee and Migrant Space in Belém is already functioning, and it is located at R. Vinte e Oito de Setembro, 339 – Campina, Belém. Office hours are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and additional information can be obtained by calling +55 (91) 4009-2700.

Find more on the website: <https://bit.ly/3BhdkpJ>

UNHCR BELÉM IN NUMBERS

Refugee and Migrant Space:

In partnership with the State Secretariat for Justice and Human Rights (SEJUDH), UNHCR made available for the secretariat to donate **300** school kits with notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers and backpacks. These materials will benefit people who are in the process of displacement, and arrive in the state of Pará searching for better living conditions.

Donation of school bags for PoCs:

UNHCR Belém during the months of April and May donated **1,500** school bags for young refugees and migrants and also Brazilians from Belém, Ananindeua and Santarém, enabling young people to be better prepared to study.

Warao documentation effort:

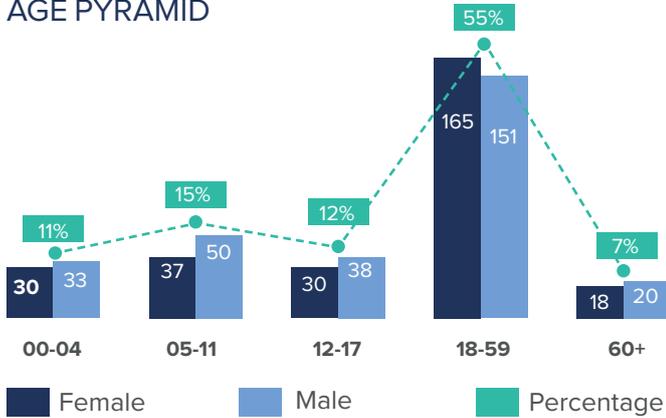
Between February and March, as a result of UNHCR’s awareness-raising efforts and with the support of SOS Children’s Villages and the Federal Police Migration Department, more than **30** Warao indigenous people living in Belém and Ananindeua were able to renew their documentation.



Profile of people assisted by the UNHCR Office in Belém:

A total of **586** Warao indigenous people receive some assistance from UNHCR in the metropolitan region of Belém.

AGE PYRAMID



*Data for 14 people are not shown in the chart due to the lack of age information.

38% Children and adolescents

51% Girls and women

TYPES OF SHELTER



Updated data 17/08/2021



Warao community living in Itaiteua – Belém.

GEOREFERENCING PUBLIC SERVICES FOR WARAO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

In order to meet the need of the Warao to know the public services they have the right to access in Brazil and with the support of the local protection network, important public facilities were mapped to guarantee a dignified life for the Warao living in the region, such as CRAS, CREAS, DEAMS, UBSs, UPAs, Bus stations, Ports and Airports. After the mappings, UNHCR carried out an activity with **5 communities**, where it presented the public services in the neighborhood where they lived, as well as the services provided in each of the equipment, addresses and how to get to each of the locations, aiming to contribute for Warao indigenous people to achieve autonomy. The activity was

mediated by Warao messengers (Outreach Volunteers - OV) of the Community-Based Protection process advanced by UNHCR and SOS Children’s Villages, who act to intermediate and disseminate relevant information to their communities. The action benefited around **500 indigenous people** living in private homes and also in the municipal shelter in Belém.

Find more on the website: <https://bit.ly/2WzDpl7>

CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL INTERSECTORAL COMMITTEE FOR RECEPTION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE WARAO

On April 15, the mayor of Ananindeua signed a decree establishing the Municipal Intersectoral Commission for Reception and Assistance to the Warao. This committee will have representatives from the Warao community, UNHCR, UNICEF, universities, the judiciary, municipal secretariats and civil society. With the support of UNHCR, the decree was translated into Spanish and published in the Official Gazette. On the same day, UNHCR organized an assembly with the community and local authorities so that the Warao community could bring their demands on basic needs so that they can have a safe and detailed relocation agreed with the community as proposed by the project.



TRAINING ON SHELTER MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

From 21 to 23 July, UNHCR, in partnership with the IOM, promoted training in Shelter Management and Coordination for social workers working at the municipal shelter in Belém. The training involved **32 people** and was important to strengthen the municipal capacity in managing shelters and, consequently, improve the lives of PoCs living in these places.

FROM TUCUPITA TO THE WORLD... DJ NORBERTO NUNEZ

In the framework of World Refugee Day, the UNHCR regional office launched the JAM Festival, which was attended by many refugees and migrants from Latin America and the Caribbean sharing their musical and artistic talents. With the theme “Together we heal, together we learn and together we shine”, Warao leader Norberto Nunez, who currently lives in Ananindeua, Pará, participated in the online event with the launch of a video clip to the sound of one of his remixes. Through the vibrant sound of reggaeton and traditional dances performed by Norberto and his family, the clip leads us to know more about the culture, joy and resilience of the Warao people.

 [The full video can be watched here.](#)

STRENGTHENING CAPABILITIES

UNHCR provided training to 62 superintendents of the bank Caixa Econômica Federal in Pará:

On February 12, UNHCR held a training session on refugees and the situation of the Warao for **62** Caixa Econômica Federal (CEF) superintendents from municipalities in the state of Pará where there are Warao residents. The purpose of the session was to make managers aware of the situation of refugees and the type of documentation they have, especially given that the bank is responsible for distributing the emergency aid.

Training Sessions for authorities and local protection networks:

On April 7, 8, 13 and 14, UNHCR carried out extensive training for the technical teams of the Papa João XXIII Foundation (FUNPAPA) and the International Education Institute of Brazil (IEB). During the four sessions, around **70 people** learned more about the UNHCR mandate, the rights and duties of refugees in Brazil and about the causes and impacts of the displacement of the Warao people both in Venezuela and in Brazil. On the 11th and 12th, complementary sessions were held with FUNPAPA – including **57 representatives** from CRAS, CREAS, Centro Pop and the shelter staff - to discuss humanitarian principles, protection against sexual abuse and exploitation, rights of indigenous populations and community-based protection.

Training Sessions for SEJUDH and Secretariats of Social Assistance:

On May 10, 11 and 18, UNHCR in partnership with the State Secretariat for Justice and Human Rights (SEJUDH) offered a training cycle on refugee protection for the technical team working in the Refugee and Migrant Space, as well as employees of the Social Assistance Secretariats of five Pará municipalities that have been assisting and/or sheltering the Warao indigenous population. The training sessions addressed the theme of the national and international legal framework, specific needs for protection, prevention and response to gender-based violence and characteristics of Warao displacement in Brazil, and benefited **50 professionals**.

Capacity building sessions with indigenous messengers:

On July 5, UNHCR and SOS Children’s Villages held capacity-building sessions for **13 Warao indigenous** people in the Refugee and Migrant Space at the State Secretariat for Justice and Human Rights. Indigenous people are those who act as OV’s were trained and the main issues addressed in the session were the conceptual difference between refugees and migrants, and the means for regularization in Brazil. The aim is for OV’s to share this information with their communities, strengthening the autonomy of the PoCs to access their rights.

Breakfast With Journalists:

On June 9, UNHCR Belém delivered training for journalists as part of the 2021 World Refugee Day celebrations. The activity consisted of an informative breakfast to raise awareness about the role of journalists and communicators in combating xenophobia and building a more favorable social environment for the social inclusion of refugees and migrants. In all, **15 journalists** and **02 Warao community promoters** participated in the event.

PROJECT TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIVELIHOODS FOR THE WARAO IN BELÉM

As of May, the International Institute of Education of Brazil - IEB became the new partner of the UNHCR Office in Belém, seeking to reinforce participatory strategies for the construction of livelihoods among the Warao population in the city. The objective is to contribute to the professional qualification and productive insertion of 70 working-age Warao men and women who are sheltered in the Tapanã Shelter by implementing a pilot project, which will indirectly benefit the other 91 people also living in the shelter. In June and July, the IEB held meetings with the Warao families to present the project and carry out a socioeconomic diagnosis.

COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION PROJECT - PBC

In March of this year, UNHCR started to fund and technically support the Community-Base Protection project developed by the team of SOS Children’s Villages Brazil in Belém. Continuing the work they had been carrying out since August 2020 and with the support of the Canadian Embassy, Children’s Villages continues to implement the project, serving the Warao indigenous population sheltered in the municipal shelter of Belém and in private accommodation. The project aims to strengthen the family and community of Warao indigenous families living in Belém and the metropolitan region. For this, Children’s Villages uses a participatory methodology with community mobilizers, seeking to engage local authorities and representatives of local protection networks.



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