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More than half of Venezuelan indigenous people in Brazil have received UNHCR support

UNHCR's monitoring data reveals that among the 5,000 Venezuelan indigenous registered in Brazil, around 2,300 have benefited from various types of assistance in the states of Roraima, Amazonas and Pará, including access to hygiene, cleaning and kitchen items, among others.

In the cities of Boa Vista and Pacaraima (Roraima State), more than 1,400 indigenous people currently live in shelters managed by Operation Welcome with UNHCR's support. In Belem and Manaus, another 776 are being housed with the support of city governments.

The data has been compiled as part of the June report on **Activities for Indigenous Populations**, which describes several interventions implemented by the UN Refugee Agency to guarantee the rights and care of these populations, especially in the context of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

In the capital of the State of Pará, UNHCR provides technical support to the municipality in planning and adapting the new indigenous shelter with a capacity to house 450 people, ensuring that sheltered population has access to adequate water, sanitation and health facilities. Altogether, more than a thousand indigenous Waraos are spread over several municipalities in Pará.

Another important measure taken in the state of Pará was the donation of three Housing Units for Refugees (RHU) to the municipality of Santarém and eight additional units to the city of Belém. In Santarém, RHUs are being used to expand isolation areas and health rooms during the COVID-19 pandemic. In Belém, they will expand the living and learning spaces for the Warao indigenous population.

On 14 July, the Municipality of Manaus, with the support of United Nations Agencies and Civil Society Organizations, inaugurated a new shelter for the indigenous Warao in the region of Tarumã- Açu, in the West area of the city. The site has the capacity to house 158 people and has washbasins and hand soaps dispensers installed in several spaces, in order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Much has also been done for the Brazilian indigenous population in Boa Vista, including a donation of 35 RHUs to Brazilian National Indian Foundation (FUNAI). The housing units will be used to isolate confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases among Yanomami indigenous people, both in strategic locations within the Yanomami Territories and in urban locations where these populations live. In the state of Amazonas, 39 RHUs were donated to FUNAI to be used in the municipality of Tabatinga supported additional isolation of indigenous Brazilians.



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UNHCR continues to help internally relocated Venezuelans to start a new life in other parts of the country

In July, participants in the interiorization strategy in the shelter-to-shelter modality were relocated to other parts of Brazil and continued to receive social protection, financial and material support from UNHCR for a new beginning amidst the coronavirus pandemic. Each family received kitchen kits - equipped with pots, cutlery and containers - and emergency financial assistance through prepaid cards that, for three months, will support beneficiaries until they can find work and a home of their own.



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One of the objectives of the voluntary relocation strategy is to alleviate the large concentration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the state of Roraima, allowing participants to integrate into other Brazilian states, thus collaborating with the economy and the development of local society.

The financial assistance strategy (CBI) and the maintenance of Operation Welcome's shelters managed by UNHCR receive financial support from the European Union through ECHO (Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection), which, together with the contributions of other donors, allows UNHCR's operation in Brazil to provide assistance to thousands of Venezuelans.

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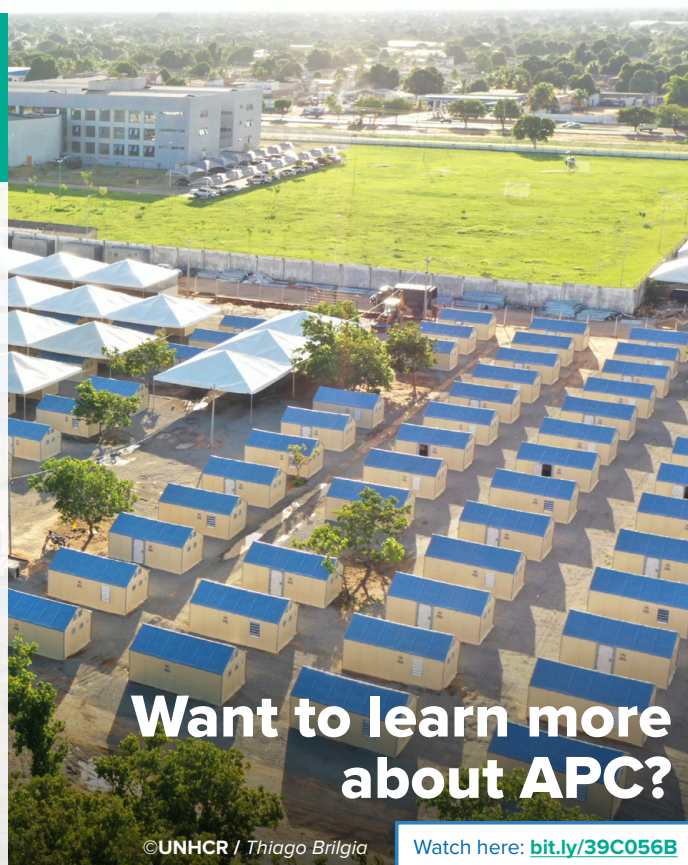


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UNHCR Brazil launches video on response to COVID-19 aiming at fundraising for the operation

To highlight its actions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and to expand its fundraising efforts for the operation, UNHCR's Private Sector Partnerships (PSP) released a video on the organization's participation in the construction and implementation of the Area for Protection and Care (APC).

In addition to contributing to the project from the outset with the preparation of the preliminary study of the architectural plan, UNHCR articulated partnerships that enabled the hospital to fully function and donated to the space 2,000 beds, 180 ICU beds and 250 Emergency Housing Units with a capacity to house 1,000 people.



Want to learn more about APC?

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Watch here: bit.ly/39C056B

UNHCR Brazil provides Emergency Housing Units to help confront COVID-19 in Latin America



As the novel coronavirus pandemic spreads across Latin America, UNHCR in Brazil continues to support the humanitarian emergencies in the region. In July, 336 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) were shipped to Peru, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Aruba and Guyana, as a result of the cooperation between UNHCR offices in different countries. The RHU is a mobile shelter structure used by UNHCR in humanitarian emergency contexts.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the units will be used for various protection purposes, mainly as isolation areas for confirmed or suspected cases of coronavirus in different countries. In Brazil, the units have been widely used in shelters in Roraima, the Transit Shelter in Manaus (ATM), several indigenous locations in various states of the country, and as areas of effective isolation in shelters and other locations that require it.

Read more at: bit.ly/2X2BiDA



Boticário Group donates six tons of antiseptic alcohol to UNHCR Brazil

UNHCR received a donation of six tons of alcohol (at 70%) from the Boticário Group that will be used to prevent COVID-19 among the population served by the humanitarian response in the north of the country. The products will be distributed at the Boa Vista field hospital and in shelters that welcome refugees in the region. The partnership is the result of UNHCR's efforts to attract the private sector as part of its pandemic response plan.

Read more at: bit.ly/2P4wysv

HIGHLIGHTS

Ação da Cidadania and UNHCR donate food to vulnerable Venezuelans in Brazil:

In an unprecedented partnership, both organizations delivered around 5,000 non-perishable food baskets to Venezuelan refugees and migrants in northern Brazil. Each basket is enough to feed a family of up to four people for 15 days.

Read more at: bit.ly/305ikyc

UNHCR and partners distribute winter clothing to Venezuelans in the Federal District:

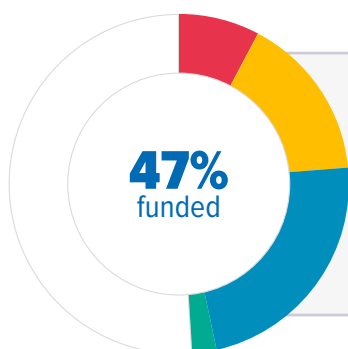
Hundreds of Venezuelans have benefited from warm clothing donated by the Japanese company UNIQLO and delivered by UNHCR and partners in São Sebastião, DF's administrative region. In total, more than 680 pieces of clothing were distributed, reaching around 350 people.

Read more at: bit.ly/2XhZty7

UNHCR supports Venezuelans outside shelters in Roraima:

According to the recent Spontaneous Occupations Report, produced and published by UNHCR in July, 3,400 people in Boa Vista and Roraima lived in these locations until June 2020. Among the main difficulties faced by this population when arriving in the country are access to food, basic sanitation, work and housing.

Access the report at: bit.ly/3g0Macu



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US\$ 46,6 million

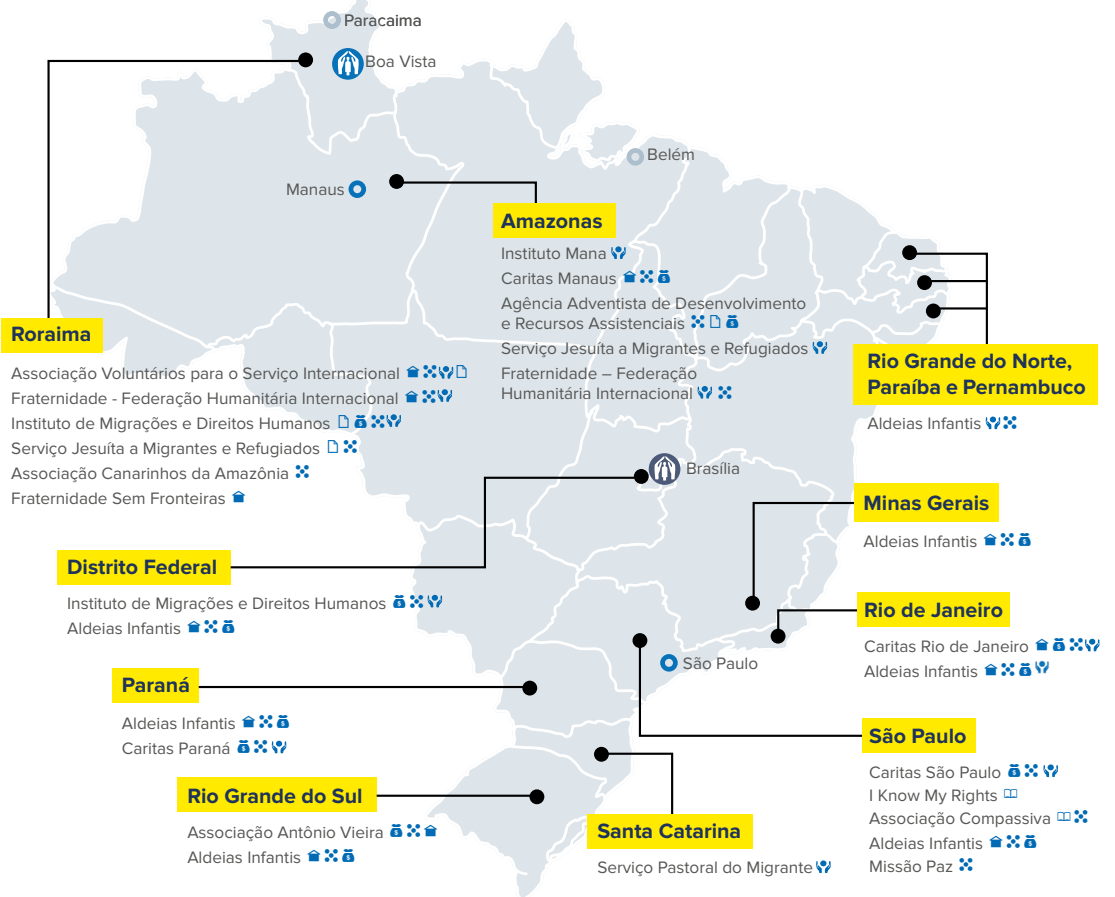
UNHCR's financial requirements in 2020

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

For more information: reporting.unhcr.org

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- UNHCR Sub Office
- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Field Unit
- Protection
- Reception Sites
- Documentation
- Information Management
- Cash Assistance
- Integration
- Education
- Telecommunications



Brazilian Federal Government figures:

- ▶ 193,737* asylum seekers, of which more than 104,000 requests (53.7% of total) were made by Venezuelans.
- ▶ 123,507** Venezuelans benefitting from alternative forms of legal permanence with temporary resident permits for two years.

*Source: CONARE as of June 2020

**Source: Federal Police data until November 2019



Companies with Refugees Platform

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HELP - The UNHCR source of information for refugees

help.unhcr.org/brazil

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