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UNHCR Brazil celebrates World Refugee Day

Through different artistic and leisure activities with people in a refugee-like situation, webinars and content on social networks, UNHCR and partners celebrated World Refugee Day, on 20 June, reinforcing the global theme

“Everyone Can Make a Difference, Every Action Counts”.

Even in times of pandemic and uncertainty, women, men and children forced to leave their homes because of war, armed conflict and persecution keep alive the dream of a safer future. The Brazilian government estimates that Brazil has about 43,000 people recognized as refugees from more than 50 different nationalities, in addition to almost 194,000 asylum seekers.



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In several of the shelters in Boa Vista, common spaces in these facilities were painted by the residents, who shared their vision of the present and their dreams all while brightening their community spaces. Similar activities also took place in Pacarama and Manaus.

UNHCR also distributed school bags to children and young people in shelters in Roraima. About 2,300 backpacks were delivered to young refugees and migrants during socially distanced cultural activities adapted to the context of the pandemic.

Virtually, UNHCR and partners carried out various activities on social networks, discussing topics such as the impact of COVID-19 on human mobility, the self-sufficiency of refugees and legal aspects of asylum. Chico Buarque, Leticia Spiller, Iza, Pablo Vittar, Kaysar Dadour, Claudia Leite, Fafa de Belém, Gisele Itiê and Bianca Rinaldi were some of the Brazilian celebrities and artists who displayed their support for the refugees and UNHCR’s work.

On 18 June, UNHCR Brazil also virtually launched its report “Global Trends - Forced Displacement in 2019”. The document, which contains the most recent data on refugees worldwide, revealed that 79.5 million people were displaced by the end of 2019 by wars, conflicts and persecution - an unprecedented number.

Read more at: bit.ly/2BPtiOB



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In northern Brazil, the approximately 6,500 Venezuelan refugees and migrants sheltered by Operation Welcome (government response to the most vulnerable of this population) and local governments had the opportunity to create drawings, poetry and other artistic expressions about their future in Brazil.



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With UNHCR's support, field hospital for COVID-19 begins care for refugees and local community in Boa Vista

On 19 June, Operation Welcome inaugurated the care wing of the field hospital in Boa Vista built to serve refugees, migrants and local community members with COVID-19. Built with the support of UNHCR and partners, the hospital is part of the Area of Protection and Care (APC) – a key element of the health response of the federal, state and municipal governments to the pandemic and increases the number of hospital beds and intensive care facilities available in the region. UNHCR has contributed to the

project since the preparation of the preliminary study of APC's architectural plan, in addition to donating 2,000 beds and 250 refugee housing units (RHUs) used in shelters to serve as isolation areas for suspected and confirmed cases. UNHCR has also supported the development of an information management tool that allows medical records to be processed and expedited.

Read more at: bit.ly/3dGLVkl

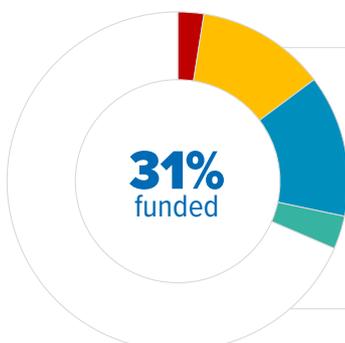


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COVID-19 emergency



To increase the impact of its work, especially in times of pandemic, UNHCR launched a fundraising campaign at the beginning of June aimed at individuals, large donors and companies. Through new advertisements on TV and social networks, in addition to partnerships with companies (such as the AME cashback platform), we received donations from tens of thousands of people in support of the refugee cause. UNHCR has also negotiated partnerships with the private sector that culminated in the donation of personal protective equipment, hospital equipment and other supplies that are contributing to the effective functioning of the field hospital and for UNHCR's response to the COVID-19 pandemic to be effective and lasting.



UNHCR Brazil Funding Update

AS OF
1 JULY
2020

US\$ 46,6 million

UNHCR's financial requirements in 2020

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

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UNHCR distributes nearly one ton of winter clothing to refugees in Brazil

To help vulnerable refugees and migrants to cope with the low temperatures already recorded in the southern region of Brazil, UNHCR and partners have distributed almost one ton of clothing in different parts of the country. The clothes distributed were donated to UNHCR by the Japanese company UNIQLO. As winter sets in, 153 refugees in Sao Paulo already received the clothes, while

additional distributions are planned for refugees and migrants in Paraná and Rio Grande do Sul. In Boa Vista, clothing distributions will be made to Venezuelan refugees and migrants departing for relocation in other Brazilian states under the Federal Voluntary Relocation Strategy known as interiorization.

Read more at: bit.ly/2NEaWCT

Black refugee commands UNHCR Brazil's social networks



On 27 and 28 June, UNHCR hosted a takeover of our social media networks (Instagram, Facebook and Twitter) by Prudence Kalambay so that Congolese refugee in Brazil could tell her story, talk about her plans for the future and about the challenges faced by refugees - especially black women like her - prejudice, racism, fashion and motherhood, among other topics. Born in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo, she worked in

politics, together with her father, but it was on the stage that Prudence really shone. She was elected Miss Congo in 2004, but like more than 30 million people in the world, she had to interrupt her dreams and leave everything behind when violence knocked on her door and she became a victim of political persecution.

Read more about Prudence at bit.ly/2VwMDuV

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UNHCR and SJMR research maps out refugees and migrants in Belo Horizonte

An unprecedented georeferencing study carried out in the state of Minas Gerais by UNHCR in partnership with the Jesuit Service for Migrants and Refugees (SJMR) reveals that the cities of Belo Horizonte (state capital) and Contagem (in the metropolitan region of Belo Horizonte) concentrate around 80% of the refugee and migrant population served by the SJMR in the State of Minas Gerais. The data that make up the report drew on calls to cell phones made by the SJMR, collected between January and

December 2019. The report highlights that this geographic concentration can be explained by the greater access to employment opportunities, income generation and housing, as well as transportation public and social assistance services in the region. Understanding the geographic distribution of our population of concern will help to design and distribute future assistance.

Access the full report at bit.ly/2CJn9nl



HIGHLIGHTS

Webinar on the partnership between the European Union and the UN

On 23 June, the European Union Delegation in Brazil and UNHCR organized a webinar on the EU's support to Brazil's response to the influx of Venezuelans in the context of COVID-19, highlighting challenges and opportunities. The webinar was part of a series of dialogues to engage key audiences in an online format, in line with the social distancing measures. With the participation of EU Deputy Head of Delegation, Ana Beatriz Martins, UNHCR's Representative to Brazil, Operation Welcome's Coordinator General Barros, Ricardo Rizzo of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM, the event addressed topics related to the response of Operation Welcome, the actions of UN agencies in this context and the projects developed by UNHCR in partnership with the European Union. Approximately 200 people virtually attended the event.

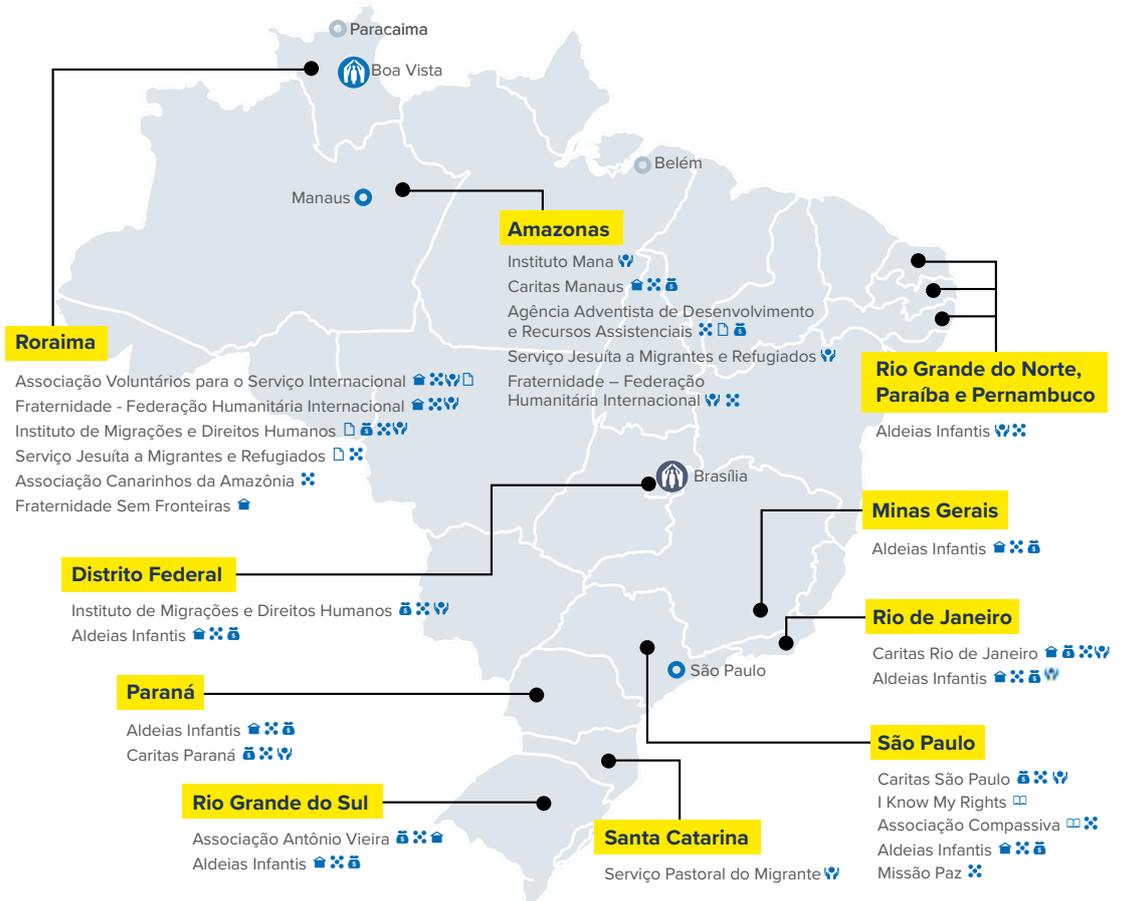
Launch of the Livelihood Activities Report

In June, UNHCR released a report presenting the main activities carried out in 2019 at the local and national levels in the following areas: employability, entrepreneurship, financial inclusion, education, financial assistance, peaceful coexistence, advocacy, research and interiorization. The document is the result of actions coordinated by UNHCR aimed at the local integration of refugees, asylum seekers and low-income Venezuelans.

Access the report at: bit.ly/3qi7tWR

Brazil Operation: UNHCR and Partners

- UNHCR Country Office
- 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

empresascomrefugiados.com.br



HELP - The UNHCR source of information for refugees

help.unhcr.org/brazil

Plataforma de Coordenação para Refugiados e Migrantes da Venezuela

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