

## Operation: Brazil



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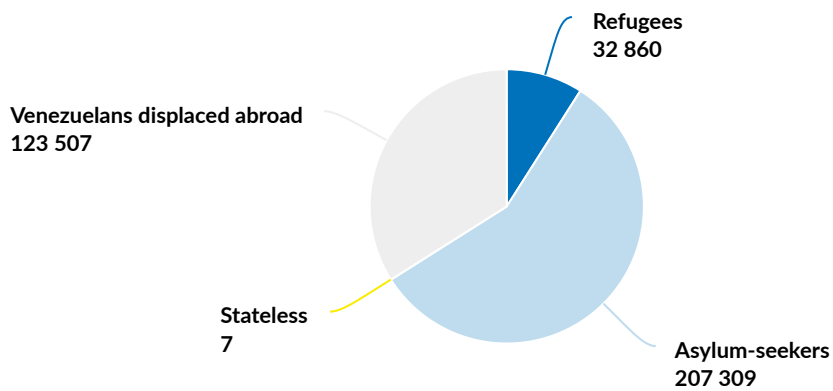
# People of Concern

INCREASE IN  
**78%** 2019

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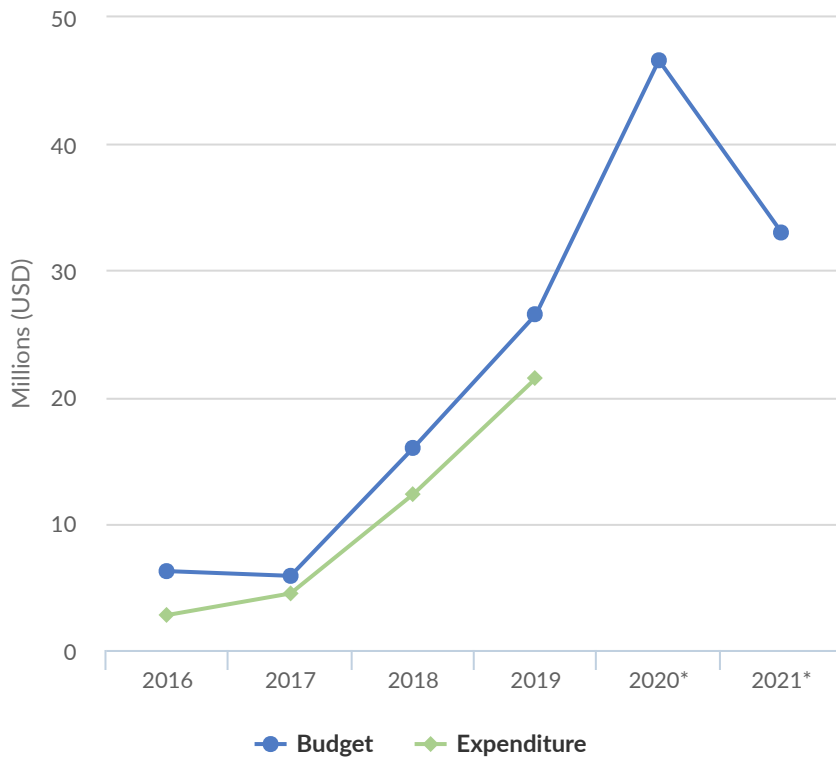
2019	363,683
2018	203,790
2017	148,645

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■ Refugees   ■ Asylum-seekers   ■ Stateless  
■ Venezuelans displaced abroad

# Budgets and Expenditure for Brazil



## Operational environment

In Brazil, which host some 490,000 people of concern to UNHCR by the end of 2020, it is estimated that this figure will surpass 515,000 by the end of 2021. Of them, the vast majority will continue to be Venezuelans in dire need of international protection and humanitarian assistance. Over 50% of the population of concern in Brazil will be women, children and adolescents.

As the political and socioeconomic situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela continues to deteriorate, thousands of Venezuelans will continue to flee to Brazil in 2021 to seek international protection and humanitarian assistance. Brazil will also receive refugees and asylum-seekers of other nationalities, including from Bangladesh, Cuba, Haiti, Senegal, the Republic of the Congo and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Once COVID-19-related entry restrictions are lifted, Brazil will maintain its open-door policy. Operação Acolhida (Operation Welcome), the emergency response strategy for the influx of Venezuelans, will focus on voluntary internal relocation and local integration.

The sustainability of the humanitarian response will require increased international cooperation to support the transition of responsibilities of Operation Welcome from the Logistical Humanitarian Taskforce (led by the Brazilian army) to the Government and other public institutions.

Venezuelans arriving in Brazil will face difficulties in meeting their basic needs, and will also face a greater risk of gender-based violence and exploitation. Already overstretched public services networks may restrict the protection space and the post-pandemic economic distress will possibly enhance tensions with local communities and incidents of xenophobia. Livelihood opportunities for refugees will be largely impacted as an economic recession becomes more apparent.

Through a web-based registration and case management system, the National Commission for Refugees (CONARE), will implement prima facie recognition for Venezuelans. Nevertheless, the national asylum system is likely to remain saturated with pending refugee claims. The resettlement program will continue requiring UNHCR's support and advocacy in order to ensure durable solutions through local integration for a maximum number of cases.

## Key priorities

In 2021, UNHCR in Brazil will focus on:

- Maintaining the asylum space and open borders, as well as enhancing registration, documentation and legal aid activities.
- Delivering life-saving assistance such as shelter, cash assistance to meet basic needs and core relief items.
- Enhancing ethnically-sensitive humanitarian assistance through culturally appropriate communications and responses to indigenous communities from Venezuela.
- Working with federal and local authorities to enhance the sustainability of Operation Welcome.
- Advocating and supporting capacity-building activities for authorities and civil society organizations in order to strengthen the asylum system.
- Strengthening UNHCR's co-leadership of the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan 2021.
- Fostering comprehensive interventions to enhance integration opportunities for refugees and migrants, in partnership with the Response for Venezuelans (R4V) platform actors, to address incidents of xenophobia and discrimination towards refugees and migrants.
- Enhancing the engagement of communities in support to voluntary internal relocation, initiatives fostering peaceful coexistence and self-reliance opportunities.
- Advocating the continuation of the resettlement program as a durable solution.

- Maintaining UNHCR and partner local presence to ensure agile emergency response covering critical areas in the country.
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