

Guyana

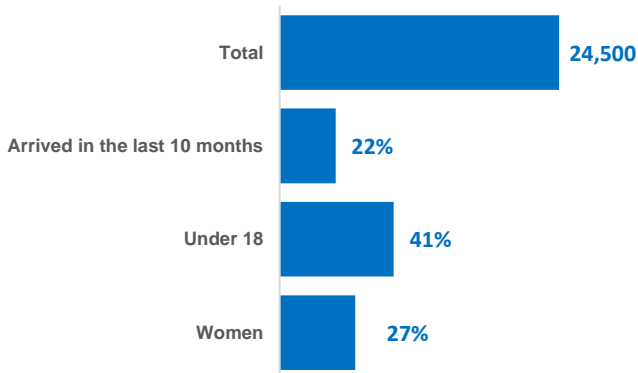
November - December 2021

Guyana hosts an estimated **24,500 Venezuelan refugees** and **migrants** as of December 2021 as well as a small number of refugees of other nationalities.

Between November and December, UNHCR observed the **arrival** of an **average of 50 individuals** per month at the monitored border entry points in Regions 1 and 2, including Venezuelan Waraos.

Venezuelans are issued with a **Government stay permit** upon arrival, which is valid for **three months** and requires **periodic renewal**.

Population of concern*



* As per UNHCR internal estimates

CONTEXT

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to burden the healthcare system and seriously hinder access to livelihoods and employment for refugees, asylum-seekers, and local communities. Between November and December, UNHCR delivered aid, including food kits and sanitary items, and provided interpretation support to facilitate access to Government services.

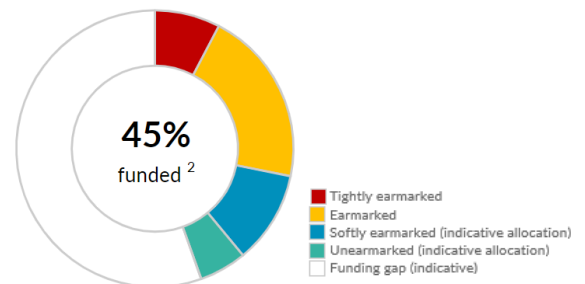
Gender-Based Violence (GBV) remains a major concern, particularly for Venezuelan refugees and migrants – mainly women – who have been victims of trafficking and/or engage in survival sex.

UNHCR continues to support the Government of Guyana in the delivery of assistance and protection to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers (including women, children and survivors of GBV) and to local communities, while working in coordination with partners under the **R4V Inter Agency Response Platform**.

STATE OF PLAY: FUNDING RECEIVED VS. FUNDING NEEDS (AS OF 29 DECEMBER 2021)

US\$ 48.7 M

requested for the Panama Multi-Country Office¹ for 2021



¹ The financial requirements for the Panama MCO include requirements for the Coronavirus Emergency and the Venezuela Situation. Belize is part of the Panama Multi-Country Office in 2021 along with Panama, Nicaragua, Cuba and the Southern Caribbean

² The percentage funded includes indicative allocations of softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions

UNHCR delivers assistance to displaced Venezuelans in Region 1



In November, UNHCR assisted more than 150 people in Mabaruma (Region 1) with food bags and core relief items such as jerry cans for water storage and plastic sheeting. Moreover, government health officials administered COVID-19 vaccines, and immigration officials facilitated the extension and issuance of stay permits.

UNHCR Response and Strategy

UNHCR works with four partners in Guyana and supports the State in the delivery of assistance and protection to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR also works in coordination with other partners under the R4V Platform to provide responses on education, food security, health, integration, protection, shelter, WASH, and cash assistance, among others. See the [R4V Subregional portal](#) for more information.

Main Activities

Alongside the government, partner organizations, civil society, development actors, and UN Agencies, UNHCR undertakes protection and solutions activities, including:

Gender-based Violence

UNHCR through HIAS continued actions for **gender-based violence (GBV) response** and **prevention** throughout the year. Community mobilizers reached **104 persons** with **GBV prevention messaging** in remote mining communities; **case management services** were provided to **8 GBV survivors**; **15 men** were trained as **agents of change**; and **104 persons** received **counselling** on rights, services, and referral pathways. Additionally, UNHCR through Blossom Inc. supported **21 GBV survivors** with **trauma focused therapy**.

Child Protection

UNHCR through Blossom Inc. delivered **child protection trainings** to 65 community leaders, health and education professionals, police, Blossom's Child Advocacy Centre (CAC) workers, as well as other government officials and partners. Moreover, Blossom Inc. conducted **16 forensic interviews** with Guyanese children who survived sexual abuse and provided **case management services** to **5 Venezuelan children**. Additionally, **172 Venezuelan children** in four indigenous communities in Region 1 enrolled in community-based face-to-face **ESL classes** and received **education support**, including notebooks and workbooks, pencils, backpacks, among others.

Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)

UNHCR donated **1,108 bars of soap**, and **506 jerry cans** for storing water to 9 vulnerable communities in Region 1, benefiting approximately **866 people**. UNHCR also donated **WASH supplies** and hand sanitizers to ensure the safe operation of the ESL community classes. Additionally, UNHCR delivered **hygiene kits** to approximately **254 people**.

Cash-based Interventions and In-kind Assistance

UNHCR distributed **multipurpose cash and material support** to approximately **1,145 people**. Additionally, UNHCR distributed **394 food baskets**, **312 solar lamps**, and **25 plastic sheeting** to communities in Regions 1, 2, and 4.

Health

UNHCR donated **300 mosquito nets** to the Office of the Regional Health Officer in Mabaruma, Region 1, to support the response of local authorities to vector-transmitted diseases, and another **885 mosquito nets** to communities in Regions 1, 2, and 4. Moreover, UNHCR joined the National Aids Programme Secretariat (NAPS) in an outreach in regions 1 and 8 for the occasion of the World Aids Day, where **146 people** were **tested** for **HIV**, **Syphilis** or **Hepatitis B**, and received **related counselling**.

Education

UNHCR supported access to education for **137 students**, including adults and children, in **virtual ESL classes**; **three mobile devices** and **one data bundle** were delivered to support connectivity and participation in these classes. Moreover, **230 out-of-school children** in four communities in Region 1 participated in **Emergency Community Classes**. Each of the children was provided with **PPE items** and **learning materials** and **resources**. To **increase enrolment** in the public school system, **10,000 leaflets on access to education in Guyana**, produced in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, were printed for distribution.

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