REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS TALK ABOUT NEW MASCUINITIES

The New Masculinities project is based on other initiatives aimed at men, such as the “Valente é não Violento” campaign (implemented by UN Women and the Public Ministry). The New Masculinities initiative is led by UNHCR in partnership with UNFPA (UN Population Fund) and facilitated by the partner organization AVSI (Volunteer Association for International Service), with support from FFHI (Fraternidade - International Humanitarian Federation) and FSF (Fraternidade sem Fronteiras).

By proposing a broad approach to the theme of masculinities, the project addresses issues ranging from understanding the role of men in society and the weight of responsibility to maintain their family, through frustrations, self-esteem, dreams, understanding of other social groups and the impact of traditional masculinity on each participant’s life (including physical and mental health, interpersonal relationships and even their integration in the host country).

Group activities are some of the tools used to relax participants and create a light environment to address issues are common across all groups of participants such as “men do not cry” / “men do not feel pain” / “men do not show feelings” / “men do not feel afraid”. These activities seek to understand and deconstruct the impact that these stereotypes have on the development of boys and men.

New Masculinities is an ongoing project that provides training and capacity building for different groups and is being implemented in the shelters in Boa Vista. It aims to create a safe space for refugee and migrant men to reflect and express themselves about myths and fears that surround them, resignifying some concepts of traditional masculinity. About 30 men participated in the first workshop to debate and deconstruct stereotypes related to masculinity, seeking better coexistence in shelters in Roraima and in the host community. The project is part of the actions to raise awareness on gender issues, which is one of the UNHCR’s fronts of action with the refugee population.

MONITORING OF THE REFUGEE AND MIGRANT POPULATION

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Every year, on 20 June, World Refugee Day is celebrated. To reinforce protagonism of refugees and emphasize the power of inclusion, UNHCR together with its partners, conducted a series of activities. One of these initiatives was the “Fútbol Sin Fronteras”.

Launched at the Rondon 1 shelter together with AVSI Brazil, the project celebrates the courage and talent in sports of Venezuelan children and teenagers welcomed in Brazil, having as basis the culture of peace and football with values. It aims to teach that those who show more respect for their peers and know how to resolve conflicts in a non-violent way are the ones with the most success in the sport.
LIVELIHOODS

VI EDITION OF “EMPODERANDO REFUGIADAS” LAUNCHED

UNHCR, in partnership with the Global Compact Network Brazil and UN Women, launched the sixth edition of the Empoderando Refugiadas project which aims to promote the employment-based relocation of participants and their families. The last edition of the project facilitated work opportunities for 42 participants, supporting the relocation of 31 families, among which 12 had at least one person with a disability, for a total of 107 individuals.

In 2021, about 80 Venezuelan women living in the shelters in Boa Vista will participate in professional training in customer service and sales, followed by job interviews facilitated by the project with partner companies such as Instituto Lojas Renner, Unidas, Iguatemi, Sodexo, MRV, and Facebook.

“D” DAY FOR INCLUSION OF LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE IN THE LABOR MARKET

UNHCR supported the event promoted by SETRABES (Secretariat of Labor and Social Welfare - Secretaria do Trabalho e Bem-Estar Social) for fostering the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the local labour market. Two companies engaged with SINE (National employment system – Sistema Nacional de Emprego) were present during the event, conducting job interviews with candidates. The candidates included Venezuelan refugees and migrants living in shelters in Boa Vista, referred by UNHCR partners, AVSI and FFHI.

OPENING OF THE INDIGENOUS TRAINING AND CULTURAL CENTER

On 6 May, a ceremony marking the official opening of the Indigenous Training and Cultural Center adjacent to the Jardim Floresta indigenous shelter was held in partnership between UNHCR and FFHI (Fraternidade – Federação Humanitária Internacional), and within the scope of Operation Welcome. This space was restructured to offer educational and professional training for indigenous refugees and migrants in Boa Vista and to become a space for cultural events, professional education and language courses enabling the development of the indigenous people’s potentials and capacities, contributing to a better quality of life, social emancipation and income generation.

COMMUNICATING WITH COMMUNITIES

CHATBOT “CHAMA”

On 1 June, UNHCR Brazil launched the first version of the automatic response WhatsApp “Chama”. The expression “Chama”, in the Venezuelan culture, means “young woman”, which is the identity of this artificial intelligence tool created to answer the main questions of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the Brazilian territory, reducing the impacts of fake news that are being spread among this population. The chatbot Chama is linked to a WhatsApp Account (+551142301029) and has a basic script that answers the main concerns of the Venezuelan communities sheltered by Operation Welcome, featuring audio messages by Venezuelan refugees. Since its launch, Chama has received a total number of 392 unique messages.
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**TRAINING SESSION WITH INDIGENOUS OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS (OVS)**

UNHCR conducted a training session with four indigenous Outreach Volunteers (OVs) and one Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras (FSF) staff member on the Age, Gender and Diversity Approach and, in collaboration with UNFPA, a session on LGBTQIA+ rights. The objective of the Outreach Volunteer Programme is to enhance UNHCR’s access to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to establish and maintain regular contact, effectively monitor their situation, understand their needs and concerns, and identify the most vulnerable amongst them. The programme also aims to promote and support community engagement, resilience, and active participation in the social, economic, and cultural life of the host community.

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

In the framework of WRD, UNHCR celebrated with the Pemon-Taurepang Indigenous Communities of Tarau Paru, Bananal, Sakau-Mota and Sorocaima 1, participating in soccer and volleyball tournaments, and recreational activities organized by the Outreach Volunteers for children and adults. The opening ceremony of the activities was attended by the Brazilian Indigenous community leader, Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras, and ADRA.

**RADIO LAB**

As part of a joint initiative between the Operation Welcome Task Force, UNHCR and AVSI Brazil, twelve volunteers from RadioLab’s Project “La Voz de los Refugiados”, including three indigenous Warao, travelled to Brasilia to attend a course promoted by the Brazilian Army’s Social Communication Center (CCOMSE). The training focused on creation of notes and scripts, sound design, equipment handling, and creation of musical programming in the broadcasting context. Participants had the opportunity to further expand their skills on radio content creation, which would also help some of them to practice them in their careers.