The July/October edition of The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) report on indigenous refugees and migrants in Brazil updates the registration data and population profile, in addition to the actions developed by UNHCR in these months.

**POPULATION PROFILE UPDATE:**

**REGISTERED ON PROGRES:**

- TOTAL: 100%
- WARAO: 24%
- PEMON: 3%
- E’NÉPA: 1%
- KARIÑA: 1%
- WAYÚU: 70%

**DISAGGREGATION BY LEGAL STATUS:**

- Asylum seekers: 51%
- Other legal status: 37%
- Refugees: 12%
- Grand total: 100%

**DISAGGREGATION BY SEX/AGE:**

**FEMALE:**
- 0-4: 7%
- 5-11: 9%
- 12-17: 6%
- 18-24: 7%
- 25-49: 15%
- 50-59: 3%
- 60+: 3%

**MALE:**
- 0-4: 7%
- 5-11: 10%
- 12-17: 7%
- 18-24: 7%
- 25-49: 15%
- 50-59: 2%
- 60+: 2%

Source: UNHCR/ProGres V4.
Emergency stabilization

- **In Manaus**, UNHCR and Instituto Mana supported the relocation of 29 Warao indigenous people who lived in the Manaus Highway Support Space (PRA) to the local shelter network. As part of the COVID-19 prevention protocol, families underwent medical screening and testing for coronavirus before being allocated to shelters. In addition, around 316 people were supported by UNHCR through information and referrals to the network of local services, in addition to 40 people with specific needs supported by Instituto Mana through individual monitoring.

- **In Belém**, the UNHCR Deputy Representative in Brazil, the Mayor of Belém and the President of FUNPAPA, the organization responsible for social assistance in Belém, signed a Memorandum of Understanding. This is an important step forward to strengthen the dialogue with the local government and build on the ongoing partnership between FUNPAPA and UNHCR in assisting refugees and migrants living in the municipal shelter in Belém. The ceremony was also highlighted by the massive presence of Warao refugees who spoke about their needs and introduced their culture to the local authorities.
Strengthening communities

- **In Pacaraima**, UNHCR in articulation with the Federal Prosecution Service (MPF) and the Special Secretariat for Indigenous Health (SESAI) promoted conversation circles in host communities in indigenous lands. Representatives of the Pemón-Taurepang refugee and migrant community were able to formally present to the institutions that were present their difficulties and claims for the right of access to the Indigenous Health Care Subsystem (SasiSUS) in Brazil.

- **In Boa Vista**, the first module of the **Extension Project Makunaimî Circle of Dialogues: refugees and migrants** took place. This action is a partnership between UNHCR and the Insikiran Institute (UFRR) and the International Fraternity (FFHI), in an effort to support indigenous communities to articulate their demands for opportunities for local integration and propose their own solutions to the challenges identified. A total of 60 refugees and indigenous migrants successfully completed this stage of the project which focused on basic concepts of human rights, international law and refugee law.

- **In Manaus**, Instituto Mana in partnership with UNHCR started in July the project “Oficinas de Cidadania” (Citizenship Workshops), which brings educational practices for community involvement in the search for solutions to the challenges faced by the population. Since the beginning of the project, discussions were held related to rights and duties, rental contracts and payment, home economics and vocational guidance, among others. A total of 89 indigenous adults have participated in the regular meetings.

- **In Belém**, as part of the Yellow September campaign, UNHCR, in partnership with Children’s Villages, held training for VOs on prevention and response to the abusive use of alcohol. The event, which took place at the University Center of the State of Pará (CESUPA), was coordinated by a psychologist who works with the Warao indigenous people. To follow up on this session, the VOs will develop a work plan to address this issue in their respective communities.

- **In Belo Horizonte**, UNHCR carried out two participatory diagnoses with Warao men and boys and women and girls who live in the shelter in Vila Alberto Hurtado. Discussions with the groups aimed to listen and sensitize the community on topics related to health, protection of children and the older persons, and gender-based violence.
ARTICULATION OF LOCAL NETWORKS, CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

In Belém, UNHCR, in partnership with the Secretariat of Justice and Human Rights (SEJUDH), held the “Workshop on the protection of refugees in the state of Pará”. The event aimed to provide the state’s local protection network with a theoretical and practical framework on the situation of refugees and migrants in the state, focusing on the theme of the Warao indigenous people who live in Pará. The event was attended by 47 professionals working in the cities of Belém and Ananindeua, at the Pope John XXIII Foundation (FUNPAPA), at the Municipal Secretariat for Citizenship, Social Assistance and Work (SEMCAT) and at SEJUDH.

Income generation and long-lasting solutions

In Manaus, UNHCR’s partner Instituto Mana, in partnership with World Vision, has developed weekly informative sessions on employability with the indigenous population located in shelters and at the PRA (Bus Station in Manaus). At least 46 indigenous people benefited from the activities, which included the issuance of a digital Work and Social Security Card (CTPS), preparation of résumés and referral to job vacancies.

In Pacaraima, UNHCR – in partnership with the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA) and the Federal Institute of Roraima (IFRR – Campus Amajari) – promoted the insertion of juvenile fish in the fish farming tank of Sisteminha in Tarau Parú, an indigenous community shelter for refugees and migrants from the Pemón-Taurepang ethnic group. “Sisteminha” is a project that aims to promote food sovereignty and economic sustainability of rural communities through integrated agricultural production activities.

In Belém, UNHCR was present at the Federal Institute of Pará (IFPA) to launch a welding course aimed at refugee and migrant indigenous peoples. This is an extension project created by IFPA with support from the Pope John XXIII Foundation (FUNPAPA) and the International Education Institute of Brazil (IEB), both UNHCR partners in the humanitarian response. The course aims to provide professional qualification for the job market, resulting in the social inclusion of these people. A total of 30 places were offered, which were occupied by the Warao who live in the municipal shelter and in the Outeiro neighborhood, in Belém.

In São Paulo, UNHCR participated, invited by the Municipality of Pelotas (RS), in the opening of the 1st Training Cycle - Reception of Migrants and Guarantee of Rights with a theme centered on the culturally sensitive reception of Warao indigenous people. The online event, attended by 108 people, had the support of the recently created Municipal Committee for Attention to Migrants, Refugees and Stateless Persons of Pelotas and aimed to train and sensitize public servants and professionals in the municipal network to assist refugees and migrants.
In Brasília, UNHCR together with the CREAS of Diversity, the Secretary for Development and Social Assistance, and teams from Cáritas Regional in Brasília developed a workshop on community protection plans with indigenous refugee and migrant populations. The workshop will function as the beginning of the implementation of community protection processes and plans with the more than 140 Waraos who live in the shelter at the Federal District.

During the month of August, UNHCR developed another training cycle with local teams from municipalities in Rio Grande do Norte on the management of emergency spaces in humanitarian contexts, totaling at least 40 people. The training was developed in conjunction with the State Committee for Attention to Refugees, Stateless Persons and Migrants (CERAM), support from the state government and mobilization of municipalities that are receiving the indigenous population, such as Mossoró and Natal.

In Boa Vista, UNHCR held a workshop based on the theory of change to foster discussion of the promotion and integration of the refugee and immigrant indigenous population in the state of Boa Vista. The idea was to strengthen the protagonism of the indigenous people in this process, and to seek lasting solutions more objectively. The event was attended by PADF, FFHI, ADRA, Humanitarian Logistics Task Force, UNICEF and indigenous refugee and migrant leaders from the Warao, E’ñepá and Pémon-Tau-repang ethnic groups.

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