STORIES OF INTERIORIZATION

Risett arrived in Brazil in 2018 with her family and was received at Rondon 03, an emergency shelter provided as part of Operação Acolhida (‘Operation Welcome’), funded by UNHCR in contribution to the work of the Ministry of Citizenship.

In 2021, she had the opportunity to participate in the 6th edition of Empowering Refugees Women, an initiative from UNHCR, the Global Compact and UN Women that seeks to empower Venezuelan women living in emergency shelters in Boa Vista in order to enable their hiring by the project's partner companies.

After completing training, Risett was interviewed and hired by the company CVC. In October 2021, she was interiorized to São Paulo through means of the employment-based modality along with her husband and two children.

Once she reached the city, she was welcomed at Casa Madre Assunta, a reception and integration center supported by UNHCR, where she received assistance in finding housing through AVSI Brazil’s Acolhidos Por Meio do Trabalho (‘Welcomed Through Work’) project. Since then, Risett has been working at CVC’s concept store on Avenida Paulista.

**Life was bad because I didn’t know what to do. We didn’t have jobs, what were we going to offer our children? And now I’m really happy. Every day I get out of bed with a sense of peace in my soul and in my heart.**

I’ve never worked in tourism before. Here, I had to learn about the countries, the states, the capitals. But that’s what they were looking for: a person who had the desire and capacity to learn and the will to keep moving forward. And it’s by the grace of God that I’m here, moving on.

Risett, beneficiary of Empowering Refugees Women relocated under the Employment-based modality.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERIORIZATION DASHBOARD

**TOTAL OF INDIVIDUALS INTERIORIZED JAN/FEV**

- 64% Social reconciliation
- 14% Family reconciliation
- 12% Employment-based
- 8.5% Institutional
- 1.5% Information not available

4,171 individuals interiorized

For more information on sex, age and cities, access the Interiorization dashboard [here](#).
UNHCR data in January and February

### Institutional Modality of Interiorization

- **216** people welcomed in 11 reception and integration centers receiving support from UNHCR
- **355** individuals benefited
- **20** reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR

### Employment-based Modality of Interiorization

- **R$39,014** allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the employment-based modality
- **43** installments were provided | **70** individuals benefited | **42** families benefited

### Sheltering for Interiorization

- **2,464** people received at shelters as part of Operation Welcome, which receive support from UNHCR in partnership with AVSI Brasil and the Adventist Agency for Development and Assistance Resources (ADRA) for the purposes of interiorization
- **770** kits were donated for travel, hygiene and cleaning were donated at 6 shelters
- **R$101,561** allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality
- **94** installments were provided | **323** individuals benefited | **86** families benefited

The Companies with Refugees Platform is a UNHCR initiative implemented through the Global Compact in order to promote employability, entrepreneurship, means for developing knowledge and awareness and engagement from the private sector. Throughout the last two months, 21 employers have offered 66 job vacancies.
Record of the Interiorization Strategy from April 2018 to February 2022

The Brazilian federal government’s Interiorization strategy, which is being implemented through Operation Welcome, involves the voluntarily relocation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants from the states of Roraima and Amazonas to other Brazilian cities. UNHCR, in partnership with other UN agencies and civil society organizations, has continued to support and contribute to the strategy since it was first implemented. Learn more about the UNHCR’s Interiorization strategy and related activities.

70,428 refugees and migrants internally relocated in all of the modalities

UNHCR performance in the Institutional Modality of Interiorization

$2,199,740 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional Modality

2,263 installments were provided

1,908 families benefited

13,222 individuals who benefited from this modality

UNHCR performance in the Employment-based Modality of Interiorization

$1,607,432 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the employment-based modality

1,658 installments were provided

1,292 families benefited

2,890 individuals benefited

The project’s first edition was held between 2015 and 2016 in São Paulo. In 2019 the project extended its activities beyond the geographical region surrounding the city of Boa Vista and began to offer training to women sheltered in shelters. 316 have so far taken part in the initiative; 147 were hired and 260 people internized from Boa Vista to other cities around the country. More than R$ 960 thousand has been invested in training, employability and Interiorization.

Interiorization Shelters

40,733 people received

Distribution of people received by shelter:

- 6,154 through support provided by UNHCR
- 15,818
- 18,761

UNHCR’s private sector donors

UNHCR’s private sector donors

UNHCR Brazil is thankful for the support of private donors and:

- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- Germany
- Japan
- Portugal
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States of America