“I get emotional, because I know what it’s like getting here and now I am part of the same process that took me in. I was once taken in and now I am taking in others.”

Yannelis Barreto, 27 years old, currently works on welcoming refugees like herself at the Pastoral Care for Migrants (PB). © Personal archive

In the city of Conde (PB), the Serviço Pastoral do Migrante has already received 364 Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Among them, the administrative assistant Yannelis, a 27-year old Venezuelan.

With a degree in Accounting, she arrived alone in Brazil in 2018 and lived in Boa Vista for seven months. Her income consisted of daily rates as a housekeeper and waitress and, due to the lack of prospect for a formal job, she decided to sign up for the Interiorization process. At the time, Yannelis was selected to travel to Paraíba, where she was welcomed at the Serviço Pastoral do Migrante in 2019 and, after getting a job and leaving the shelter, she returned in 2020 as an employee.

Yannelis says she uses her experience as a refugee to help improve procedures along with pastoral’s team, as well as people who arrive through Interiorization and seek local integration in the region.

For more information on distribution by gender, age group and municipalities, access the Interiorization dashboard here.

4,392 individuals interiorized

61% Social reunion

16% Family reunification

16% Employment-based modality

6% Institutional

Read more about her story here.
UNHCR data in May and June

**Performance of UNHCR in the Institutional modality of Interiorization**

- **173 people welcomed** in 8 reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR
- Of a total of **277 beneficiaries of the modality**
  - **R$158,755** allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality
    - 147 installments provided
    - 372 people benefited
    - 93 families benefited

**Performance of UNHCR in the Employment-based modality of Interiorization**

- **R$62,545** allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Employment-based modality
  - 61 installments provided
  - 127 people benefited
  - 59 families benefited

**Sheltering for Interiorization**

- **721 people welcomed** in the BV-8 Transit Shelter in Pacaraima in the Interiorization flow
- **2,087 people welcomed** in the emergency shelters of Boa Vista were interiorized, of which **989** were from the Rondon 5 Interiorization Center
- **1,136 people welcomed and interiorized from the Manaus Transit Shelter**

**Distribution of people welcomed per reception and integration center**

- Distrito Federal (DF)
  - Aldeias Infantis (19)
- Goiânia (GO)
  - Casa Mãe de Deus (5)
- Rio Grande do Sul (RS)
  - Aldeias Infantis (32)
- Rio de Janeiro (RJ)
  - Aldeias Infantis (75)
- São Paulo (SP)
  - Aldeias Infantis (33)
- Vale da Benção (1)
- Missão Paz (3)

**Learning more about the Companies with Refugees platform**

- empresascomrefugiados.com.br

**Refugiados Empreendedores**

- Luisa Rojas Nieto arrived in Boa Vista with her husband and two children in 2018. As jobs were hard to find, the family went to Belo Horizonte (BH) through the Interiorization strategy.
  - In 2020, after taking courses from the Jesuit Migrant and Refugee Service (SJMR) on entrepreneurship and participating in SEBRAE’s lectures, she opened up a bakery called Dulcissimo Confeitaria in partnership with her daughter. Today, she celebrates the success of her business.

Read more about Luisa’s trajectory and about the ventures of other refugees and migrants all over Brazil.

- Starting over was really hard. But moving from Boa Vista to BH represented the importance of family bond and allowed my children to grow and develop. Now, here in Minas, I want even more people to taste the flavors of Venezuela, which I mix in with the Brazilian flavors to combine the two cultures.
Overview of the Interiorization strategy from April 2018 to June 2022

The Federal Government’s Interiorization strategy, implemented by Operação Acolhida, voluntarily relocates Venezuelan refugees and migrants from the states of Roraima and Amazonas to other cities in the country. UNHCR, in partnership with other UN agencies and civil society organizations, has supported the strategy since its launch. Learn more about the Interiorization strategy and UNHCR’s work.

78,767 refugees and migrants relocated in all modalities

Performance of UNHCR in the Institutional modality of Interiorization

6,054 people welcomed in more than 50 reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR.

Of a total of 13,826 people benefited by the modality

Performance of UNHCR in the Employment-based modality of Interiorization

The platform is a UNHCR initiative along with the UN Global Compact in Brazil to promote employability, entrepreneurship, awareness and engagement of the private sector. Through it, employers have already offered 472 job openings for the Employment-based modality of Interiorization. For more information, visit www.empresascomrefugiados.com.br.

The initiative, which also offers training for women in emergency shelters in Boa Vista, has already had 316 women participate, 147 of whom were hired. In addition, 260 people were interiorized from Boa Vista to other cities in the country. More than R$ 960 thousand were invested in training, employability, and interiorization.

Sheltering for Interiorization

46,689 people supported by UNHCR for Interiorization purposes

Distribution of people welcomed per shelter

7,597 BV-8 Pacaraima
17,772 Rondon 5 Boa Vista
21,320 Manaus Transit Shelter Manaus

Of a total of 78,767 refugees and migrants relocated in all modalities

Completion of UNHCR’s work

R$2,510,754 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality

2,756 installments provided
2,440 people benefited
645 families benefited

R$1,709,284 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the EBM modality

1,757 installments provided
3,096 people benefited
1,381 families benefited

Of a total of 13,826 people benefited by the modality

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