STORIES OF INTERIORIZATION

Rutbelis, her husband José, and six-year-old son Jhofred, faced many challenges before arriving in Brazil in 2021. After their money was stolen, they had to resort to hitchhiking in Venezuela and it took them a month to get to Pacaraima.

In the first few days, the family slept on the streets until they were relocated to a shelter in Boa Vista, where experts diagnosed Jhofred with a brain disorder that affected his movement and vision.

With support from Operation Welcome and UNHCR, the family arrived in Aldeais Infantís of Porto Alegre, in September 2021, through the Interiorization strategy. After three months, José and Rutbelis were hired by a company in a city in Southern Brazil called Santo Ângelo. Jhofred was able to access medical care and began attending school in June 2022.

Rutbelis and her family are part of the over 6 thousand people who have already been relocated to reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERIORIZATION DASHBOARD

TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERIORIZATIONS JULY-AUGUST

Social reunion 61%
Family reunification 22%
Employment-based modality 10%
Institutional 7%

For more information on distribution by gender, age group and municipalities, access the Interiorization dashboard here.
UNHCR data in July and August

Performance of UNHCR in the Institutional modality of Interiorization

122 people welcomed in 9 reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR

Of a total of 272 beneficiaries of the modality

R$145,038 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality

135 installments provided 331 people benefited 88 families benefited

Performance of UNHCR in the Employment-based modality of Interiorization

R$56,620 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Employment-based modality

66 installments provided 81 people benefited 66 families benefited

In August, the first group of the 7th edition of Empowering Refugee Women completed the course in Service and Sales: Tools and Strategy, taught by Serviço Nacional de Comércio (SENAC) in Roraima. In addition to technical knowledge, the training addressed topics relevant to the adaptation of refugee women in the country, such as labor legislation, Brazilian culture and the development of socio-emotional skills. Of the 17 participants trained and certified, 10 are in the process of being hired and interiorized through companies that are part of the Companies with Refugees Forum. By the end of the year, four more groups will be incorporated into the edition.

Sheltering for Interiorization

People received at the shelters of Operação Acolhida, supported by UNHCR in partnership with AVSI Brasil, the Adventist Agency for Development and Assistance Resources (ADRA) and Fraternity without Borders

150 people welcomed in the BV-8 Transit Shelter in Pacaraima in the Interiorization flow

2,196 people welcomed in the emergency shelters of Boa Vista were interiorized, of which 994 were from the Rondon 5 Interiorization Center

423 people welcomed and interiorized from the Manaus Transit Shelter
Overview of the Interiorization Strategy from April 2018 to August 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.

82,822 refugees and migrants relocated in all modalities

Performance of UNHCR in the Institutional modality of Interiorization

6,140 people welcomed in more than 50 reception and integration centers supported by UNHCR.

Of a total of 13,991 people benefited by the modality

Performance of UNHCR in the Employment-based modality of Interiorization

R$2,655,792 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the Institutional modality

R$1,765,904 allocated by UNHCR to financial assistance (CBI) for the EBM modality

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 482 job openings for the Employment-Based Modality of Interiorization.

Sheltering for Interiorization

48,258 people supported by UNHCR for Interiorization purposes

Distribution of people welcomed per shelter

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