

BETWEEN JAN/2022 - JUN/2023

7,274

entered
Brazil

Source: Sistema do
Tráfego Internacional (STI)

AS OF JULY/2023

372

active asylum
claims*

Source: Conare and STI -
Módulo Alerta e Restrição

AS OF JULY/2023

741 ✓

recognized
refugees

Source: National Committee
for Refugees (Conare)



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*Number of remaining active cases awaiting Conare's decision.

Since 2 December 2020, Brazil recognizes the situation of serious and widespread violation of human rights in Afghanistan, allowing its nationals to have facilitated procedures for the recognition of refugee status. Interministerial Ordinance n. 24, of 3 September 2021, guarantees the safe entry of Afghan nationals, stateless persons, and persons affected by the situation in Afghanistan into the national territory.

BETWEEN SEP/2021 - AUG/2023

12,362

humanitarian visas
authorized

Source: Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

BETWEEN SEP/2021 - AUG/2023

10,088

humanitarian visas
issued

Source: Ministry of
Foreign Affairs



UNHCR has sought to disseminate, through the **Help Platform**, key information in English, Pashto and Dari for Afghan nationals seeking protection in Brazil.

ADVANCED POST FOR HUMANIZED ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS (PAAHM)

One of the main demands by newly arrived Afghans to the PAAHM, located at Guarulhos International Airport, is the need for shelter through the local network. Since the increase of arrivals in 2021, the PAAHM has assisted **4,744** refugees of that nationality.

In August 2022, within the framework of the partnership between UNHCR and PAAHM (in force since 2015), UNHCR started to support the Post in the reception of Afghans by hiring three cultural mediators and interpreters of the same nationality. In addition, since November 2022, the Agency has also been collaborating with the systematization of data on services provided, as shown in the graph to the right.

UNHCR also maintained a daily presence at the airport, especially supporting during the most critical times in terms of new arrivals.

Between November 2022 and August 2023:

3,303 people
assisted

Source: PAAHM

2,424

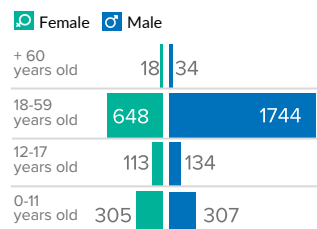
referred to the
local shelter
network

974

travelling by
themselves

573

family
groups





TEMPORARY SHELTER NETWORK ACTIVATED BY PAAHM IN THE STATE OF SÃO PAULO

ENTRIES FROM AUGUST 2022 TO AUGUST 2023

SÃO PAULO

CAE Ebenézer

Management: SMADS and CEBASP

Vacancies: 200 | **Entries:** 952

Casa de Passagem (Mooca)

Management: SEDS and Cáritas Brasileira Regional São Paulo/CROPH

Vacancies: 50 | **Entries:** 173

Casa do Migrante

Management: Missão Paz

Vacancies: 110 | **Entries:** 206

Repúblicas

Management: SEDS and Cáritas Brasileira Regional São Paulo

Vacancies: 50 | **Entries:** 138

GUARULHOS

Povos Fraternos I and II

Management: SDAS, Núcleo Batuíra, Serviço de Promoção da Família

Vacancies: 38 | **Entries:** 238

Povos Fraternos III

Management: SDAS, Núcleo Batuíra, Serviço de Promoção da Família

Vacancies: 62 | **Entries:** 225

Terra Nova

Management: SEDS and ASBRAD

Vacancies: 50 | **Entries:** 169

Todos Irmãos

Management: UNHCR, SDAS, Cáritas SP and Cáritas Guarulhos

Vacancies: 27 | **Entries:** 358

POÁ

Aldeias Infantis Poá I and II

Management: UNHCR and Aldeias Infantis SOS

Vacancies: 90 | **Entries:** 215

MORUNGABA

Vila Minha Pátria

Management: Junta de Missões Nacionais da Convenção Batista Brasileira

Vacancies: 180 | **Entries:** 349

ABBREVIATIONS

SMADS - Municipal Secretary of Assistance and Social Development of São Paulo

SDAS - Secretary of Development and Social Assistance of Guarulhos

CROPH - Regional Coordination of Human Promotion Works

SEDS - State Secretary for Social Development of São Paulo

CEBASP - Educational Community Sítio Pinheirinho

ASBRAD - Brazilian Association for the Defense of Women, Childhood, and Youth

UNHCR SUPPORTS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE DIGNIFIED SHELTER FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Due to the continuous arrival of Afghan refugees in the state of São Paulo, the Federal Government, through the General Coordination of Migration Policy of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, held meetings with local actors to better understand the situation, achievements and challenges of this displacement to Brazil. Among the activities carried out, the Federal Government attended the meeting of the Working Group on Management and Coordination of Shelters on 4 August. Coordinated by UNHCR, this Working Group brings together the management of shelters in the Afghan refugee reception network, in addition to their respective partners and representatives of the state of São Paulo and the municipalities of São Paulo and Guarulhos, becoming an important space for training and exchange of experiences. During the meeting, it was possible to discuss shelter needs and detail the good practices developed by the network.

MULTISECTORAL ASSISTANCE AND PROFILE OF THE AFGHAN POPULATION

UNHCR counts on the partnerships with civil society organizations* to offer free services and assistance in several areas, such as access to information and guidance on documentation, housing, health, education, Portuguese language courses, job opportunities, among others.

BETWEEN SEP/2021 - AUG/2023

1,779

people supported from 770 family groups

535

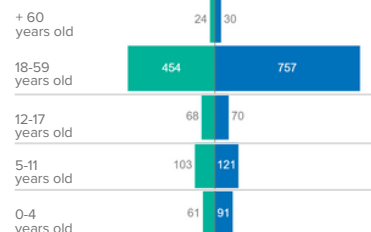
have higher education

73

have post graduate degree

Age-sex pyramid

Female
Male



*Aldeias Infantis SOS Brasil, Caritas Reg. Paraná, Caritas Arq. do Rio de Janeiro, Caritas Arq. de São Paulo, IKMR, Inst. Migra. e Dir. Humanos (DF), Missão Paz, and Serv. Jesuíta a Migrantes e Refugiados (BH and POA)

NEWS

Partnership guarantees Portuguese classes for Afghan refugees

In partnership with the NGO Educação Sem Fronteiras, UNHCR has resumed offering Portuguese language classes to Afghan refugees sheltered in the state of São Paulo so that they can develop their language skills and, thus, ensure greater autonomy and better employability opportunities. Currently, the NGO serves people in the shelters "Todos Irmãos", "Aldeias Infantis SOS Poá", "Povos Fraternos" and in the temporary space set up in Praia Grande.

Learning Portuguese continues to be one of the main demands of Afghan refugees. This is because the refugees' protection and access to rights will be better guaranteed with improved communication.

UNHCR increases shelter vacancies to provide immediate support to Afghans arriving

In order to guarantee better quality shelter for Afghan refugees who continually arrive at Guarulhos airport, UNHCR, in partnership with the organization Aldeias Infantis SOS, has opened a new shelter with 30 places, with the main focus on receiving families.

Located in the municipality of Poá, in Greater São Paulo, these 30 new places are in addition to the 87 places already funded and supported directly by UNHCR, from which 543 Afghan refugees could already benefit.

Partnerships



UNHCR Brazil's donor countries and global programs with flexible funds that support the humanitarian response in the country



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