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UNHCR Art Contest. Photo: EAI ASCOM

EAI HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting with Secretariats on Migration and Refugee

On May 20, the Office of International Affairs met with the Secretariats of Education (SEDF), Women (SEM), Justice and Citizenship (SEJUS) and Social Development (SEDES) of the Federal District to align strategies on the refugee and migration issues, debating the panorama in Brazil and the DF.

UNHCR Art Contest

UNHCR is promoting, worldwide, the second edition of the art contest "Youth #WithRefugees". This year's theme is "Together through sport". In Brasília, the activity - carried out on June 23 - was aimed at young Venezuelans of the Warao ethnic group residing at the Caritas Arquidiocesana Brasileira shelter, in São Sebastião. The event was attended by EAI and students from Escola Classe Bela Vista.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Historically, humanitarian crises - the main generators of forced migratory flows - have different causes, and for the current generation, the COVID-19 pandemic has made the need to join efforts around this issue even more palpable. According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), a record of 82.4 million people in the world were forced to move in 2020 alone.

On June 20, the 70th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees, adopted in 1951, was celebrated worldwide. In addition to it, the 1967 Protocol establishes rights and protection, at a global level, for people who are forced to move because of a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of religion, race, social group and/or politics. In the Brazilian context, the term "refugee" also refers to those who leave their countries due to serious or widespread human rights violations.

As a response to the migratory crisis currently faced by Venezuelan citizens, Brazil instituted, in 2018, the "Operação Acolhida". Through it, we received 260,000 migrants, making Brazil the country that most recognized Venezuelans in refugee situations. In the Federal District alone, 1,417 Venezuelans have been internalized. The GDF, in turn, has been working to mobilize resources and support NGOs such as the Institute for Migration and Human Rights (IMDH) and Caritas Arquidiocesana Brasil in welcoming this population, with special attention to the indigenous people of the Warao ethnic group.

The challenge imposed to refugees and to the societies that receive them is to create conditions for the full socio-economic integration of this population, hence the need to establish partnerships between governments, the civil society, academia and the private sector, in order to provide opportunities for those who are forced to seek, in another territory, a better life.

GOOD PRACTICES



06/10 | Lima

Mural gives visibility to migrants

In order to strengthen ties with the migrant community, in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Municipality of Lima inaugurated the so-called "Migrant's Mural". The artistic expression is 24 meters long and 1.70 meters high, and represents the process of integration, coexistence and mutual respect that exists between the migrant community and the residents of this area.



06/11 | UNHCR

Artificial intelligence guides Venezuela's refugees and migrants through Whatsapp

Through Chatbot, the UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) developed a software called "Chama", created to answer the main questions of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Brazilian territory. The idea is that it reduces the impacts of the fake news that circulate among this population.



06/17 | UN

Launch of booklets to help Venezuelan refugees and migrants against violence

To meet the particular demands of Venezuelan migrants and refugee girls and women living in Brazil, UN Women, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNHCR, with the support of the Government of Luxembourg, have released two primers on recurrent themes for populations on the move. The publications explain and illustrate situations of harassment and violence, help women to identify these violations and provide instructions on how to file complaints.



06/22 | DF

Warao population begin training with the Inclusion Without Borders program

The Federal District's National Service for Industrial Learning (SENAI-DF) and the IOM, with financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), are holding a baker's course at the Caritas Archdiocesana shelter in Brasilia. The initiative is part of the IOM's Inclusion Without Borders program in partnership with the Development and Assistance Resources Agency (ADRA). Seventeen indigenous Venezuelans of the Warao ethnic group started the training and will receive a certificate after the course.

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EU Urban and Regional International Cooperation Program

At the invitation of IURC (International Urban Cooperation and Regional) Latin America, the GDF submitted 3 thematic proposals to be worked on in alliances with cities from member states of the European Union (EU) in the second phase of the program. The participating cities will be part of a large community of collaborators and key actors through subnational cooperation, the involvement of thematic clusters and global events.

UCCI Iberoamerican Municipal Training Program

The EAI, the Secretariat for Economic Development (SDE) and the Secretariat for Special Projects (SEPE) of the DF participated in the Virtual Module on Economy, Innovation and Employment promoted by the Union of Iberoamerican Capital Cities (UCCI) within the scope of the 44th edition of its Municipal Training Program. The event was attended by more than 60 representatives from 22 cities, and lasted three days.

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Series on migrants and refugees prepared by the Ministry of Economy and the UN

The life stories of migrants and refugees in Brazil form the central narrative of "Being Brazil - migrants and refugees", a series of 9 documentary episodes, in six languages, on the national programming of Canal Futura and CanaisGlobo platform.

Exhibition celebrates Slovenia's national date at MAB

The exhibition "Made in Slovenia - Future of Living" features 28 small pieces by young Slovenian artists, all made from recycled materials. Available until July 20th at the Museu de Arte de Brasília.

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