

# UNHCR Brazil Weekly Update

The latest information on refugees and other forcibly displaced people in Brazil

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

### Corporate Champions: Companies Unite for Refugee Support

On 31 October, UNHCR and the UN Global Compact - Brazil hosted the [3rd Annual Meeting of the Companies with Refugees Forum](#) in São Paulo. The event gathered 160 participants to share experiences, present best practices, and discuss corporate actions supporting refugees in Latin America. Highlights included panels, lectures, networking activities, and an exposition of 10 refugee-led businesses. The emotional story of a refugee entrepreneur was narrated by Juliana Wallauer from the Mamilos podcast. The Forum's Advisory Committee was launched, showcasing initiatives from its 131 members, who have collectively hired over 12,000 refugees and migrants and supported the training of more than 1,600 refugees.



## OTHER NEWS

### **Empowering Venezuelan Warao Communities in Belém “Strengthening Voices: Warao Communities Lead the Way in Gender-Based Violence Prevention”**

On 24 October, UNHCR, in partnership with the Brazilian International Education Institution (IIEB), successfully completed the first phase of the project “Tatutuma a nojiba ori yorikitane” in Belém. This event brought together 90 Venezuelan Warao people from various communities for a day dedicated to gender-based violence prevention. Men participated in a lecture on indigenous masculinities, while women attended a birth workshop led by traditional Warao midwives. The event also featured conversation circles focused on preventing gender-based violence and building collective agreements. The outcomes of this initiative will be shared with Warao villages during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence to raise awareness and reinforce the importance of this critical issue.



### **Consul General of Japan Visits Documentation Services in Manaus “Diplomatic Support: Japan’s Commitment to Refugee Documentation in Manaus”**

On 29 October, Mr. Yuichi Miyagawa, the Consul-General of Japan in Manaus, visited the Citizen Service Centre (PAC) Compensa, where documentation services for refugees and migrants are temporarily located. UNHCR, along with its partner ADRA, IOM, the State Secretariat of Justice, Citizenship and Human Rights (SEJUSC) and the Federal Police (FP) presented the existing documentation flow, emphasizing coordination and complementarity among actors in their efforts to provide informed access to documentation procedures. The visit also included the original Reception and Documentation Centre (PITRIG), which is set for refurbishment. SEJUSC reiterated its commitment to reactivating the structure for lasting documentation, legal, and protection referrals. The Consul highlighted Japan’s commitment to humanitarian aid and socio-economic integration, underscoring its recent donation to UNHCR operations in Brazil and Latin America.



### Empowering Grassroots Refugee-Led Initiatives in Porto Alegre

On 26 October, UNHCR held an event in Porto Alegre for refugee and migrant-led organisations (RLOs) selected for [UNHCR's 2024 Small Grants Programme](#). This programme provides financial support to nonprofit organisations led by refugees or migrants recognised for their social contributions. Seven organisations were selected, with projects aimed at strengthening communities and promoting local integration in Brazil. Initiatives include Portuguese language classes, sports competitions, and fostering peaceful coexistence through videos and social media, along with information sessions on social rights.



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