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UNHCR's partner registration in Panama City, Panama


2,130

Forcibly displaced and stateless people from **1,570 households** were registered in all countries under MCO Panama in 2025

PROTECTION RESPONSE THROUGH PRIMES


1,062 Specific protection needs identified, related to

- **Legal and physical protection: 559**
- **Child protection: 179**
- **Serious medical conditions: 176**
- **Violence against women and girls: 43**
- **Single parents: 32**
- **Women at risk: 30**
- **Disabilities: 22**
- **Unaccompanied/separated children: 18**
- **Older person at risk: 3**

Registration Snapshot


January - May 2025

Registration - recording, verifying, and updating biographical, biometric, and socioeconomic data - is the first step to protecting forcibly displaced and stateless persons. It allows for the **identification of specific needs, the provision of targeted assistance, and the attainment of durable solutions**. Registration protects against arbitrary arrest, detention, and refoulement, helps keep families together and facilitates reunification.


The Population Registration and Identity Management Ecosystem (**PRIMES**) is a set of interoperable tools developed by UNHCR to enhance registration, case management, and identity management for the persons we protect.

MAIN FIGURES – PEOPLE REGISTERED


51%
 Male


49%
 Female


1,640
 Adults,
 2% over 60 years


490
 Children,
 34% under five years


1,572

People biometrically registered through BIMS**


31

Nationalities registered, mainly Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Jamaica


79%

 Asylum seekers **1.6%**, refugees, **17%** other people UNHCR protects


399

Counselling sessions provided


1071

Assistance delivered, mainly for basic needs, transport and documentation


59

Asylum seekers helped to get permanent residency under Belize Amnesty


89

 Persons with finalized Refugee Status Determination cases¹

2,574

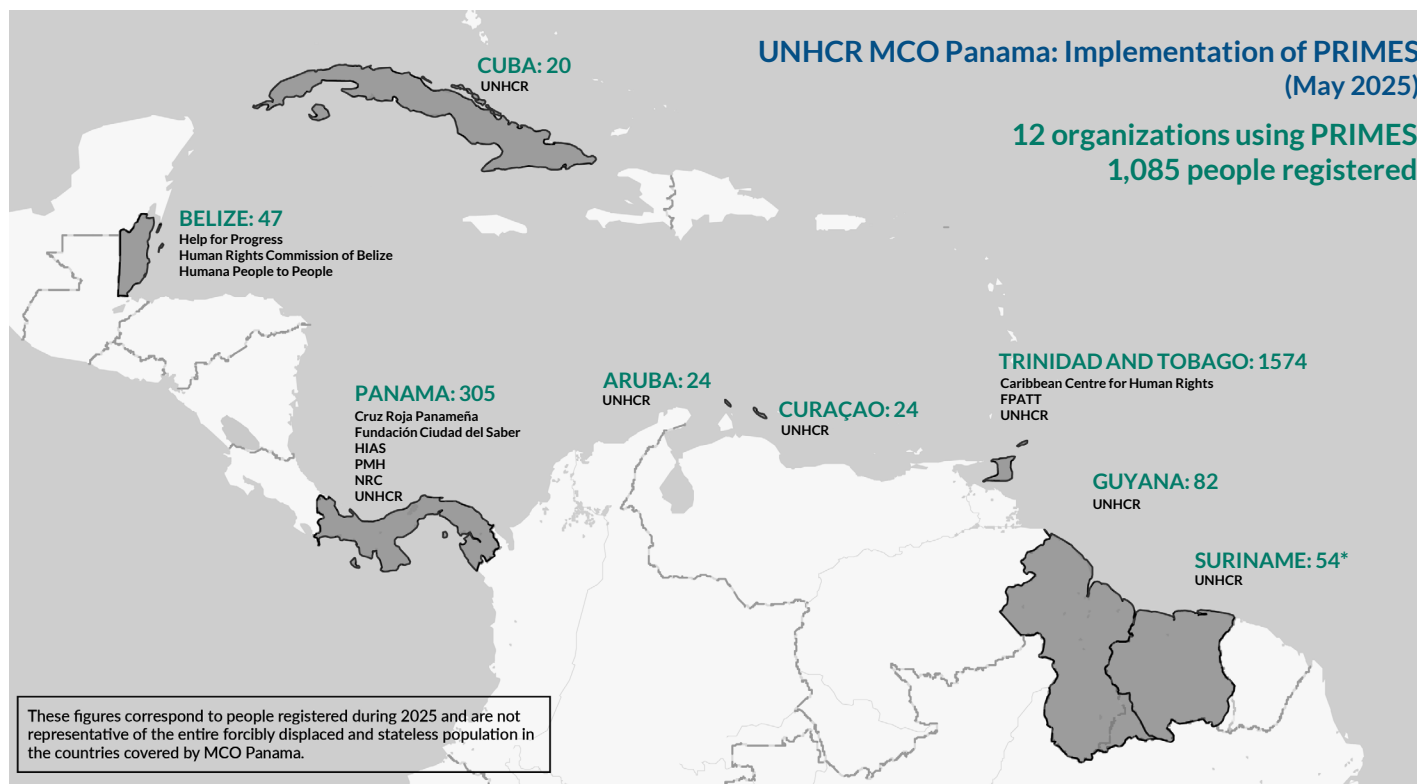
UNHCR Documents*** issued in Cuba, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago


174

Persons submitted for resettlement

*These figures are not representative of the entire forcibly displaced and stateless population in the countries covered by MCO Panama. ** Biometric Identity Management System: biometric registration includes fingerprint and iris scans and a facial photograph.

*** UNHCR Documents are Certificates or Cards attesting to an individual's recognition as a Mandate Refugee or as an Asylum Seeker to certify that they are persons protected by UNHCR. 1. Number of persons who received substantive RSD decisions during the period.



STRATEGIC REGISTRATION GOALS

- ✓ **Ensure high-standard registration** at the internal level for efficient case management, mandate RSD (Cuba, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago) and RST (Aruba, Curaçao, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago).
- ✓ **Enhance partners' capacity** and integrity in case management procedures and data protection.
- ✓ **Support governments** to build or strengthen digitalized registration, case management and identity management systems to ensure fair and efficient national asylum procedures.

How does PRIMES enhance registration, case management, and identity management for forcibly displaced and stateless persons?

- ✓ **Data Integrity and Accuracy.**
- ✓ **Security and Privacy** through encryption and access controls, preventing fraud and corruption.
- ✓ **Collaboration** between partners, facilitating joint efforts, avoiding duplication, and reducing revictimization.
- ✓ **Digital identity for persons we protect**, enabling their socio-economic inclusion within host communities.
- ✓ **Field-proofing**, though tools working in online, offline, and GSM** environments.
- ✓ **Scalability**, enabling seamless expansion to support potential large-scale and emergency displacements.

The boundaries, names, and designations shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

*The data for Suriname is updated as of the end of March 2025. **GSM: Global System for Mobile Communications, the most widely used cellular-wireless telecommunications standard.

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