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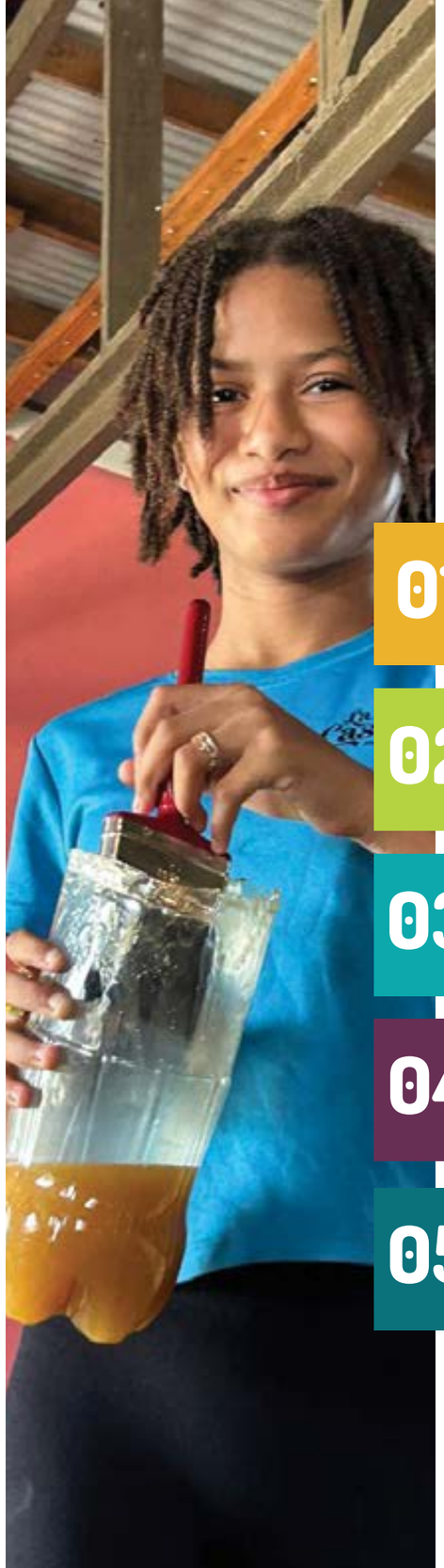

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## Acronims

| | |
|---|---|
| **COMs** | Community Outreach Members |
| **COVID-19** | SARS-CoV2 |
| **CPI** | City Prosperity Index |
| **CSO** | Civil Society Organizations |
| **DTM** | Displacement tracking matrix |
| **GBV** | Gender-based violence |
| **HFS** | High-Frequency Survey |
| **ICCS** | Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity |
| **IOM** | International Organization of Migration |
| **LWC** | Living Waters Community |
| **MGI** | Migration Governance Index |
| **NUA** | New Urban Agenda |
| **PADF** | Pan American Development Foundation |
| **PIET** | Territorial Scale Intervention Plans |
| **SDG** | Sustainable Development Goals |
| **TIU** | Territorial Intervention Unit |
| **UN** | United Nations Organizations |
| **UN-Habitat** | United Nations Human Settlements Program |
| **UNHCR** | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |

# Summary of ICCS action in Chaguanas

**38**
activities

**1.552**
participants

**1.887**
participants

## RE 1 Generation of decision-making tools

- **1 technical document** formulated for the promotion of integration
- **7 public officials** participated in technical instrument transfer sessions

## RE 2 Construction of inclusive, socioeconomic, urban and integration strategies

- **1 Playground** adequated in **Santos Community** with **108 participants.**
- **1 action plan formulated** for Chaguanas and Longdenville
- **1 co-creation space** for the action plan with **17 participants**
- **1 economic integration plan** formulated for Chaguanas with **22 supported entrepreneurs**
- **1** training to community members with **37 participants**
- **1** IntegrHa-bitat Center transformed for a more inclusive and safety place with **12 participants.**

## RE 3 Joint actions against xenophobia that promote social cohesion

- **4 actions, 1.025 beneficiaries, and 250 participants** who join together in solidarity to improve habitat conditions on public spaces
- **2 spaces and 35 participants** in co-creation processes to improve habitat and public spaces
- **8 community** activation activities with **452 participants**
- **5 actions t**o promote personal and community development with **288 participants**
- **1 Community Champion** recognize in Longdenville

## RE 4 Strengthening capacities of national and local governments, civil society and other territorial stakeholders

- **4 trainings** and **131 participations** of local officials and territorial stakeholders to promote integration
- **2 trainings** and **66 participations** of local community members to promote integration

## RE 5 Generation of community of learning, practice, exchange and solidarity

- **1** space for the dissemination of the IntegrHa-bitat network with **7 participants**
- **1** Inclusive Cities Forum with **20 participants**
- **2 centers added to the** IntegrHa-bitat Centers in Trinidad and Tobago

# 01

## Characterization and Baseline of Human Mobility: Impact and Challenges for Inclusion

**Technical products**

Human Mobility Profile of Chaguanas

**Co-creation spaces**

Co-creation and socialization workshop with public officials

# 02

## Action Plan Formulation (PIET)

**Action plan formulation**

Territorial Intervention Plan for Chaguanas, 2 co-creation spaces for city-scale and TIU-scale solutions

# 03

## Implementing actions to promote integration

**Improving the space environment**

2 spaces for the co-creation of solutions

2 tactical urbanism actions

2 mural for integration

1 community garden

1 community center installation improved

**Community Activation**

7 cultural, sports, and recreational actions

1 community fair

**Entrepreneurship promotion**

1 Territorial economic plan and 22 entrepreneurs supported

**Protection, care, and promotion of community-inclusive development**

4 sessions for the provision of services

1 action to empower the community

2 IntegrHa-bitat centers added to the network

**Technical assistance to territorial actors**

6 training sessions for public officials and territorial actors

# 04

## Constructing narratives in support of human mobility.

**Positive narratives about human mobility**

4 communication campaigns

# 05

## Exchange of results and construction of alliances in favor of integration

**Alliance Building**

2 events for building alliances and promoting the adoption of the territorial integration approach

# 01 CHARACTERIZATION AND BASELINE OF HUMAN MOBILITY: IMPACT AND CHALLENGES FOR INCLUSION

The ICCS project begins its action in Chaguanas by building the baseline on the impact of human mobility in the city. To do this, the project uses tools for data analysis, including the Urban Prosperity Index (CPI), Migration Governance Index (MGI), High-Frequency Survey (HFS), and Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) that allow disaggregating the impact of the human mobility in terms of governance and spatial, while analyzing the socioeconomic conditions of the refugee and migrant community in the city as a host territory.

This information allows us to build a baseline that satisfies two needs. On the one hand, it provides the ICCS project with information for the formulation of its action plan (component 2 of the ICCS action in Chaguanas). On the other hand, it provides local and national authorities with a snapshot of human mobility in Trinidad and Tobago and Chaguanas and raises priority issues to analyze in order to promote the integration of the refugee and migrant community of Venezuelan origin.

In this way, this section presents the Human Mobility Profile. It is worth mentioning that in other project cities an additional tool called Urban Inclusion Marker (UIM) was implemented which, in the case of Chaguanas, was not possible to develop due to the lack of official information disaggregated at the existing block level.

## 1.1 HUMAN MOBILITY PROFILE IN CHAGUANAS

The Human Mobility Profile in cities characterizes the spatial, socioeconomic, cultural, and governance conditions of Chaguanas to identify its capabilities and challenges in terms of inclusion to have information for the formulation of actions and recommendations for the promotion of the integration between refugees and migrants with host communities, under the premise of comprehensive development of cities and in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This knowledge is fundamental for designing public policies that provide guarantees and support for the care of people in human mobility and integrate them into the social and economic fabrics to take advantage of their human talent and diversity as territorial assets.

According to the Human Mobility Profile results, The Chaguanas Borough Corporation is one of the three existing boroughs in Trinidad and Tobago and the largest at the national level. It is located on the western coast of Trinidad, approximately 18 km south of Port of Spain. Venezuelan people in human mobility arrive in Chaguanas attracted by its stability and prosperity opportunities. Chaguanas is the municipality with the fastest-growing population in Trinidad and Tobago. In contrast to the national growth rate of 0.2%, Chaguanas has a growth rate of 2%.

As of 30 June 2022, UNHCR's active registered population in Trinidad and Tobago in ProGres is 22,705 persons; 19,682 (86.68%) of these POCs are Venezuelans. Three thousand five hundred two individuals were recorded as living in Chaguanas.

However, parallel to the other 14 regional corporations in Trinidad and Tobago, Chaguanas does not have an independent revenue base and depends entirely on the central government for allocations from the national budget. Chaguanas Borough Corporation's duties are mostly administrative and include responsibilities related to public health, waste management, property development, municipal security, maintenance of public spaces and facilities, disaster preparedness and management, maintenance of secondary roads and signage, and maintenance of waterfronts.

The characterization of the Human Mobility Profile cities has made possible the creation of three primary monitoring and measurement tools: 1) City Prosperity Index (CPI), which includes the concept of prosperity; 2) Urban Inclusion Marker, a tool created within the framework of the ICCS project and; 3) the Migration Governance Index (MGI). Likewise, information was taken from existing tools to monitor the flow and sTIUation of human mobility, including UNHCR's High-Frequency Survey and IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix. Below are more details about these tools.

# DATA COLLECTION TOOLS

- **HFS and DTM:** Tools of the mandate of UNHCR and IOM, which aims to collect information that allows an adequate and timely understanding of the protection sTIUation of people affected by forced displacement, providing demographic data, socioeconomic profiles, perception of communities in access to rights, among others. These tools present information on the sTIUation in displacement and in reception sites.

- **MGI:** IOM mandate tool that portrays the instTIUtional, legal, and public policy framework on migration to strengthen governance structures and promote well-managed migration policies in the context of SDG target 10.7.

- **UIM:** a tool formulated within the ICCS framework that identifies the territory's potential for inclusion at the block scale.

- **Urban Prosperity Index (CPI):** Tool of the UN-Habitat mandate that provides a set of indicators to make visible how the spatial, social, economic, and governance conditions of territorial prosperity affect the capacity for inclusion and integration of the territories to groups in vulnerable sTIUations, with particular emphasis on the refugee and migrant population of Venezuelan origin.

**Please make sure to refer to the Human Mobility Profile document and utilize its tools by clicking here.**

Thanks to the results of the territorial characterization, the Chaguanas Human Mobility Profile identifies the main gaps in access to fundamental rights and opportunities for Venezuelan refugees and migrants and host communities in vulnerable conditions, and formulates solutions to respond to these. The tool has been shared with the local government and other territorial actors as input for decision-making.

Among the most relevant recommendations formulated by the Chaguanas Human Mobility Profile, include:

**Inclusive governance**

- It is recommended that Chaguanas Borough Corporation expand its administrative, political, and fiscal autonomy to meet the social demands and challenges of urban growth.

- City governance demands better use of the opportunities offered by science, technology, and innovation in areas such as increased citizen participation, transparency in public management, accountability and presentation of administration results and impact, access to urban goods and services, use of energy and clean technologies, innovative transportation technologies, etc.

- It is important to improve the agility, coordination, and adequate human, financial, technological, and logistical municipal and national resources to meet the humanitarian, integration, and socioeconomic stabilization demands of mixed migratory flows.

**Equity and social, economic, and cultural diversity**

- It is advisable to make the existing mechanisms for the formalization of migration status more flexible so that people in conditions of human mobility can count on guarantees for the exercise and protection of fundamental rights.

- It is therefore advisable that the Chaguanas Borough Corporation, along with the relevant Ministries, design and implement a public policy to facilitate migrants' access to rental housing.

- It is necessary to strengthen local instTIUtions responsible for the defense, protection, and promotion of the rights of refugees and migrants and vulnerable or at-risk populations since they do not have adequate human, technical, financial, and organizational resources, including access to documentation and regularization of Venezuelan refugees and migrants who arrived after the 2019 registration process.

- It is desirable that the Chaguanas Borough Corporation increase safe public spaces. Adequate public space is essential for the integration and building social trust, as well as for the orderly conduct of community enterprises.

**Fair spatial distribution**

- In cooperation with the Ministry of Planning, the Chaguanas Borough Corporation should implement and complement the Urban Inclusion Marker.

- The Chaguanas Borough Corporation and relevant national Ministries should review and update its land use plans and other urban development planning instruments with a human mobility approach.

# Human mobility profile presentation

On August 8, 2022, a meeting was held with Mr. Faaiq Mohammed, Mayor of Chaguanas, with the participation of the UNHCR, IOM, and UN-Habitat teams.

Among the topics discussed was the presentation of the progress of the project, which included the Human Mobility Profile and the Urban Monitoring Viewer, a tool that presented the inputs from the Profile in a dynamic viewer. The main recommendations and findings for integrating refugees and migrants into the territory were presented. Additionally, the Urban Inclusion Marker tool was introduced, and there was an expressed intention to implement it in Chaguanas following the development of a territorial characterization survey at the municipal level. Finally, the structure of the Territorial Scale Intervention Plan, which will begin construction immediately upon the mission's completion, was presented. Local planning instruments were consulted to align the profile's action with them.

The Mayor of Chaguanas expressed interest in implementing these methodologies in the territory and obtaining information on its planning and development. It was mentioned that the city lacks planning instruments, and the existing network of contacts from the local government with Venezuelans was made available to support the project's action in the territory.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Building the Human Mobility profile was a challenge due to lack of information at local level and the multilevel governance structure related to migration. The lesson learn of this experience was the necessity to involve local and national entities during the profile presentation*

**Expected result:**
R1

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants**
7 people

**Implementation date:**
August 8, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UNHCR, IOM, Chaguanas Borough Corporation

# 02 ACTION PLAN FORMULATION

Based on the baseline built by the ICCS project, there are inputs for formulating the action plan for this initiative. To do this, first of all, the selection of Longdenville Community as a Territorial Intervention Unit (TIU) in Chaguanas is defined jointly with local authorities. In this sense, the action plan has three objectives:

1. Develop recommendations at a macro or city scale to strengthen the territory's structuring systems' capacities for integrating refugee, migrant, and host communities in vulnerable conditions.

2. Formulate strategies to strengthen the TIUs, mitigate the inequitable distribution of resources, and promote the integration of communities in human mobility and host communities in vulnerable conditions.

3. Define a portfolio of actions for implementing the ICCS project with the objective of strengthening the spatial, socioeconomic, and governance dimensions in the territory. These actions are aimed at responding to needs prioritized by the community through co-created solutions. These solutions are implemented in a participatory and collaborative manner with the beneficiary communities.

In this context, the Territorial Scale Intervention Plan (PIET) is formulated as the action plan of the project and formulates holistic, multi-sectoral, and inter-scalar actions aimed at promoting the integration of human mobility in Chaguanas through its action at the community level ("bottom-up" approach) and with the introduction of strategic actions in local government conversations to mitigate inequality and gaps in access to rights and opportunities in the territory.

Below is a synthesis of the PIET formulation for Chaguanas and the Longdenville community.



## 2.1 TERRITORIAL SCALE INTERVENTION PLAN FOR CHAGUANAS

The ICCS initiative has formulated Territorial Intervention Plans (PIET) in each project city to define the roadmap and actions to be implemented in the territory with the territorial actors. The result is a portfolio of strategic actions to transform human mobility into a territorial asset, promoting inclusion and access to prosperity.

This tool formulates actions at a macro (city), meso (TIU), and micro (neighborhood or community) scale through co-creation processes with territorial and local government actors. The proposals made can be detailed in the Chaguanas PIET document, which are categorized as follows:

23 actions at the community level for the implementation of ICCS

13 actions to be managed with public or private allies

25 actions outside the scope of the ICCS project

In addition to the scale of intervention (macro, meso, and micro), the actions proposed by this document are classified by their origin and impact (short, medium, long term) for the beneficiary communities and by the five dimensions that structure the Scoreboard. Urban Inclusion: 1) Affordable, quality housing with services; 2) Employment and economic opportunities; 3) Health and well-being; 4) Education, diversity, and culture; 5) Public space, security, and urban vitality and, transversally, the axis of Inclusive Governance.

Below is an example of city (maso), TIU (meso), and community (micro) scale actions.

### City scale

*To update the Chaguanas Spatial Development Plan and to designate planning zones* that will allow the territory to become a more sustainable environment with adequate living conditions for its inhabitants. As an essential part of the plan, it is suggested that strategies be proposed to mitigate the expansive growth of the municipality. Hence, it is proposed that a border or green belt around the city be consolidated to concentrate urban development on existing vacant land inside urban boundaries. Moreover, this belt or border will protect agricultural and environmentally valuable land to protect the available natural resources and mitigate urbanization in areas with natural hazards such as flooding. In addition, the urban areas are predominantly formed by two-story houses, resulting in low-density occupation and an increase in the cost of land and housing. Thus, it is essential to promote densification processes, especially around the urban centrality concentrated in Chaguanas Proper. Likewise, the municipality has developed linear secondary centralities over roads and a main axis that needs to be strengthened and expanded as new centralities that can attract economic agglomeration and mitigate the dependence on surrounding cities.

Finally, investment should be prioritized for the most neglected communities, with particular emphasis on Enterprise, Longdenville, Lendore Village, and Montrose, where, according to the 2011 census, concentrated households with deficient access to adequate housing, essential services and social support infrastructures.

**Available for consultation here!**

## Spatial Development Plan for the Chaguanas Borough

**Impacted thematic axis**

1. Border or green belt around the city to control urban expansion.
2. Urban expansion land.
3. Urban densification.
4. Urban consolidation.
5. Neighborhood improvement.
6. Strengthen existing centralities across main axis.
7. Protect land of agricultural value.
8. Protect areas of environmental value.

## Territorial development model for Longdenville

**Impacted thematic axis**

1. Increase residential density and take advantage of existing productive activities to promote economic agglomeration corridors.
2. Comprehensive neighborhood improvement actions, land transfer to design and execute social support infrastructure. Increase housing units for the implementation of social rental programs.
3. Protected land with agricultural value.
4. Protected land with environmental value and risk condition.

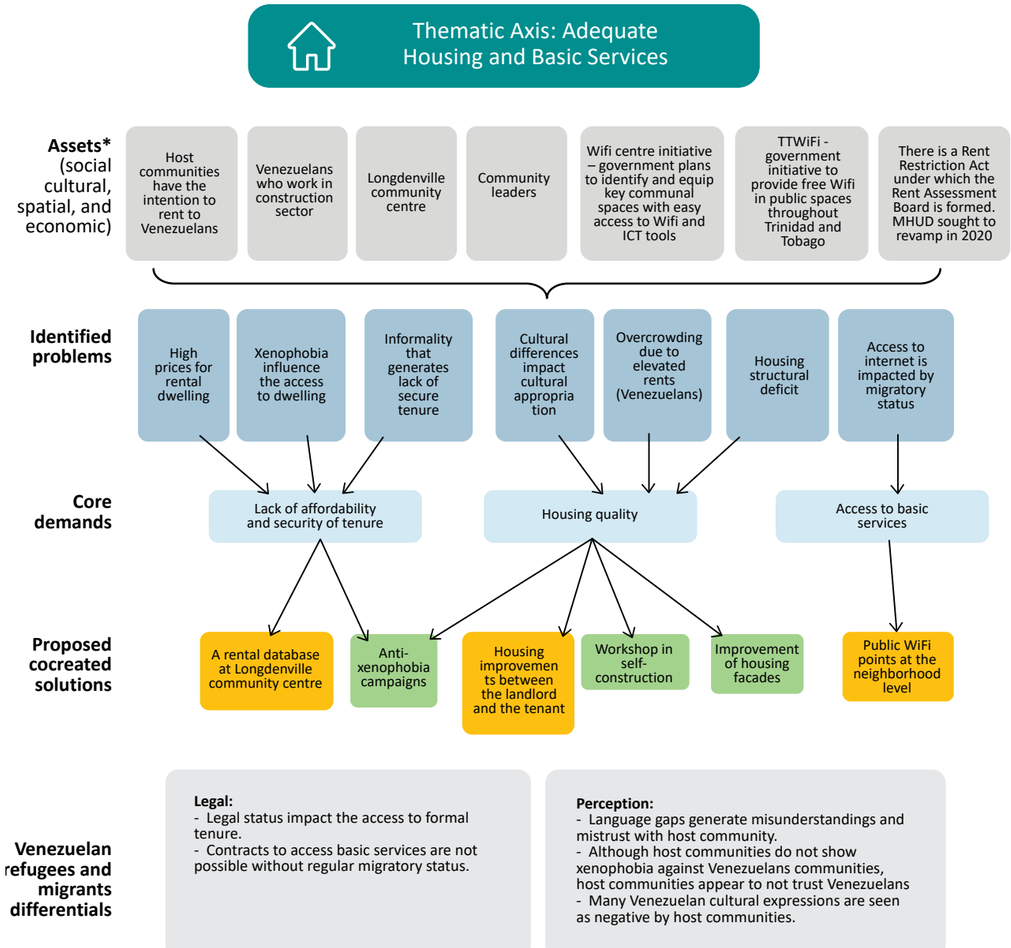
## TIU: Longdenville community

A territorial development model for Longdenville, to, on the one hand, improve structural dwelling conditions and, on the other hand, increase the housing offer to mitigate overcrowding from the host and Venezuelan communities, is proposed. Thus, together with im-proved housing conditions, it is necessary to evaluate the structural capacity of buildings to increase height to accommodate new housing units, available to the com-munity by affordable rental programs. These programs could benefit the landlord and the tenant equally. Finally, in consideration of the peripheral condition of the TIU, the definition of conservation land is important to mitigate extensive growth processes. Hence, the strategy proposes the definition of agricultural and conservation land around the Caparo River.

With the implementation of this territorial model, the territory will strengthen its potential for inclusion and facilitate access to services and opportunities for the community. Venezuelan refugees and migrants will benefit from the increase in affordable and adequate housing offers, as its paucity is one of the main causes of overcrowding in the territory. Moreover, promoting entrepreneurship and economic agglomeration in the territory will promote new employment opportunities. In the same way, protecting agricultural land will contribute to diversifying economic activities towards community development. Finally, the definition of protected land will mitigate the vulnerability of households settled on the riverbed of the Caparo River.

## Community-scale

The community-scale proposals are developed based on the UIM's thematic axes. For each thematic area, a problem tree is consolidated with actions classified as feasible for implementation (in green) or that require coordination with other territorial actors (in yellow) either because of the financial resources they demand or because they are related to local government powers. Below is an example of the problem tree for the housing thematic axis.



# 03 IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS TO PROMOTE INTEGRATION

After formulating the PIET as a portfolio of co-created actions, the ICCS project began in Longdenville, Chaguanas, to implement community-scale initiatives aimed at facilitating and promoting the integration of refugee, migrant, and host communities in vulnerable conditions. These actions are categorized into improving the spatial environment, community activations, encouraging entrepreneurship, personal and community development, addressing crises, and providing technical assistance to territorial actors. The ultimate goal is to create spaces that promote coexistence and integration among communities in human mobility and host communities, while also strengthening spatial, socioeconomic, and community governance systems.

The actions implemented are:

| Action name | Estimated beneficiaries | Estimated participants |
|---|---|---|
| **Actions to improve urban spaces** | | |
| - Block by Block workshop | 187 | 30 |
| - Tactical Urbanism Diagnostic Workshop | | 26 |
| - Generating Reliable Economic Activities Through GREAT Farming | | 9 |
| - Mural at the Santos Recreational Ground | 93 | 20 |
| - Tactical urbanism in Longdenville community center | 187 | 150 |
| - Community mural at the Longdenville community center | 653 | 108 |
| **Actions for community activation** | | |
| - Easter vacation camp | | 30 |
| - Amazing Race for Integration | | 50 |
| - World Refugee day in Longdenville | | 126 |
| - Children drawing contest “My ideal community” | | 24 |
| - Talking with strangers | | 35 |
| - Longdenville’s Walk | | 7 |
| - Read Along day at Longdenville community center | | 70 |
| - Community Fair in Longdenville | | 110 |
| **Actions to promote entrepreneurship** | | |
| - Territorial and socioeconomic plan | | 22 |
| **Actions to promote personal and community development** | | |
| - Community Outreach Members in Longdenville | | |
| - Counseling Services at Longdenville Community Center | | 16 |
| - Distribution of aid first products | | 30 |
| - Language Adventure: Exploring Inclusive Cities in English and Spanish | 2 centers | 126 |
| - IntegrHa-bitat centers in Chaguanas | | |
| - HARTT: Transportation App | | 86 |
| | | 30 |
| **Technical assistance to territorial actors** | | |
| - Academic and extracurricular activities with PADF | | 119 |
| - Sustainable Hydroponic Agriculture Programme for young Entrepreneurs SHAPE | | 37 |
| - Personal and Community Safety Project | | 55 |
| - Computer Literacy Workshop | | 11 |
| - Webinar on Public spaces in Trinidad and Tobago: Accessibility, Safety, and Opportunities for Social Integration | | 40 |
| - Safety and Public Spaces: Gender Integration and Leveraging Participatory Design for Inclusive Cities | | 30 |
| - ICCS presentation at the R4V national platform launch | | 50 |
| - Webinar Engaging vulnerable populations in the decision-making process- techniques in fostering more inclusive governance in the Chaguanas Borough | | 11 |

## 3.1 ACTIONS TO IMPROVE URBAN SPACES

These actions are defined as minor interventions (which do not include the construction of infrastructure such as roads or other types of primary infrastructure) in public spaces to transform them into meeting points in the territory through processes of co-creation and participatory construction where The beneficiary communities are the main actors. Thanks to the participation of communities in these actions, spaces of coexistence are created whose objective is to facilitate the construction of social ties, dismantle prejudices, and, consequently, promote integration processes.

By involving communities in the design and improvement of public spaces, a sense of ownership is fostered, which is crucial for the long-term maintenance and care of these areas. When the community feels connected to a space, they use it more frequently and are less likely to engage in antisocial behaviors that could lead to its deterioration. Thus, improving the spatial environment contributes to building more resilient, cohesive, and equitable communities.

It is important to note that all public space improvement actions are formulated through co-creation processes. Additionally, these interventions contribute to climate change adaptation by incorporating features such as solar-powered public lighting and enhancing soil permeability to mitigate runoff and flooding.

In Chaguanas, public space improvement actions are categorized into tactical urban planning interventions and community urban gardens. These actions are developed through co-creation processes, as documented below, before finalizing the environmental improvements.

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
26 people

**Implementation date:**
August 10 and 11, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Longdenville City Council, The University of Trinidad and Tobago, Chaguanas Campus

# Block by Block workshop

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), Chaguanas Campus, hosted a block-by-block workshop with the community. The Minecraft tool was used to design the Longdenville Community Center and its surroundings to envision a more inclusive community through group design.

To begin, the ICCS team presented the project and the block-by-block methodology and invited participants to think about public space and its use and exchange ideas on how to use public space to make it more inclusive. This was followed by a process of reconceptualizing and designing the Longdenville Community Center using Minecraft to foster inclusion primarily among the host community and Venezuelan refugees and migrants, as well as vulnerable groups. Finally, the participants, mostly boys, girls, and adolescents, presented their ideas to their peers so that everyone could vote on which ideas they liked best to promote inclusion in their community.

The top requests among Block by Block participants during this two-day event were cooler areas, lighting, and more places to gather. Proposals from the community included places to eat, a swimming pool, a library, a recreation room, and a tree house, among others.

26 people participated in the space, especially young people who, through the use of the game, transformed the Longdenville Community Center and its surroundings into a space that would offer more inclusion for them as young people in the community. The activity also allowed many children to have access to ICT equipment, and, in addition to playing Minecraft, they used the extra time to explore the internet.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The Block-by-Block workshop strengthened the sense of empathy and solidarity among the children and adolescents in the workshop, regardless of their nationality or condition. Since the facilitator could not support all the children at the same time, a couple of children volunteered to show other children how to use the Minecraft platform*

# Tactical Urbanism Diagnostic Workshop

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
9 people

**Implementation date:**
September 27th, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, Freely Give Foundation, Longdenville Mayor's Office, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

"Small actions, big impact" is the guiding principle of tactical urbanism. The objective was to receive feedback from community members on small actions that would be appreciated to promote inclusion in public spaces.

The first day was dedicated to identifying various public spaces within the Longdenville area, of which two stood out: the Longdenville Community Center and the Santos Recreation Ground. The consultants toured the area and took photographs before their consultation day, during which they would engage with Longdenvillans. On the second day, the consultants engaged with members of local and national governments and community members.

The participants were divided into two groups and presented proposals for small actions to improve the neighborhood and stimulate greater inclusion in public spaces. Community and group activities and initiatives were suggested to support the business and educational efforts that have been in progress under the project. The consultants provided a design based on this activity, on which the community provided feedback.

In short, the workshop emphasized the unity and community spirit that define its residents while providing ideas for improving the quality of public spaces in Longdenville.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Venezuelan refugee and migrant participation in co-creation workshops is a challenge because the Venezuelan population is time-poor and don't have time off from their jobs to participate in these activities. Additionally, traffic congestion and bad weather conditions can prevent them from participating. For this reason, planning community activities outside of working hours is essential.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
50 people

**Direct & Indirect Beneficiaries:**
560 people

**Implementation date:**
July 31 to August 7, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, Freely Give Foundation, Longdenville Mayor's Office, Ciudad de Bolsillo, Oficio Colectivo

# Tactical urbanism intervention at the Longdenville Community Center

The implementation of tactical urbanism actions took place in Chaguanas, Trinidad and Tobago, from July 31 to August 7, 2023. The intervention at the Longdenville Community Center encompassed two initiatives. **The first one, a pocket park-type intervention,** improved the children's playground, outdoor gym, and basketball court. **The second one, or section intervention,** created resting areas in the public space to be used by members of the community for passive recreation, outdoor eating, and social encounters. The new infrastructure was located over an unused parking lot space.

The community actively participated; more than 50 men and women from Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia, Spain, Guatemala, Chile, and Trinidad and Tobago participated in the implementation of the tactical urbanism actions formulated by co-creation processes, which included the Block-by-Block workshop and the tactical urbanism workshop. The needs and expectations for this public space were taken into consideration by the technical team, who designed a proposal with the following objectives: (i) the creation of a multipurpose and flexible space around the community center for the use of the entire community; (ii) make the space comfortable for its use during the day for active and passive recreation activities.

Hence, the tactical urbanism intervention improved the benches and metal structures with poly shades at the playground, painted the basketball court and the outdoor gym, improved the facade of the Longdenville Community Center, and installed benches, tables, and shades in a vacant area, hoping to create a comfortable space for community encounters.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The tactical urbanism activity positively impacted the Longdenville community by transforming a neglected and underused public space with improvement actions and the installation of new urban furniture. Yet, the most important change has been on the locals' behaviors. Before the intervention, locals hardly used the public space. After the intervention, it is being used on day and night for active and passive recreation and as a meeting space for both the Venezuelan and host communities to share and connect.*

# Generating Reliable Economic Activities Through GREAT Farming

During June and early July, an environmental-themed project titled Generating Reliable Economic Activities Through (GREAT) Farming was executed to inculcate social inclusion and integration between Venezuelan refugees and migrants and the host community and promote communal partnership, economic sustainability, and empowerment in the Longdenville area. The project was rolled out in two tiers and included 20 participants: 10 refugees and migrants and 10 host community members.

The first tier included an educational component where participants learned about traditional agriculture and hydroculture operation and management. Furthermore, participants received entrepreneurship, financial management, sales, and marketing training. In the second tier of the project, participants established a hydroponic system and were responsible for maintaining the crops under the supervision of experts. The crops were then harvested and sold to a supermarket chain or at a farmer's market.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The action contributes to the integration of the community and mitigates poverty and promotes food security. Refugees, migrants, and the host community has the opportunity to work together towards the consolidation and conservation of the urban farm.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
IOM

**Participants:**
20 people

**Direct & Indirect Beneficiaries:**
93

**Implementation date:**
July 29, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
IOM, Longdenville Village Council

**Expected result:**
R2

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
12 people

**Direct & Indirect Beneficiaries:**
187 people

**Implementation date:**
April 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
La Casita, Freely Give Foundation

# Longdenville community center internal improvement

The Longdenville Community Center is a community meeting place in the municipality of Chaguanas in Trinidad and Tobago, led by the Freely Give Foundation. The foundation is part of the IntegrHa-bitat network project, participating in its technical agenda and accessing capacity-building activities, international meetings, and sharing experiences. The center was also made available for community activities in the Inclusive Cities Solidarity Communities project.

As part of support for the foundation, the ICCS supported the improvement of the community center with the following actions:

- Cleaning campaign at the Community Center after the tactical urbanism actions.

Donation of construction materials to repair the kitchen roof, which was damaged by a strong windstorm. The Longdenville community completed these repairs in April 2024 as a community commitment.

Improvements to the kitchen roof and kitchen facilities.

These improvements are strategic to support the action of the center and Freely Give on site to promote the well-being, safety, and enjoyment of the entire community.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The project was impacted because of the lost of the Longdenville Community leader, Jeselle Cox, in early 2024. Following her passing, the community rallied around the Community Center. With support from neighbors, the center was rebuilt and re-opened, hosting a community integration activity in memory of Jeselle. Over 60 children and residents participated in the event, celebrating life and revitalizing the space for gathering and solidarity.*

# Community mural at the Longdenville community center

A colorful mural adorns the exterior of the Longdenville Community Center, thanks to the collaborative efforts of refugee and local children and youth from Chaguanas. Together, they transformed the space, contributing to its revitalization.

The mural's design emerged from a community competition in which young artists incorporated inspiring messages in both English and Spanish, reflecting the community's spirit. Through preliminary dialogues and a co-creative process, participants collectively shaped the mural's theme and artwork.

Beyond beautifying the center, this project fostered unity and cross-cultural understanding. By working side by side, young people from diverse backgrounds built lasting friendships. The mural stands as a powerful symbol of diversity, inclusion, and the transformative power of art.

Combined with tactical urbanism strategies, this initiative aimed to transform the public space into a vibrant hub for interaction, fostering connections between Venezuelan and host community members.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*This activity allowed participants to discover the value of collaboration and mutual respect, while also providing a unique opportunity to promote social cohesion by bringing together different groups in the community and strengthening ties between refugees and local residents. Similarly, the mural not only enhanced the aesthetics of the environment but also became a point of reference and pride for the community, serving as a visible symbol of diversity and inclusion in Longdenville.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
50 people

**Direct & Indirect Beneficiaries:**
187 people

**Implementation date:**
August 7, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Freely Give Foundation, La Casita, Ciudad de Bolsillo and Oficio Colectivo.

# Santos Recreational Ground adequation as a multipurpose public space

**Expected result:**
R2

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
108 people

**Direct & Indirect Beneficiaries:**
653 people

**Implementation date:**
May, 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Chaguanas Municipality, Chaguanas Borough, Chaguanas Government Primary School, Oficio Colectivo, La Casita

After conducting a technical analysis of the community's needs and expectations regarding the use of public space at Santos Recreational Ground, a comprehensive improvement plan was developed. This plan aims to significantly enhance the park's facilities and enrich the overall experience for all neighborhood residents. Once finalized, the proposal was presented to the community leader and the Chaguanas Bureau team, who received it with enthusiasm. Subsequently, the ICCS project implemented tactical urbanism actions to improve existing urban furniture and install new ones in May, promoting new uses, rest areas, and safe spaces for children.

The intervention specifically consisted of (1) creating a spatial edge that integrates various uses and furniture for the community and visitors, connecting the cricket field's green space with the existing pathway, and facilitating access from the public road, with a particular focus on the entrance to the public school opposite the park; and (2) incorporating shaded areas, resting spots, and gardens for parents or caregivers to wait for students after school and to accompany them in activities within the space. This intervention was carried out with the support of an implementing partner, using local and Venezuelan labor. It involved community consultation, and the inauguration activities included planting flowers, painting benches, and creating murals.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*During the early stages of a tactical urbanism project, some community members expressed opposition to the interventions, citing a perceived lack of prior consultation and communication. This situation arose partly due to the absence of an on-site team to maintain ongoing communication with the community. In response, the project adjusted its design, accelerated its timeline, and promptly gathered the necessary documentation. Ultimately, the intervention proceeded with the consensus of all stakeholders, including the school, and was adapted to address community needs and feedback.*

# Mural at the Santos Recreational Ground

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
12 people

**Direct & Indirect Beneficiaries:**
187 people

**Implementation date:**
June 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Chaguanas Borough Corporation, Longdenville Primary School, La Casita, CFS

The mural at the Santos Recreational Ground was designed as a collective exercise with the beneficiary community. During World Refugee Day 2023, celebrated in the Longdenville community, refugees, migrants, and local children collaborated to envision and create a mural symbolizing the integration between the Venezuelan and host communities.

The mural's theme, "Different Cultures, One Person," highlights the efforts and actions taken by the Longdenville community to integrate Venezuelans, with a special emphasis on children. The initial ideas for the mural were developed by the children during the World Refugee Day 2023 celebration. A local artist then created the final design, which depicts children from different origins coexisting in the same space.

The mural was implemented by the children under the direction of La Casita and a local artist during the Language Adventures Camp. During the mural's implementation, the artist included silhouettes or portraits of the participating children.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The decision to include the portraits of the children who collaborated in painting the mural has significantly increased their sense of belonging in the public space. Moreover, it symbolizes the Santos Recreational Ground as a safe and inclusive space for refugees, migrants, and the host community.*

## 3.2 COMMUNITY ACTIVATION ACTIONS

Consolidating a cohesive community and establishing public spaces as central points for community interaction and integration requires implementing actions that facilitate coexistence and foster social ties. These actions help residents connect with and take ownership of their neighborhood's public spaces. Community activations, through cultural, sports, or recreational activities, aim to promote a sense of belonging and permanence, supporting effective integration.

In Longdenville and Chaguanas, activities such as cultural expressions, sports days, and community fairs were carried out to achieve these goals. Below are the community activation activities implemented in this area.

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
IOM

**Participants:**
24 people

**Implementation date:**
October 1st to November 15th, 2021

**Strategic actors and allies:**
October 1st to November 15th, 2021

# Children drawing contest "My ideal community"

Due to various factors, including social distancing measures that remained in place until the end of September 2021, in-person activities with communities could not be implemented in the city of Chaguanas. Therefore, in an effort to engage with local communities, a drawing contest was held at the end of October or early November 2021.

The ICCS project, aiming to ensure inclusivity and community representation, invited Venezuelan and host community children to participate in the contest. This initiative sought to capture their unique perspectives on neighborhood development, providing valuable insights for the project partners. Additionally, the activity allowed Venezuelan and host community children to express their visions of an ideal community.

Prizes were awarded to four children (two Venezuelan and two from the host community) for first and second places. Each first-place winner received a Samsung tablet, while the second-place winners received vouchers for art supplies. The awards ceremony took place on December 13th, 2021.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The contest results were shared through the ICCS website and social media, highlighting that both Venezuelan and host community children share similar ideas and expectations for their community's future. This served as a powerful message in the effort to mitigate xenophobia.*

# Easter vacation camp

During the Easter vacation, the Freely Give Foundation organized a two-week camp at the Longdenville Community Centre. The camp, designed to cater to the diverse needs of the community's children, covered a wide range of topics, including COVID-19 safety in schools, personal safety awareness, Spanish language learning, hurricane preparedness, anti-xenophobia education, and creative activities like candle making and painting.

The ICCS project and the Freely Give Foundation joined forces, demonstrating a powerful community spirit, to sponsor transportation and meals for five Venezuelan refugee and migrant children from Longdenville. This support enabled their participation in a camp that prepared both local and Venezuelan children for the upcoming school term and the impending hurricane season. A total of 25 children—20 from the host community and 5 from the Venezuelan community—benefited from this collaboration. In addition, the action had the participation of 5 facilitators.

At the community level, the Freely Give Foundation's Easter camp also served as the launch of their homework center for community members and a schooling program for Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Currently, mainly private institutions and initiatives provide schooling for Venezuelan refugee and migrant children in Trinidad and Tobago. This contrasts with the recent provision by the Trinidad and Tobago government, which allowed the return to physical, in-person schooling for all eligible children in April. As a result, this would be the first time in two years that school-aged children would physically attend school.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*After the Easter camp, a Venezuelan brother and sister became friends with a family from the host community. When the school term began, and the children from the host community returned from school, they would meet up with their Venezuelan friends they had met during the Easter camp.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
30 people

**Implementation date:**
April 4th, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Freely Give Foundation, UN-Habitat, IOM, UNHCR

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
7 people

**Implementation date:**
June 26th, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Freely Give Foundation, UN-Habitat, IOM, UNHCR

# Longdenville's Walk

The ICCS project and the Freely Give Foundation partnered to conduct a community appreciation exercise and assess the needs of the Longdenville community. The Longdenville Walk, held in June, was a significant event where the community actively engaged in observing and conducting a needs assessment.

The Longdenville Walk comprised the ICCS community appreciation exercise, based on the Jane's Walk principle—a series of free neighborhood walking, biking, and transit tours designed to connect people with their environment and neighbors. On this occasion, it was coupled with the Freely Give Foundation's needs assessment exercise. After the activity, participants returned to the Family Intervention Centre to discuss their observations and exchange ideas.

Feedback from participants indicated that the walk was highly beneficial. However, they suggested starting earlier to avoid the sun and heat. They also noted the abundance of resources such as open spaces, green areas, and businesses, while highlighting the need for maintenance and rehabilitation in other areas. Additionally, they identified the length of sidewalks as an area needing improvement.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Participants noted that community members hesitated to use several public spaces due to security concerns and time constraints. The needs assessment also revealed that while several Venezuelans lived near the community center and occasionally used the outdoor facilities, they were unaware of the services offered or the center's operating hours. Even after being informed about the various services available, the Venezuelan population continued to prefer using the outdoor equipment rather than frequenting the center.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
35 people

**Implementation date:**
July 23th, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Longdenville Village Council, DMAD, La Casita, UNHCR, IOM

# Talking with strangers

The Longdenville basketball court served as the venue for the play *Conversing with Strangers,* which aimed to highlight the challenges and potential opportunities of living in Longdenville and Trinidad and Tobago. The play encouraged participants to reflect on their daily experiences and provide feedback to help generate effective solutions.

Thirty-five individuals from the refugee, migrant, and host communities attended the event. Neighbors expressed that the performance evoked nostalgia and a desire to engage more in community activities. The event, a collaborative effort between Drama Making a Difference (DMAD) and La Casita, provided a powerful exploration of life in Longdenville and Trinidad and Tobago. It illuminated areas where the community feels safe and those that need improvement. The participants, filled with hope and optimism, shared their perspectives for a brighter future for their community.

After the event, there was a call for DMAD and La Casita to facilitate similar dialogues in the future, and residents expressed a strong desire for more community-building activities.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The activity had a broader impact because it was part of a larger celebration of Longdenville. The overall theme was to honor the diverse individuals who contribute to the community, and the Conversing with Strangers event was a key component of Longdenville City Hall's ongoing effort to welcome newcomers. Since the event, and with the support of the community and the Mayor's Office, more Venezuelan children and adults have visited the basketball court, which was inaugurated during this celebration. This experience highlighted the significance of collaborative efforts among various local stakeholders.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UNHCR

**Participants:**
50 people

**Implementation date:**
September 25, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UNHCR, IOM, EU Ambassador

# Amazing Race for Integration

The project, in collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator Office and the UN Communications Group, launched the first installment of the Amazing Race, an initiative inspired by the internationally popular competition. This event aimed to foster intercultural solidarity while promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16. It provided an opportunity to bring together various stakeholders—including the private sector, non-governmental organizations, Venezuelan refugees and migrants, and host community members—in a fun and engaging environment for cultural exchange.

Participants navigated a maze, answering questions about the UN, refugees and migrants in Trinidad and Tobago, and the SDGs. They also learned a few lines of the famous Venezuelan song "Alma Llanera" and performed it before a panel of judges, which included the EU Ambassador, UNHCR Head of National Office, IOM Head of Office, three local celebrities (including one Venezuelan migrant), and other supporters. The event was a joyous occasion that united people from across the country.

The event was designed to directly engage the public, raise awareness about the SDGs and the work of the UN Country Team (UNCT), and promote the integration of refugees, migrants, and host communities. SDG 16 focuses on fostering peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*To win the competition, teams had to navigate a trivia maze and complete an amateur steelpan showdown. The trivia maze featured questions on the United Nations, the SDGs, and migrants and refugees. These questions provided an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about the significant contributions that migrants and refugees have made to their host communities, both in Trinidad and Tobago and globally.*

# Community Fair in Longdenville

The event included two main components. The first focused on sharing recycling knowledge and providing residents with access to information on critical services available to them. In collaboration with the Environmental Management Authority (EMA), 110 attendees were educated on recycling, the types of materials that can be recycled, and where to recycle them within the community. The EMA's activity aimed to help individuals contribute to reducing waste and its environmental impact, benefiting both households and the wider community. The EMA's "Waste Way?" activity, developed by their Public Education Unit, engaged and educated both Venezuelans and the local community in Longdenville on recycling practices. The game was tailored to emphasize iCARE, a recycling project under the EMA, and aimed to teach participants where different types of waste should be disposed of—either in household bins or iCARE recycling bins.

The second component was an inclusion community fair designed to ensure that everyone felt welcome. Activities were explained in English and translated in real-time for the diverse audience. The information delivery method was organized like a production line, so every person who entered the fair could receive valuable information before receiving a food bag at the end of the line. Additionally, services were offered to both the host and Venezuelan communities, including legal advice, birth registration support, registration for early childhood and education services specifically, and information on issues such as gender-based violence (GBV) and child immunization.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*As a result of the Community Fair, 44 migrant children were registered with the LWC Education Team—34 at the Primary level and 10 at the Secondary level. Additionally, 97 individuals received food to support their families, 6 received on-the-spot legal assistance, and 97 met with the EMA to better understand best practices for recycling within their community.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
110 people

**Implementation date:**
May 27, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, Living Water Community, Environmental Management Authority (EMA)

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
126 people

**Implementation date:**
July 4th, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, La Casita

# World Refugee day in Longdenville

On July 4th, 2023, the community of Longdenville celebrated World Refugee Day with drawing activities for children and baseball and kicking ball shops for everyone. More than 120 people participated.

The activity consisted of a one-day sporting clinic held at the Santos Recreation Grounds. Youth in the community were taught the basics of Kicking Ball and participated in matches between themselves. Also, the game of Kikimbal attracted the community's attention because it is a different sport from the one practiced in Longdenville.

Moreover, the ICCS took advantage of the community presence to design a mural that would be implemented in the future at the Santos Recreational Ground Public space. The co-creation process captures symbols to be included in the mural that promote the integration between refugees, migrants, and members of the host community. Finally, in addition to the sporting and artistic activities, the project ICCS distributed hampers with food, clothes and aid first products to the Longdenville community.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*As a lesson learned, it is highlighted that it was the first time that multiple activities were held at Santos Recreational Ground where normally only cricket was played. This demonstrated to the community that the space could be used for multiple purposes.*

# Read Along day at Longdenville community center

In coordination with the Freely Give Foundation, Read Along Day was organized at the Longdenville Community Center. This event aimed to promote community interactions and reading practices, helping community members feel more comfortable and fostering a greater sense of belonging within the public space.

During the session, facilitators read children's books in both English and Spanish and encouraged community participation to discuss the lessons learned from the books. These discussions aimed to bridge gaps between refugees, migrants, and the host community.

Additionally, the session featured games that involved all participants, facilitating interaction between the Venezuelan and host communities. It was a fun day that contributed to strengthening community bonds and promoting integration.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*This activity created a safe and relaxed space for refugees, migrants, and the host community to interact and coexist. The participation of both the human mobility and host communities allowed for the identification of diverse perspectives and facilitated interactions during the implementation of games and recreational activities*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UNHCR

**Participants:**
70 people

**Implementation date:**
May 19, 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, UNHCR, La Casita

## 3.3 ACTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

A fundamental component of integration is the ability of communities to meet their basic needs through their own resources. That's why one of the key actions of the ICCS project is promoting entrepreneurship.

These initiatives aim to strengthen existing ventures as community assets and encourage the creation of new ventures. The goal is to stimulate production and consumption dynamics within the community and generate employment opportunities for the area's prosperity.

The strengthening of ventures involves formulating a territorial economic plan that outlines the actions to be taken with selected ventures, along with training workshops for ventures not included in the plan. These workshops focus on essential concepts for entrepreneurs and individuals seeking economic inclusion within the territory.

In Longdenville and Chaguanas, the ICCS project developed two technical tools to assess economic development possibilities for the migrant community: a Rapid Market Appraisal (RMA) and a Situational Analysis (SA).

## TERRITORIAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC PLAN FOR LONGDENVILLE, CHAGUANAS

Each micro-territory develops a plan to integrate refugee and migrant populations into its productive economic dynamics, aligning with the PIET and local socioeconomic inclusion programs. In Longdenville, Chaguanas, this plan is known as the Territorial Socio-economic Plan and is based on technical market studies that describe the state of labor demand, labor supply, and potential market niches within the area. These studies help define the training areas needed for each micro-territory.

In Longdenville, the Territorial Socio-economic Plan was implemented by IOM, UNHCR, and their implementing partner, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). The plan was executed in two phases: the first phase involved a Rapid Market Appraisal (RMA) and a Situational Analysis (SA) based on direct personal surveys. The second phase focused on fostering entrepreneurship initiatives, providing entrepreneurs with access to technical training, seed capital, and existing financing mechanisms, such as microcredits, to develop their economic projects.

## Phase 1. Rapid Market Appraisal (RMA) and Situational Analysis (SA)

In March 2022, IOM engaged a consultant to conduct a Rapid Market Appraisal (RMA) and a Situational Analysis (SA). The RMA identified job demand requirements, including both technical and soft skills, as well as the barriers and bottlenecks that hinder migrants' and refugees' access to the market. It also assessed their social and economic integration status and prospects in Chaguanas. The SA focused on the capacity of stakeholders to respond to and support the growing migrant population, the perception of migrants (including levels of xenophobia), and the degree of integration and inclusion (social cohesion and conflict prevention).

The consultants conducted 26 in-depth interviews with government officials, business/private sector representatives, and NGO stakeholders. They also surveyed 301 Venezuelan refugees and migrants, 46 business sector stakeholders, and seven training/educational institutions. Additionally, five focus groups were held—three with Venezuelan migrants and two with members of the host community.

## Phase 2. Generation of entrepreneurship initiatives and seed capital

PADF supplemented the findings from the focus group discussions by conducting additional interviews with business owners in Chaguanas, including members of the Chaguanas Business Chamber, to gather information on their needs and perspectives. Following this, PADF implemented a seven-week business planning and development course designed to equip entrepreneurs with the knowledge, skills, tailored mentorship, and funding needed to become independent and self-reliant wherever they may go.

A total of 22 entrepreneurs participated in the course, with some receiving funding to support their ventures. The course, delivered by GBest Trading Company Limited, covered topics such as the entrepreneurial mindset, value proposition, innovation, financial management, marketing strategies, business communications, and negotiation. Additionally, participants received tailored mentorship to help them analyze local market conditions and develop feasible, relevant, and sustainable business plans.

# 3.4 ACTIONS FOR CARE, PROTECTION, CARE AND PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Considering the vulnerability of refugee, migrant, and host communities, the ICCS project formulates and implements community-scale actions to meet primary or fundamental needs. These actions focus on providing information on accessing rights, health services, personal care, and violence mitigation, with a particular emphasis on gender-based violence (GBV) and legal advisory services for the Venezuelan community in human mobility, aiming to help them regularize their immigration status.

These actions are implemented at the TIU level to bring essential services closer to the target community and facilitate easier access to service provision. The activities carried out in this area in Longdenville, Chaguanas, are described below.



## Distribution of aid first products

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UNHCR, UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
126 people

**Implementation date:**
July 4th, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat,
UNHCR, La Casita

UNHCR and UN-Habitat distributed essential aid items to Venezuelan migrants and the host community at the Santos Recreational Ground. The UN agencies provided blankets, solar lamps, mosquito nets, mats, and kitchen sets, with distributions based on the number of family members in each household.

This activity positively impacted many families in the area, particularly those with varied needs and limited access to social care. To ensure equality and benefit both communities, attendance was open to all present during the distribution. As a result, the beneficiary population expressed receptivity, gratitude, and empathy. They also voiced concerns about activities that could further motivate integration.

Demonstrating their active involvement and commitment to integration, the community proposed a variety of activities, including sports, cultural events, and recreational activities. They also pledged to disseminate information about these initiatives throughout the neighborhood, further fostering integration.

### Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*This activity provided the community with in-kind support to facilitate their integration processes. It was especially beneficial for the Venezuelan community, many of whom work primarily in the informal sector and face challenges in accessing essential resources for their livelihoods.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UNHCR

**Participants:**
30 people

**Implementation date:**
May 27, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), Freely Give Foundation, UNHCR, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (UWI STA) Social Work Program

# Counseling Services at Longdenville Community Center

In a proactive response to the vulnerabilities identified during various community activities in Longdenville, PADF took the initiative to onboard two social workers. These professionals are dedicated to providing counseling services to refugees, asylum-seekers, migrants, and host community members. They also play a crucial role in making referrals to other service providers and UNHCR partners when specialized care is needed.

PADF, in collaboration with the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (UWI STA) Social Work Program, trained the social workers on the various referral pathways and available services. Notably, 90% of the individuals receiving counseling support and referrals are women.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*This activity contributed to stabilizing members of the Longdenville community without access to basic services. It especially contributed to the Venezuelan community since they don't have information on the procedures to access rights and services due to language gaps.*

# Community Outreach Members in Longdenville

UNHCR maintains a network of Community Outreach Members (COMs) composed of refugees and asylum seekers. This network provides essential two-way communication between UNHCR, its partners, and the community. The COMs play a key role in referring individuals to assistance programs and services, as well as disseminating information from UNHCR and its partners. Currently, there are 16 active COMs.

The Community Outreach actions aim to facilitate access to fundamental rights and services for the Venezuelan community, addressing existing gaps such as language barriers and lack of knowledge of the local context. These efforts will support Venezuelan communities by providing information on accessing adequate housing, employment opportunities, healthcare services, childcare and education, cultural and recreational activities, and opportunities for community participation.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The members of the COMs network played a crucial role in supporting UNHCR's Community-Based Protection strategy, primarily through outreach activities and by identifying community needs and potential solutions.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UNHCR

**Participants:**
16 people

**Implementation date:**
2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, La Casita

**Expected result:**
R5

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participating entities:**
2

**Implementation date:**
2022, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Entities and centers attached to the IntegrHa-bitat network

# IntegrHa-bitat centers in Chaguanas

As part of the ICCS action in the territory, two centers in Trinidad and Tobago have been incorporated into the Habitat Integration and Co-creation Centers network (IntegrHa-bitat). With the support of the IntegrHa-bitat network, these centers receive training for their staff to better serve refugees, migrants, and host communities in vulnerable conditions.

While not all centers within the IntegrHa-bitat network have a physical location in the territory, their activities are conducted within the community, aiming to provide services and development opportunities in the most disadvantaged areas.

In Trinidad and Tobago, the two accredited IntegrHa-bitat centers are La Casita Hispanic Cultural Center and Freely Give Foundation. Although the primary beneficiaries of the training are the staff at these centers, they are trained to replicate the principles of co-creation, thereby indirectly benefiting their broader

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The certification of the aforementioned centers as part of the IntegrHa-bitat network consolidates a network of support for the refugee, migrant, and host populations in the territory. It also contributes to establishing these centers or organizations as key agents of change and integration. This aligns with the ICCS project's exit strategy, promoting the sustainability of its actions through local ownership and involvement.*

**Consult the IntegrHa-bitat Network here**

# Language Adventure: Exploring Inclusive Cities in English and Spanish

This bilingual camp combined recreational and sports activities with English and Spanish learning, fostering integration and inclusion while making the educational process engaging and enjoyable.

The program featured basic vocabulary to help participants get to know their neighbors, describe situations, initiate conversations, and interact in a fun manner. Language learning was integrated into games, sports, musical activities, crafts, performing arts, and traditional dances, creating a dynamic and multicultural experience.

A special highlight of the camp was a knowledge-based competition held to celebrate International Refugee Day. Participants were divided into four age groups and rotated through various learning workshops. The competition involved mixed-age groups competing in traditional games, demonstrating their knowledge of languages, including colors, descriptions, greetings, and city vocabulary. The camp concluded with the creation of the Santos Recreational Ground Mural and a presentation of the skills learned, with participation from parents and neighbors.

These activities not only made learning more entertaining but also supported the holistic development of children and young people, providing a rich, multicultural, and inclusive experience.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The activity integrated linguistic and cultural learning through English and Spanish instruction, along with recreational and cultural activities such as sports, music, crafts, and performing arts. It promoted holistic development, social inclusion, teamwork, and cooperation. The camp concluded with the creation of a mural and a presentation, reinforcing both learning and community involvement.*

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
86 people

**Implementation date:**
June 15 and 16, 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
Longdenville Public school (next to the Santos recreational ground), La Casita Foundation, UN-Habitat

# HARTT: Transportation App

**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
30 people

**Implementation date:**
January-June 2024

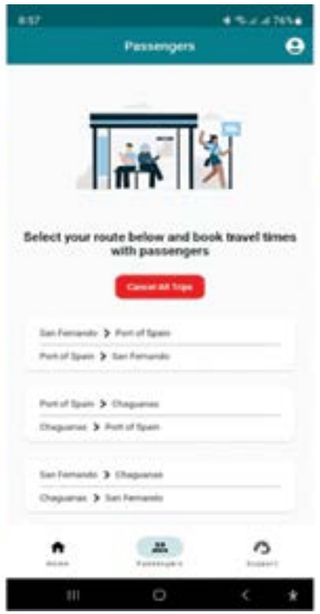
**Strategic actors and allies:**
Strategic actors and allies: Humanitarian Association of the Republic of T & T (HARTT)

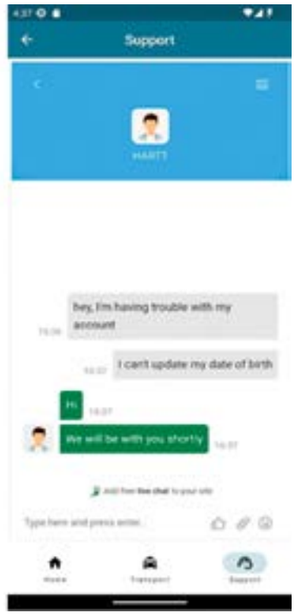
UN-Habitat collaborated with the Humanitarian Association of the Republic of T & T (HARTT) to implement three initiatives in the Longdenville area of Chaguanas aimed at improving public transportation.

These initiatives included:i) Community Outreach and Public Transport App Rollout: This involved conducting community surveys, engaging with stakeholders, and developing the D'Corner app for drivers and passengers.ii) Public Transport Community Campaign and Mapping Catalogue: This focused on raising awareness about public transportation, creating a community map, and sharing it with key stakeholders. iii) Launch of the D'Corner App: This initiative aims to improve public transportation efficiency and reduce environmental impact. Through the app, drivers can better understand transportation demand, while passengers can communicate their travel intentions. The app also integrates community data and mapping to provide accurate information.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*These initiatives successfully fostered greater community awareness of public transportation issues, enhanced community engagement and participation, improved accessibility to community resources, and laid a strong foundation for future transportation projects. To ensure the project's long-term sustainability, it is essential to strengthen organizational capacity within the community's transportation system and increase participation from the Venezuelan community. By effectively addressing these challenges, the project can continue to have a positive impact on public transportation in Chaguanas.*



## 3.5 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIAL ACTORS

ICCS implements actions to strengthen the capacities of territorial actors with two main objectives. First, it aims to enhance communities' ability to meet their own needs through improved coordination and collaboration. This approach effectively addresses the spatial, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of the community without requiring systemic or infrastructure interventions.

Second, the project focuses on building the capacities of territorial actors, including local governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, and academia. The goal is for these actors to take ownership of ICCS actions and continue them beyond the project's closure. By bolstering the capabilities of local authorities in territorial integration, ICCS promotes the inclusion of these concepts in public agendas and encourages the development of policies, plans, and projects that incorporate this approach in the medium and long term.



# Webinar on Public spaces in Trinidad and Tobago: Accessibility, Safety, and Opportunities for Social Integration

On November 1, 2021, a webinar highlighted the potential of public spaces in fostering socio-cultural integration, particularly focusing on the medium- and long-term integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants. The event featured contributions from national and regional experts and attracted over 40 participants, including national and local government officials, academics, and representatives from civil society organizations.

Olenka Ochoa from UN-Habitat discussed the concept of urban security, emphasizing that a sense of safety in public spaces is crucial for achieving social integration. She argued that the notion of security should evolve from traditional perspectives centered on crime and violence prevention to a more holistic approach that includes the planning and governance of public spaces.

Following this, Samantha Chadee from the University of Trinidad & Tobago reflected on the challenges and benefits of public spaces, showcasing examples such as Queen's Park Savannah and the Royal Botanic Gardens. These spaces are notable for their ability to foster social interaction among diverse demographic groups in safe and accessible environments. Vidya Lall, also from the University of Trinidad & Tobago, concluded by underscoring the direct relationship between security and public space, noting that community presence in public areas reduces fear, insecurity, and crime.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Samantha Chadee from the University of Trinidad & Tobago highlighted several positive impacts of public spaces. These include contributions to food security, the facilitation of active mobility, promotion of social exchange, provision of environmental regulation services, improvement of mental health and well-being, and reduction of criminal activity. Additionally, green spaces help reduce cities' vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and decrease their carbon footprint.*

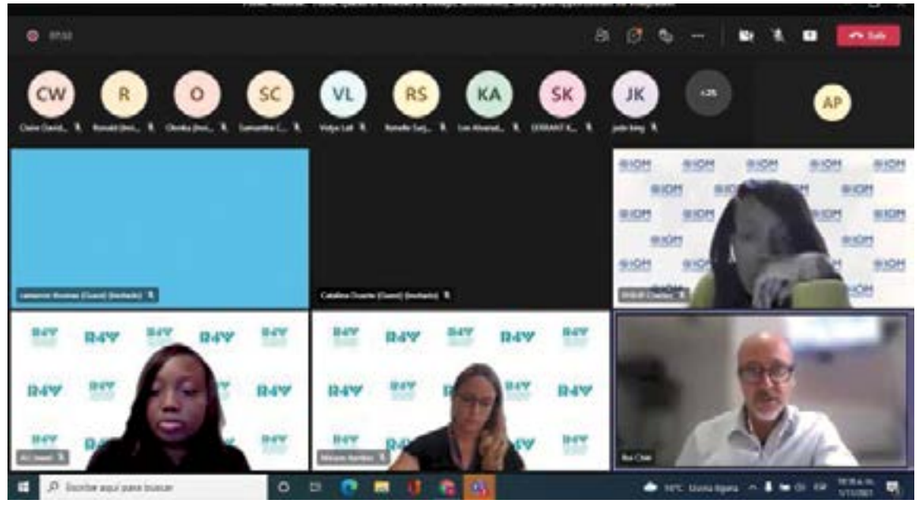
**Expected result:**
R4

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
40 people

**Implementation date:**
November 1st, 2021

**Strategic actors and allies:**
IOM, UNHCR, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of T&T, Society of Urban Planners of T&T, R4V, University of T&T, Urban Thinkers Campus- Peru FEMUM ALC, Civil Society Group



**Expected result:**
R3

**Leader agency:**
UNHCR

**Participants:**
119 people

**Implementation date:**
June, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UNCHR, PADF, Longdenville Community Centre, Family Intervention Centre

# Academic and extracurricular activities with PADF

In collaboration with the PADF, the ICCS project implemented activities aimed at strengthening the capabilities of refugee, migrant, and host community children and youth to accelerate integration processes. Among these activities, PADF, in partnership with Freely Give Foundation and with support from the ICCS project, carried out both academic and extracurricular programs.

Recognizing the educational challenges faced by Venezuelan children in Trinidad and Tobago due to their legal status, the ICCS project created a unique learning environment. This initiative not only provides a safe and inclusive space for continued learning but also encourages interaction with children from the host community, fostering integration.

A total of 119 refugee, migrant, and host community children have registered and participated in the homework center, as well as in sports and cultural activities at the Longdenville Community Centre and Family Intervention Centre. Of these 119 children, 62 are girls and 57 are boys. Additionally, remedial classes, taught by a bilingual teacher, began in September for primary school children needing extra support to reach learning milestones.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Although this initiative does not replace formal education for Venezuelan children, it enables them to build social connections that will support their integration, particularly by helping them learn English as their new language.*

**Expected result:**
R2

**Leader agency:**
IOM

**Participants:**
37 people

**Implementation date:**
July – September 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
IOM, Police Youth Club

# Sustainable Hydroponic Agriculture Programme for young Entrepreneurs SHAPE

The Sustainable Hydroponics Agriculture Program for Young Entrepreneurs (SHAPE) was launched as a pilot project from July to September 2022 to develop the skillsets of vulnerable refugees, migrants, and local youth through training in traditional agriculture and hydroculture operation and management.

The project's goal was to make vulnerable youth more employable and financially secure. By increasing income levels, participants would be better able to provide for themselves and their families, reducing the likelihood of engaging in criminal activity. Ultimately, the project aimed to promote community partnership and enhance public safety.

A total of 37 Venezuelan refugees, migrants, and at-risk local youth were trained in setting up and using hydroponic systems and traditional, sustainable agricultural practices. These skills were applied to harvest crops on a designated plot of land located at Brechin Castle, Rivulet Road, Couva. The project fostered a community-based participatory approach, which helped promote social cohesion and integration among Venezuelan refugees, migrants, and nationals of Trinidad and Tobago, while simultaneously empowering them. The graduation ceremony for this project was held on September 23, 2022, at the PSL Building, Couva Main Road, Couva.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The 37 participants in this project also benefited from financial management and sales training. They were able to sell the crops they grew, including lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, and others, within the local community.*

# Personal and Community Safety Project

**Expected result:**

R4

**Leader agency:**

IOM

**Participants:**

55 people

**Implementation date:**

June to September 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**

IOM, Amethyst School of Martial Arts (ASMA), Security Training Academy

The Personal and Community Safety Project in Chaguanas aimed to provide empowerment-based self-defense training to 55 Venezuelan refugees, migrants, and local women in the Chaguanas area. This initiative also included a specialized training component for 15 female entrepreneurs in the community.

The training was designed to equip women with the skills necessary to defend themselves in the event of an assault, thereby reducing violence against women. It addressed a spectrum of assaults that women may face, ranging from minor irritations to life-threatening situations. The program also focused on teaching women how to better identify and interrupt potential threats before they escalate into physical confrontations. This included training on environmental awareness, recognizing signs of aggression in others, understanding assailant tactics, and developing assertiveness, boundary-setting, and healthy relationship skills.

The graduation ceremony for the participants in the Personal and Community Safety Project was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at the Enterprise Government Primary School. The program was implemented by the Amethyst School of Martial Arts (ASMA) and Security Training Academy from June to September 2022 and also accommodated women from the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. The ceremony was hosted by a local media personality and featured an address by Alderman Stacey Murphy of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The motto for this Project was "SafHER, StronHER, TogetHER". It benefited 12 Venezuelan women and 43 women and girls from the host community as both communities feel threatened by the violence against women and feel insecure in public spaces.*

# Webinar Engaging vulnerable populations in the decision-making process- techniques in fostering more inclusive governance in the Chaguanas Borough

**Expected result:**

R4

**Leader agency:**

UN-Habitat

**Participants:**

11 people

**Implementation date:**

October 26 th, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**

UNHCR, Drama Making a Difference (DMAD), Chaguanas Municipality, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Trinidad and Tobago

The webinar "Engaging vulnerable populations in the decision-making process—techniques in fostering more inclusive governance in the Chaguanas Borough" aimed to strengthen the capacities of local government officials in Chaguanas to involve vulnerable populations and promote Inclusive Governance.

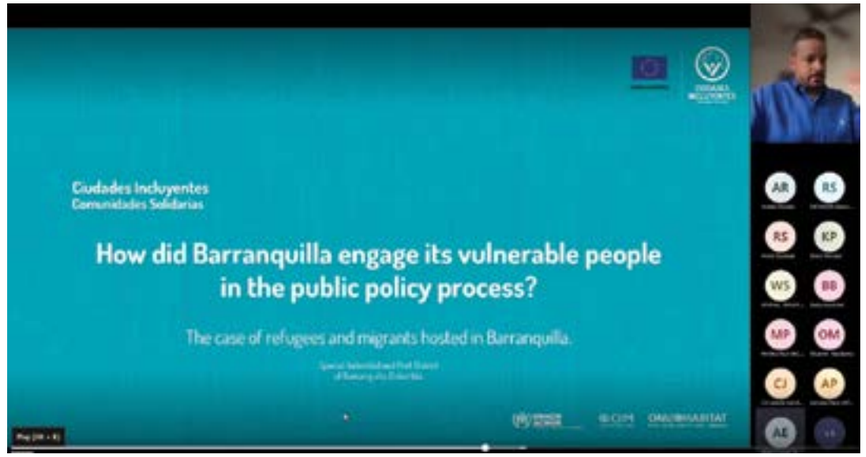
Within the framework of the co-creation workshops with the Longdenville communities developed during August 2022, members of the Venezuelan refugee and migrant communities and the host community expressed the difficulty of conveying their concerns, comments, and concerns to local and national governments.

Thus, this training day offered governments techniques for involving the population and encouraging inclusion in all community sectors. The following panels were developed in the webinar:

- Participatory diagnoses as a key factor in public policy decision-making.
- Design and implementation of inclusive activities: considering the intersections in vulnerabilities.
- Techniques used when relating to vulnerable populations: the example of DMAD.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The workshop offered tools to encourage dialogue between community members and authorities, which can foster engagement, promote work with cultural and linguistic barriers, incorporate feedback into public policies and programs, and incorporate evaluation methods and monitoring tools to foster inclusion better.*



**Expected result:**
R4

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
11 people

**Implementation date:**
May 20, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, Living Water Community

# Computer Literacy Workshop

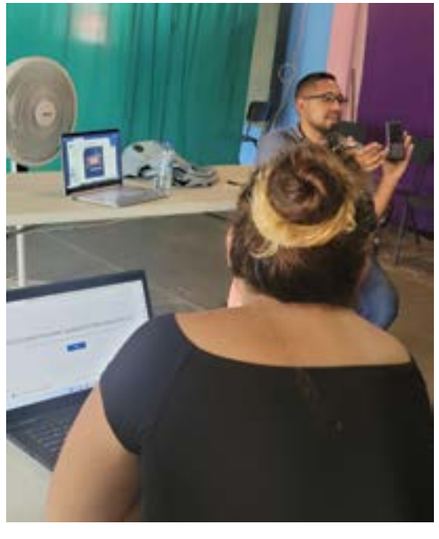
The one-day digital literacy workshop in Longdenville aimed to support parent-to-child educational development by empowering participants with basic computer literacy and highlighting the importance of digital technology. This workshop was implemented with the support of (Living Water Community) LWC.

The initiative provided basic computer literacy training to nine individuals and empowered two additional members of the refugee and migrant community to work as Computer Literacy trainers. A member of the Venezuelan community, qualified in Information Technology, developed and facilitated the course. The program had a significant impact, educating a total of eleven individuals—eight refugees and migrants, and three nationals—demonstrating its success in fostering integration. The two migrant facilitators, trained to assist the primary facilitator, played a crucial role in teaching both Venezuelans and host community members, thus promoting organic integration. To ensure sustained impact, these trained facilitators continued to provide ongoing assistance to parents seeking IT support, empowering them and building their confidence to assist with their children's educational development.

In the long term, the course achieved a key outcome: establishing a digital presence via an email address. This simple yet essential step will provide participants with access to critical tools for job applications, enrolling their children in virtual education platforms, and managing other day-to-day activities in an increasingly digital world.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Community participation varies from event to event. To address this challenge, the team developed targeted advertisements and distributed flyers to council members and residents within the community. Ensuring the visibility of actions implemented under the project's framework is crucial for achieving community participation and promoting social cohesion between both communities.*



# Safety and Public Spaces: Gender Integration and Leveraging Participatory Design for Inclusive Cities

**Expected result:**
R4

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
30 people

**Implementation date:**
June 9, 2023

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, Chagaunas Borought Corporation

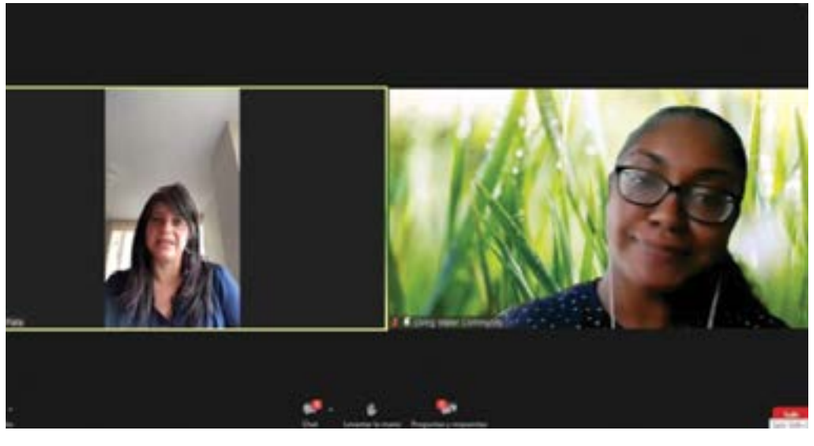
The virtual workshop "Safety and Public Spaces: Gender Integration and Leveraging Participatory Design for Inclusive Cities" took place on June 9, 2023. Starting at 10:00 a.m. and lasting for two hours, the event involved local government officials. Its aim was to encourage the participation of the Chaguanas district and community representatives, promoting greater collaboration between state officials and community leaders to enhance the safety of public spaces.

The opening remarks were given by Faaiq Mohammed, Mayor of Chaguanas. Adriana Plata, Program Specialist for UN-Habitat Andean Countries, then spoke, sharing perspectives and innovations in urban planning. She presented UN-Habitat's Her City Toolbox application, a powerful resource offering a range of tools to ensure gender equality in the design of public spaces and urban planning. This tool empowers women's participation through the enforcement of legal policies and social prevention, providing a comprehensive approach to gender integration.

Renelle Sarjeant of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and Safaa Charafi, architect, urban planner, and researcher, also addressed the topic of public spaces. Andrew Seepersad, Director of the Business Design Initiative, explained participatory design and conducted a brief exercise. The workshop concluded with a session for feedback and comments from all participants.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*The workshop facilitated a fruitful dialogue among various parties on how community leaders can promote safe public spaces and enhance the community's sense of belonging and security through future engagement activities. The event also provided a deeper understanding of tactical urbanism and explored various approaches to it.*



**Expected result:**
R4

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
50 people

**Implementation date:**
March 6, 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UN-Habitat, R4V, UNHCR, IOM

# ICCS presentation at the R4V national platform launch

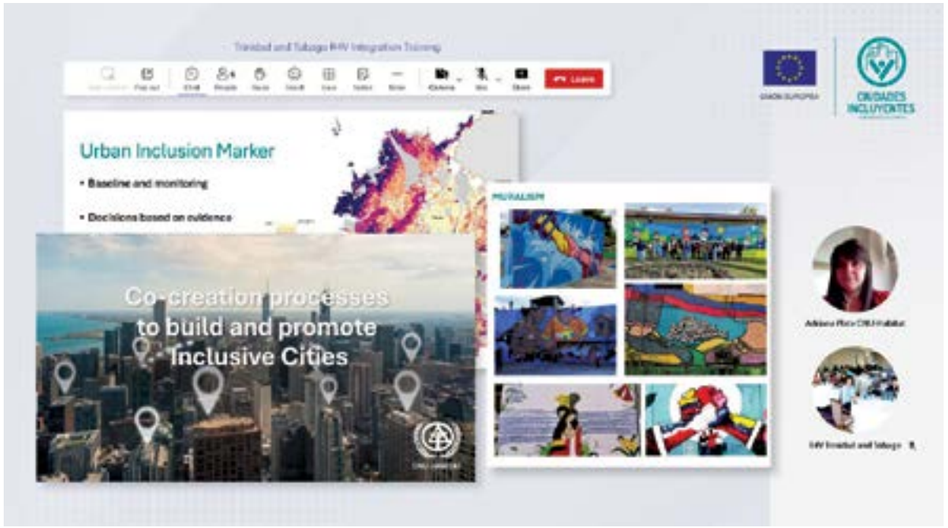
Taking advantage of the recently established national R4V platform for Chaguanas, the ICCS team presented the ICCS project and the tools it has designed and implemented to foster the integration of refugees and migrants with host communities in the medium and long term.

The presentation covered several topics, including tools such as the Urban Inclusion Marker, the tactical urbanism process, murals, and co-creation processes. The ICCS project showcased the progress made in Chaguanas and the TIU Longdenville community using these tools. It was emphasized that medium- and long-term integration is achievable only when actions go beyond humanitarian aid and focus on community stabilization and integration. In this context, co-creation processes are a valuable tool for identifying community needs, addressing differential access to services and opportunities for the human mobility community, and proposing tailored solutions that leverage territorial assets to promote integration.

In Chaguanas, the co-creation process was specifically developed to formulate the Territorial-Scale Intervention Plan and the tactical urbanism interventions.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*This space provided an opportunity to disseminate the principles of the ICCS project's actions while transferring the tools to R4V members of the Trinidad and Tobago national platform. These stakeholders are currently implementing actions on the ground and have the capacity to continue the work initiated by the ICCS project.*



# 04 CONSTRUCTION OF NARRATIVES IN FAVOR OF HUMAN MOBILITY

ICCS actions are reinforced by creating positive narratives about human mobility and its impact on the territory, aimed at countering preconceptions or negative messages within the host community. To achieve this, actions are developed at the neighborhood, city, country, and regional levels.

The document systematizing regional actions highlights the impact of the ICCS project's digital platforms and their effectiveness in promoting positive messages about human mobility. Additionally, ICCS elevates the role of notable community leaders, recognizing them as Community Champions to inspire new leadership and empower existing leaders.

The section below details the actions developed at the local level to promote positive messages and to frame human mobility as a territorial asset rather than a burden on the system.



## 4.1 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

As part of the ICCS action, "Community Champions" are defined in each city. These are leaders who have implemented notable actions for the development of their community. ICCS recognizes these people to value and motivate their action in the territory, as well as motivate potential leaders to become these figures. These figures for Trinidad and Tobago are presented below.

*Andreina Briceño*
*Venezuela*

https://en.ciudadesincluyentes.org/2023/07/14/building-a-new-home/

Andreina Briceño is among the many Venezuelan women who have chosen Trinidad and Tobago as their new home. Through La Casita Centro Cultural Hispano, she actively facilitates gatherings that foster integration and solidarity between her compatriots and Trinidadians. Andreina's generosity extends to her community, and she has adeptly confronted xenophobia by establishing inclusive spaces that welcome everyone. With a heart committed to unity, Andreina has effectively harnessed the power of cultural exchange and open dialogue, creating an environment where Venezuelan and Trinidadian cultures converge harmoniously.

The activities organized under her guidance at La Casita Centro Cultural Hispano serve as a bridge that transcends national boundaries, fostering connections, friendships and shared understanding.Andreina's role as a catalyst for positive change extends beyond cultural integration. By being a vocal advocate for inclusivity and actively creating spaces where differences are embraced, she plays a crucial role in shaping a future where diversity is celebrated and unity is at the forefront.Andreina's dedication exemplifies the transformative potential of grassroots initiatives. Her determination to overcome challenges, build bridges, and promote understanding has made her vital to realizing a more inclusive and harmonious society in Chaguanas.

# 05 EXCHANGE OF RESULTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALLIANCES IN FAVOR OF INTEGRATION

As part of the ICCS project's sustainability strategy, events and spaces for dialogue are organized with various territorial actors to empower them and encourage their involvement in activities focused on integrating the population with a territorial perspective.

These events aim to incorporate strategic integration themes into the public agenda, ensuring they are included in plans, policies, and programs. Additionally, these spaces foster the development of connections and alliances among actors, promoting coordinated actions to address human mobility holistically and transform it into an asset for the territory. Finally, the events and dialogue spaces facilitate the visibility of good practices within the region, enabling them to be adapted and replicated at the local level.



## Presentation of IntegrHa-bitat network

The objective of this webinar was to introduce the IntegrHa-bitat Network to organizations in Trinidad and Tobago interested in assisting vulnerable groups, with a particular focus on Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

Isabel Tafur, Coordinator of IntegrHa-bitat, presented the Network, discussing its mission and objectives both within and beyond the ICCS project. Guest presenter Verónica Sánchez from Casa Somos in Ecuador introduced her NGO and shared the impact of being part of the Network on her organization's growth and its commitment to serving vulnerable populations.

This webinar was made possible by a prior mapping exercise, which identified numerous local and national stakeholders. During the mapping, many organizations expressed interest in enhancing their approaches to supporting vulnerable communities, including Venezuelan refugees and migrants, who make up between 84% and 87% of the vulnerable migrant population in Trinidad and Tobago.

From this list, 22 organizations that met the IntegrHa-bitat Network's criteria were identified and invited to the webinar. Five organizations attended the session, and an additional organization requested the recorded session and registration information to benefit from the Network.

### Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Following the introductory webinar on the IntegrHa-bitat Network, two organizations from Trinidad and Tobago registered to join the Network. This interest was partly fueled by the insights gained from Casa Somos in Ecuador, which highlighted the benefits of Network participation. During the Q&A session, there was particular interest in networking beyond the Caribbean, as it could facilitate the exchange of diverse cultural perspectives and lived experiences.*

**Expected result:**
R2

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
7 people

**Implementation date:**
August 23th, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
ONU-Habitat, CAISO, La Casita, CEDAW, Families in Action, Freely Give Foundation, Longdenville Village Council

**Expected result:**
R5

**Leader agency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
20 people

**Implementation date:**
May 20, 2024

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UNHCR, IOM, EU Trinidad and Tobago, Mayor's Office of Chaguanas, The Chaguanas Bureau, La Casita

# Inclusive Cities Forum in Trinidad and Tobago

This event demonstrated the global significance of the issues discussed, with approximately 20 representatives from local and international institutions in attendance. These included the European Union Delegation, the Mayor of Chaguanas, the Chaguanas Bureau, PADF, La Casita, and the Ministry of Planning and Development, among others.

The agenda began with a welcoming words from the European Union Delegation in Trinidad and Tobago, which highlighted its cooperative efforts around human mobility and support for host communities. The Mayor of Chaguanas then described the community's experience with the ICCS project, emphasizing changes in public spaces and citizen collaboration. Following this, the Councilor of the Chaguanas Bureau reaffirmed the community's commitment to ongoing public space interventions aimed at improving living conditions.

The dialogue panel, titled "Exchange of Good Practices and Positive Experiences on Territorial Integration from the Community Perspective," followed the opening remarks. Panelists shared their experiences in transforming public spaces, stressing the importance of community involvement and centering people in these initiatives. These efforts have enabled Trinidadians and human mobility communities to share public spaces, fostering a sense of unity and integration. To conclude the high-level dialogue, La Casita presented a musical exhibition titled "Harmony in Diversity: A Musical Journey for Children," featuring 13 Venezuelan childrens who performed songs in English learned in camps organized by the foundation in Chaguanas.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*During the event, over 63 activities related to capacity development, socio-cultural, and sports initiatives in Longdenville were shared, all aimed at promoting social cohesion and solidarity with implementing partners such as PADF and La Casita. Additionally, the forum featured a public presentation by 15 Venezuelan children, who performed in English for the first time. This opportunity empowered them with new skills in arts and performance.*

**Expected result:**
R5

**Leaderagency:**
UN-Habitat

**Participants:**
17 people

**Implementation date:**
August 8, 2022

**Strategic actors and allies:**
UNHCR, IOM, Longdenville City Council, Freely Give Foundation

# Co-creation workshop with the Longdenville community

Two co-creation workshops were held on August 6 and 7, 2022, with the host community and Venezuelan refugees and migrants from the Longdenville community. The goal of these workshops was to receive direct perspectives and feedback from community members regarding six topic areas: health and wellness, education and culture, public space and security, economic opportunities and employment, housing and basic services, and inclusive governance.

On both days, community members freely shared their problems in the six areas of the Urban Inclusion Marker and devised various ideas to address them. The Venezuelan participants shared the insecurity that Venezuelan women face when using public transportation, the violence and xenophobia they experience, their difficulties in accessing adequate housing, and the high cost of living in the country due to unfair employment practices exercised by businesses.

This exercise provided information that complemented the completion of the Territorial Implementation Plan and helped identify the next steps and activities to be undertaken in conjunction with the Longdenville community to foster inclusion in the area.

## Learnings, challenges, and impacts

*Based on this workshop, the Territorial Scale Intervention Plan was formulated, which carefully considered the obstacles identified by the members of Longdenville. Twenty-three activities were identified as implementable through the ICCS project, thirteen could be done in partnership with local stakeholder leadership, and twenty-five would have to be done outside the project's scope. In addition, members of the Longdenville City Council and the community appreciated the exercise and expressed interest in replicating it.*

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