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Guate's Wrap-up

Our impact last month

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022:

Whoever, wherever, whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety.

On June 20, the world comes together to celebrate and commemorate people forced to flee all over the globe. **World Refugee Day (WRD)** was held globally for the first time on June 20, 2001, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

WRD is a special occasion to mobilize support and advocate for refugees' rights, needs, and protection worldwide. Every year, UNHCR, our partners and donors, stand together to build empathy and understanding for refugees and recognize their resilience.

UNHCR in Guatemala joined worldwide celebrations of World Refugee Day, highlighting the opportunity of **#StartingOverInGuate** through the right to seek safety, promoting awareness, and strengthening unity between the host communities and the refugee population.

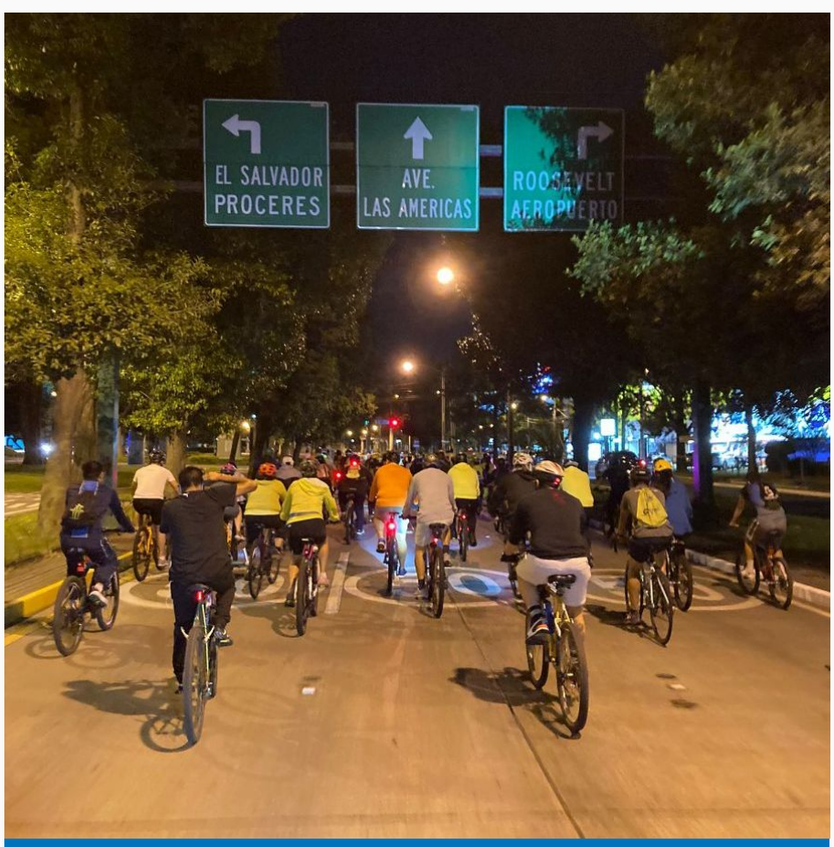
Catch a glimpse of how Guatemala commemorated people forced to flee all over the country:

WORLD REFUGEE DAY IN 10 PHOTOS

In Guatemala City, with the support of the Spanish Cultural Center, UNHCR held a protocol act with high-level authorities, where attendees enjoyed a concert by the Ri Nab'ey Qach'abal Association symphony. The event was attended by several government officials, reiterating their support towards the protection and inclusion of refugees.

In Petén, refugees, asylum-seekers, and the local community shared a day full of art, culture, and folklore in the city of Flores. Attendees enjoyed a beautiful exhibition of portraits and art pieces, the live painting of a mural that represents refugees in Guatemala, and dance performances.

In Huehuetenango, the local community ran 4k, promoting the right of refugees to seek safety through a family-friendly event in downtown Huehue. Integration through the race was followed by a cultural fair filled with food stands and space for refugees to promote their businesses.



In Guatemala City, pacific coexistence and the promotion of integration also had a spotlight during WRD activities with a bicycle tour organized by the Municipality throughout the city, where hundreds of participants learned about international protection and the rights of refugees.

In **Izabal**, UNHCR supported the first Model United Nations organized by the local branch of the University of San Carlos. Students discussed global priorities and learned about diplomacy, international relations, and the role of the United Nations.

In **Esquipulas,** WRD commemorations started big with a sports rally and football matches to promote local integration of refugees into their host communities.

In Tecún Umán, UNHCR and the local community of Ayutla celebrated World Refugee Day with the inauguration of Ayutla Explorer, a sports park with children's games and outdoor fitness machines, a common space for the host community and refugees who are looking to #StartOverinGuate.

In **Guatemala City**, economic integration and labor inclusion of the people we serve were promoted through an encounter with representatives of the private sector. UNHCR highlighted the importance of sustainable livelihoods and creating opportunities for refugees to #StartOverInGuate.

In **Quetzaltenango,** sustainable livelihoods and refugee entrepreneurship spirit were celebrated in the "Starting Over Festival," where attendees could buy from local businesses and learn about their stories!

In Jutiapa, UNHCR and its partners organized an information fair on the right to seek safety. The local community learned about international protection, refugee rights, and the services provided by UNHCR.

These commemorations throughout the country marked an essential step in the sensibilization of the host community and of key actors on the the right of refugees to seek safety – spreading the message that the people forced to flee need an opportunity to **#StartOverinGuate.**

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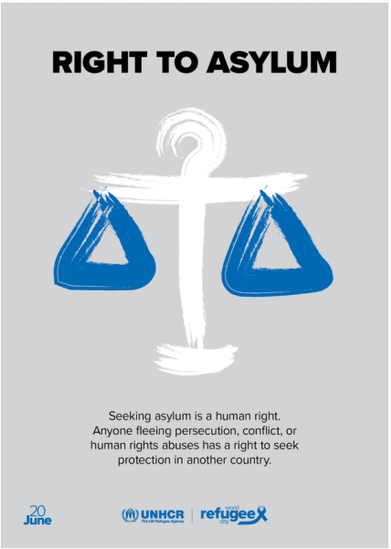

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Funded: 7.4 million USD (17%)	Unfunded: 35.1 million USD (83%)

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