



Blossom Inc.

BLOSSOM INCORPORATED CHILD ADVOCACY CENTRES & EXTENDED SERVICES

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



A decade of Empowerment, Support and Advocacy. Celebrating 10 Years of Impact.

Vision Statement

Creating safe and Supportive Communities for every child.

Mission Statement

Blossom Inc.'s mission is to respond, deliver and promote effective interventions and education services to children and families affected by sexual violence and exploitation.



From our Managing Director



Decade of Empowerment, Support, and Advocacy

As we commemorate ten years of transformative service at Blossom Incorporated, I am filled with profound gratitude and solemn reflection. This milestone is a marker of time passed and a demonstration to an unrelenting commitment, a commitment to empower the vulnerable, support the voiceless, and advocate for justice in the face of violence, trauma, and systemic neglect.

When Blossom Inc. first opened its doors in 2014, we could not have anticipated the full breadth of the work ahead. What began as a modest endeavour to offer trauma-informed therapeutic support has evolved into a nationwide network of eight Child Advocacy Centres, reaching more than 8,000 children and families across Guyana. These numbers, while indicative of our reach, tell only part of the story. Behind every referral, every forensic interview, every therapy session, lies a deeply human narrative of resilience, survival, and, ultimately, hope.

Our ethos has always been rooted in evidence-based practice, local relevance, and courageous innovation. Over the past decade, Blossom Inc. has led the charge in adapting international clinical models, such as Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy with our cultural context, ensuring that healing is both clinically sound and culturally resonant. We have pioneered integrated support systems where law enforcement, child protection, mental health, and judicial services converge to serve the best interests of the child.

Yet, our work has never been limited to service delivery alone. We have persistently agitated for structural change. Our advocacy contributed to the establishment of Guyana's Sexual Offences Courts and the decentralisation of services to hinterland regions. We have trained hundreds of frontline professionals, reached thousands through outreach and education, and pushed the boundaries of what it means to respond compassionately and effectively to child sexual abuse.

Throughout this journey, we have also learned the necessity of caring for those who care for others. In recent years, we have embedded self-care into the heart of our organisational culture, because a traumatised workforce cannot be expected to carry the weight of a traumatised nation. Our promise to our staff has been clear: your well-being is a strategic priority, not a peripheral concern.

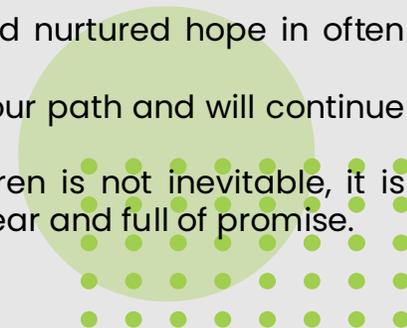
To our funders, both national and international, thank you for your faith in our mission. Your support has enabled us to reach into the most remote corners of this country, to provide sanctuary where there was none, and to walk alongside survivors as they reclaim their futures.

To Team Blossom, you are the embodiment of courage and compassion. You have sat with pain, advocated for justice, and nurtured hope in often overwhelming circumstances. You are not only professionals; you are nation-builders.

And finally, to the children and families we have had the privilege to serve, thank you for your trust. Your strength has shaped our path and will continue to define our future.

As we enter the next chapter, we do so with humility and resolve. The task ahead remains urgent. Violence against children is not inevitable, it is preventable. With continued innovation, collaboration, and tenacity, we can build a Guyana where every child grows free from fear and full of promise.

Here's to a decade of impact and to the many more that must follow.





Interventions and Preventions

Multidisciplinary Team

**Training & Staff
Development**

Forensic Interviews

Prevention and Education

Victim Support Services

**Migrant & Host
Community Services**

Therapy Services

Trauma-focused-cognitive behavioral therapy &
psychosocial support

Multidisciplinary Team – MDT

The Multidisciplinary Team works in a collaborative fashion to effectively respond to victim exploitation and abuse.

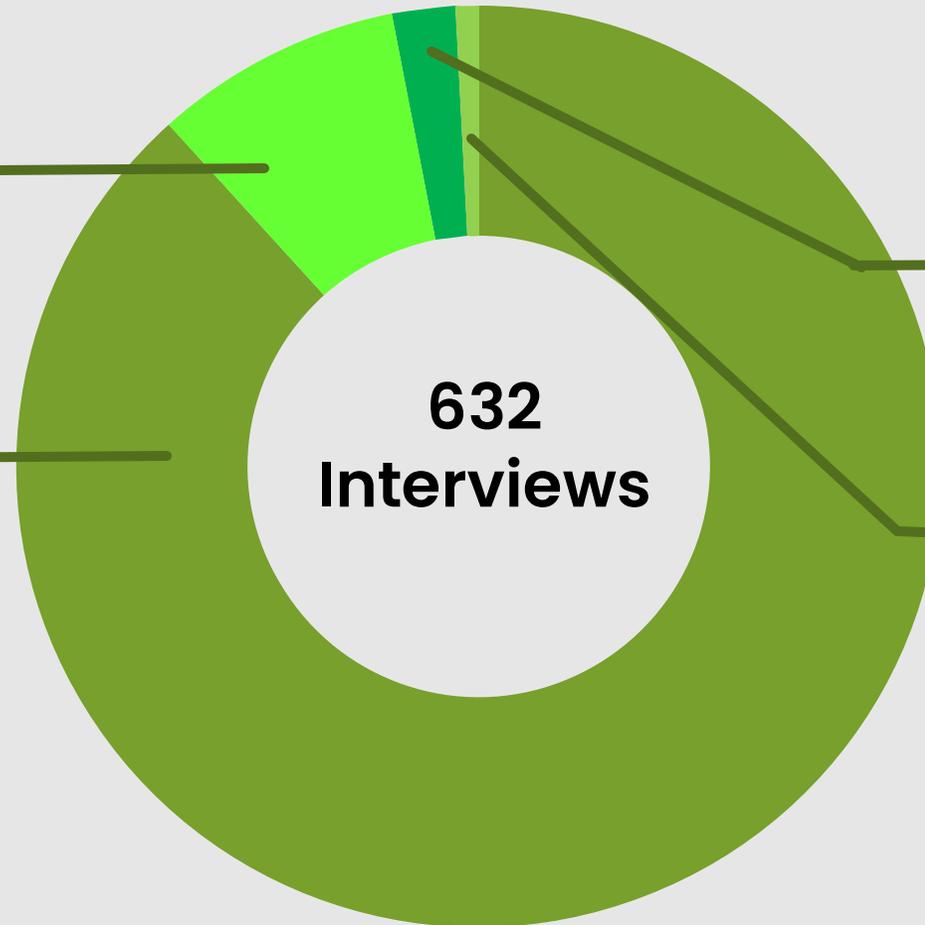
- 1 National MDT held in 2024.
- 4 Regional MDT meetings were held in Regions 2,4,7 & 10.

Forensic Interviews

Forensic interviews are conducted on victims who have experienced or witnessed acts of sexual violence and exploitation.

55 Extended/further forensic interviews were conducted.

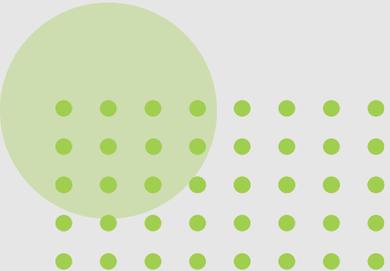
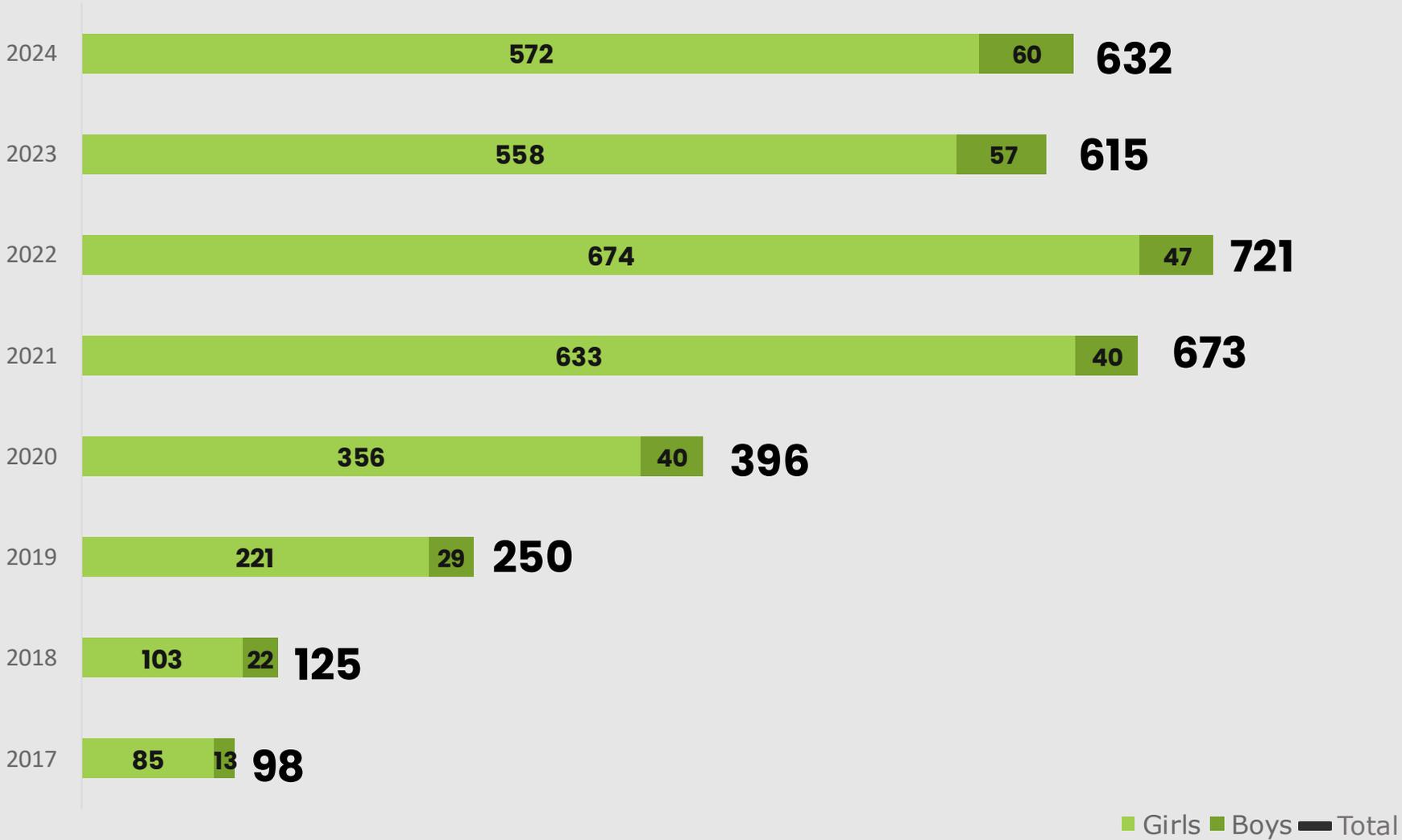
558 Forensic interviews were conducted with children who are victims of child abuse



14 Forensic interviews were conducted with 'special victims' who suffered from sexual violence and exploitation.

5 Witness interviews were conducted with children who have witnessed some form of violence.

Forensic Interviews Conducted Between 2017-2024



■ Girls ■ Boys ■ Total

Therapy Services

Children and families who are affected by trauma are referred to Blossom Inc. for therapy services.

Blossom Inc. provides Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy & Psychosocial Support.

171 Cases were closed for clients that have completed, are not compatible, or declined Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

191 Therapy sessions were provided to 26 youth offenders, including juveniles from the previous year, at the Juvenile Holding Centre.

486 In-Person sessions were provided to children and families.

374 Referrals were received from the Childcare & Protection Agency.

131 Children & families commenced Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

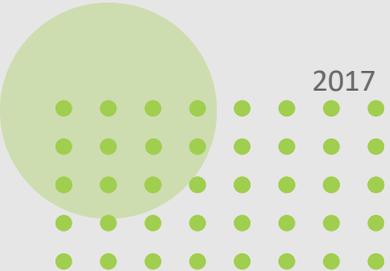
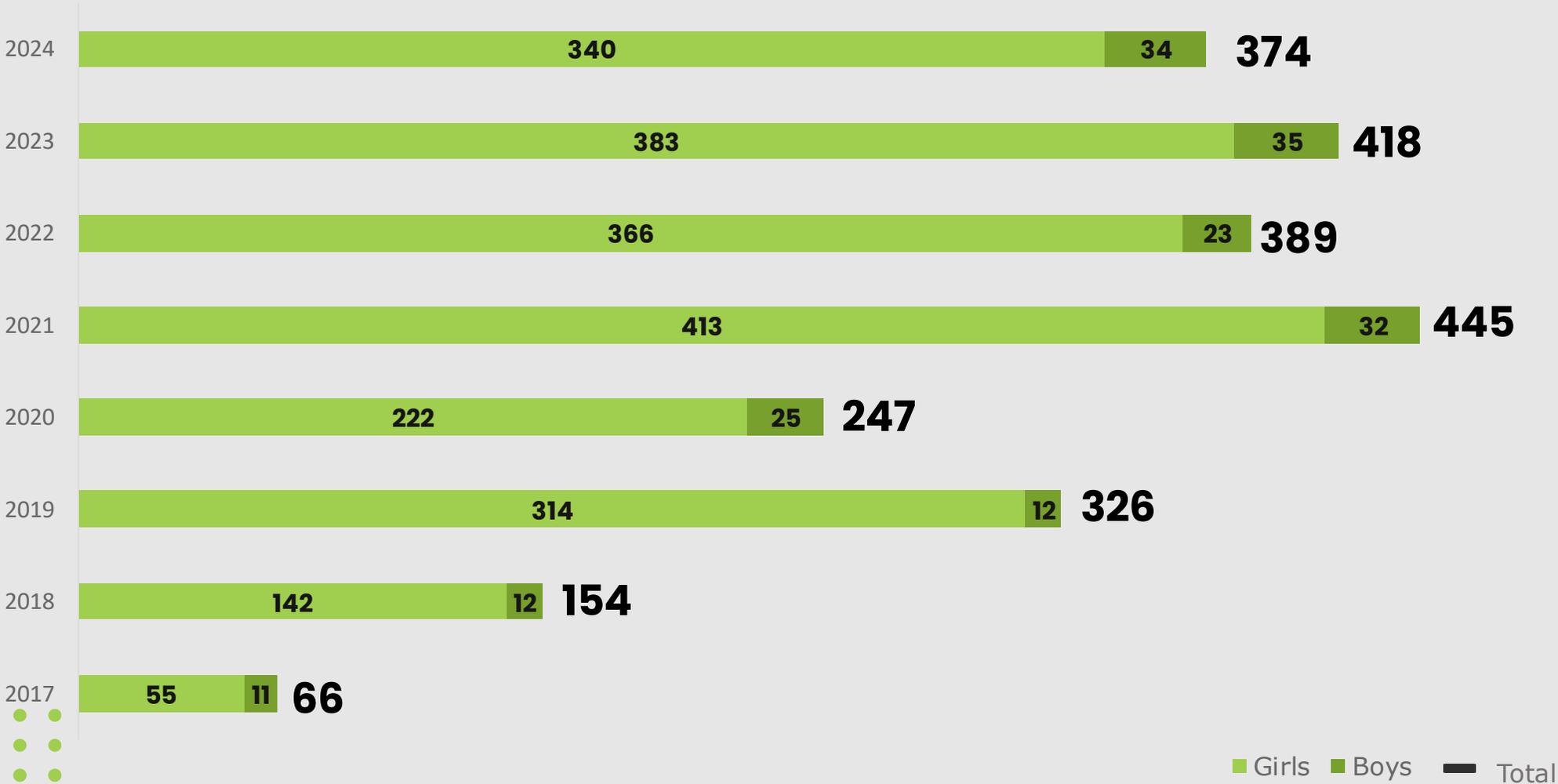
17 Referrals were received from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

19 Children and families completed Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

323 Weekly Tele-psychosocial support sessions were done with children and their families.



Therapy Referrals Received Between 2017-2024



Girls Boys Total

Victim Support Services

108 children & families were provided with court support at the Magistrate & Sexual Offences (High) Court.

16 convictions handed down at the Sexual Offences Court for Blossom's clients.

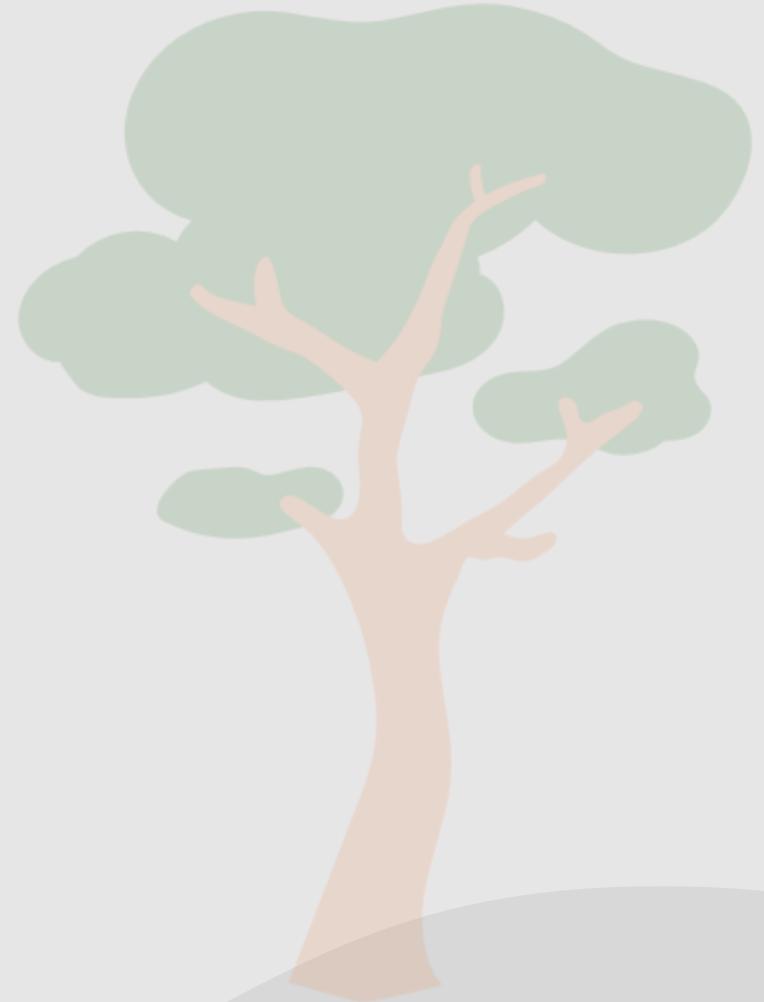
14 not guilty verdicts handed down at Magistrate & the Sexual Offences Court.

33 hung verdicts arrived at the Sexual Offences Court.

9 cases were dismissed at the Court.

380 cases are unaccounted for at the Police stations.

36 cases are ongoing at the Magistrate & High Court.



Prevention and Education

Due to the recognition that communities play an essential role in the protection of children from sexual exploitation and abuse, Blossom Inc. conducted 5 education awareness outreaches and training in communities in Regions 1 & 10 (Moruca, Port Kaituma & Kwakwani).

3 Communities were impacted through Prevention and Education.

55 Community members benefitted from awareness outreaches.

5 Trainings were held - 2 Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR), 2 Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), and 1 Good Enough Parenting (GEP).

175 Community members inclusive of migrants from Regions 1 & 10 were trained.

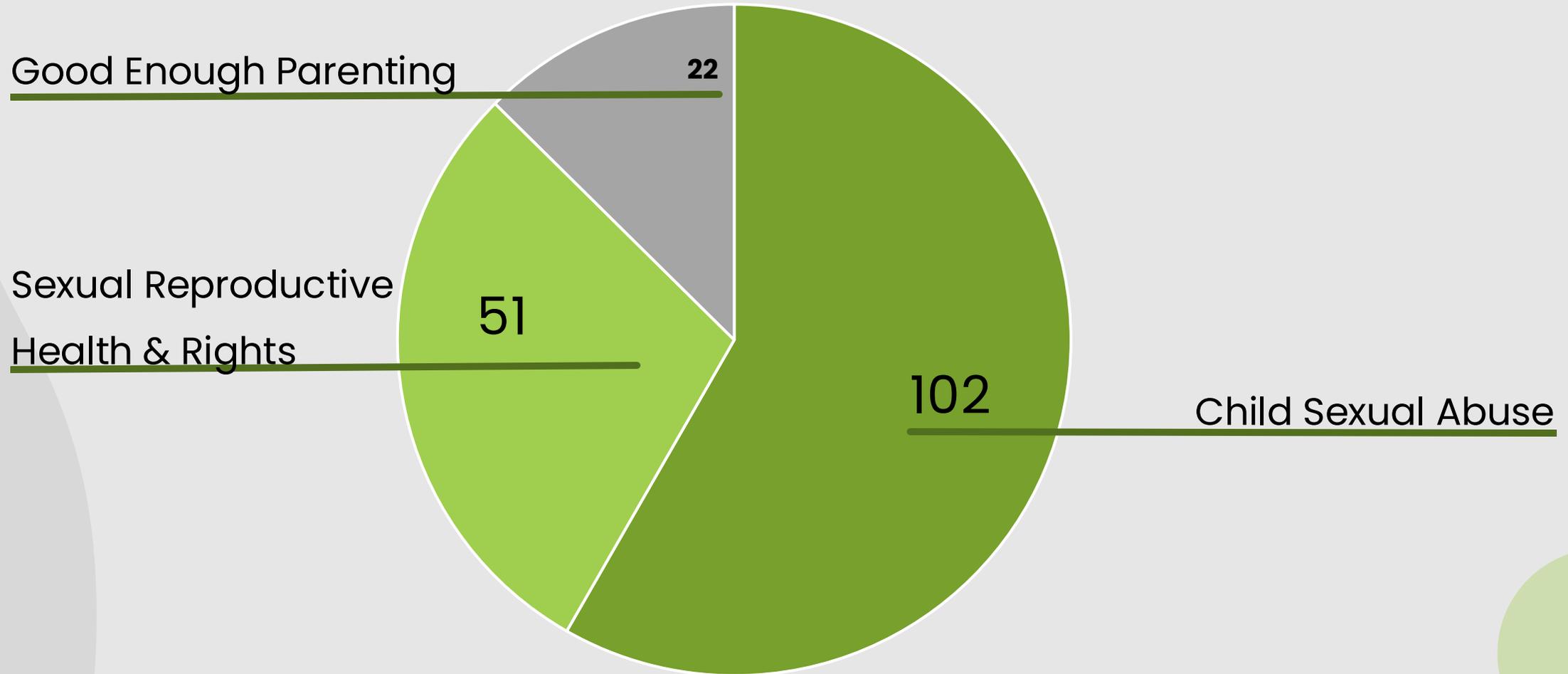
25 community members received case management services including psychological support.

1 Boys & Girls Club (Team Ignite) continues to receive mentorship.



Training Workshops

Number of Persons trained



Migrant & Host Community Services

4,073 migrants were reached and benefited from migrant services through psychosocial support

Over 1,500 migrants benefited from collaborations – UNICEF, PADF, Immigration, IOM, Hope Foundation, GWI, Catholic Diocese, Red Cross, GRPA, CPA, GPF, TIP, Ministry of Education, UNHCR, HIAS, Judiciary, Ministry of Health, Amerindian Hostels, Food for the Poor, The Bag Ladies, & Toshao Council.

1 Mobile Hygiene Corner

288 individuals benefitted from Hygiene Supplies.

140 Women & girls benefitted Sanitary pads/Period Underwear.

925 migrants benefitted

475 adults

450 children

264 females

211 males

242 girls

208 boys



Hygiene Corner in WASH Humanitarian Response in Migration

Mobile Hygiene Corner – 19th June to 18th October 2024

Region 2 – Charity, Hackney, Cullen Sand, Golden Fleece, Upper Pomeroon (Kabakaburi & Aripiarco)



Migrant & Host Community Services

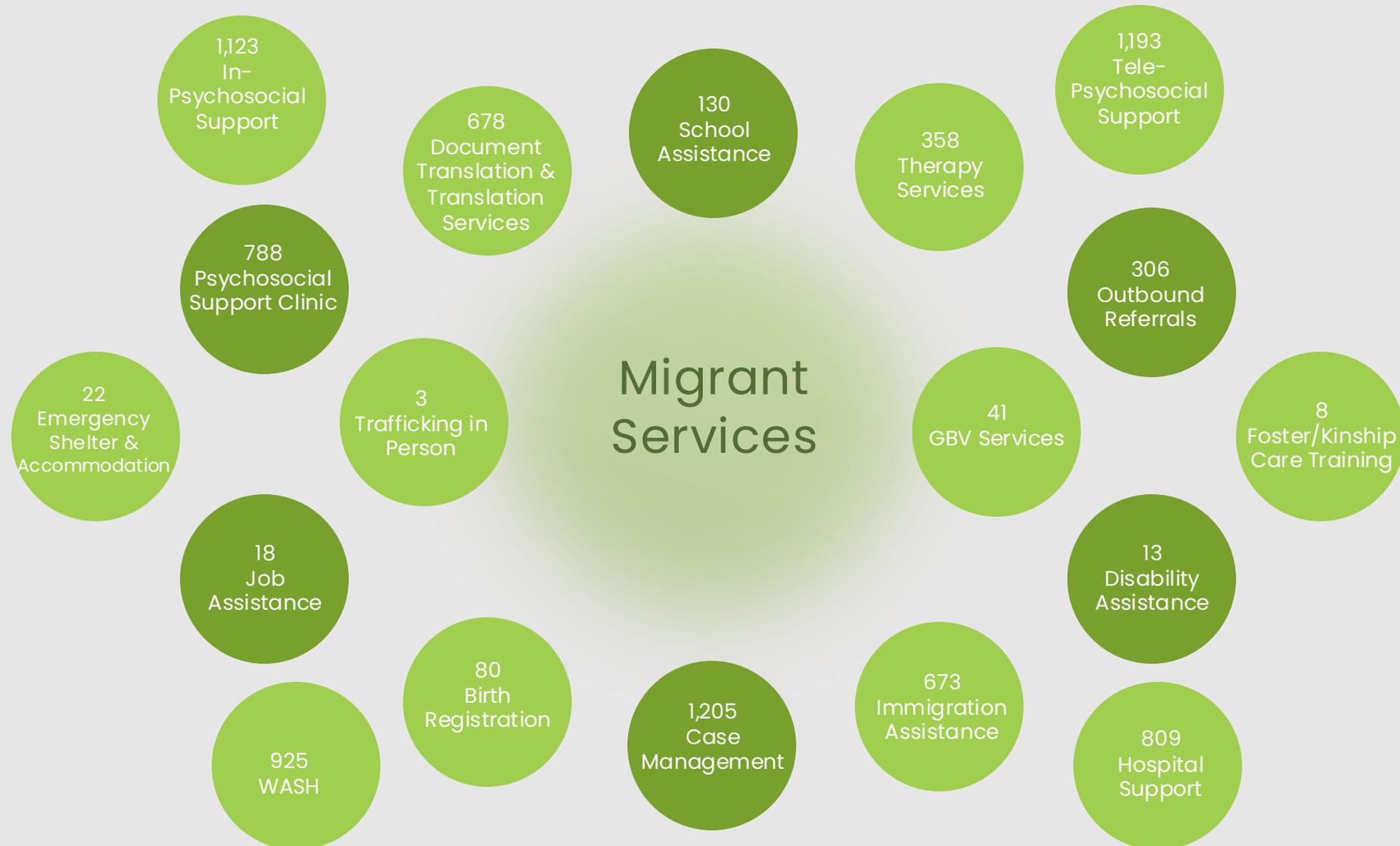
2,343 Migrants reached through community visits/outreaches

171 Community visits/outreaches were conducted in Regions 1,2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 10 to take psychosocial services to migrants and education awareness sessions with host community members.

131 Host community members participated in the education awareness sessions



Migrant Services – Highlights







Who will speak for me?

Training Workshops

- 5** New staff completed the mandatory training in "Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy".
- 10** Staff completed Forensic Interviewing of Children Refresher: Capacity Building training.
- 6** New Staff completed the mandatory training in Forensic Interviewing of Children.
- 5** Staff received "Trainers of Trainers-Comprehensive Sexuality Education – CSE" training, hosted by UNFPA.
- 33** Staff received "ActivityInfo Database" training.
- All** Staff trained in "Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse" by Agora Online, provided by UNICEF.
- 6** Staff received "Clinical Management of Rape and IPV" training, hosted by UNFPA.
- 2** Staff trained in "Understanding Caribbean Model for Behavioural and Cultural Change" facilitated by UNFPA.
- 4** Staff trained in Child Safeguarding" led by UN & UN Agencies.
- 2** Staff trained in Medico-legal Response to Intimate Partner Violence.
- 34** Staff trained in Gender-based Violence (GBV) Online Course - Level 1, by UNHCR.
- 100%** Staff completed their yearly target of 20 hours of continuous professional development.

Training Workshops Cont'd

- 4 Staff completed "GBV Case Management" training by UNHCR.
- 2 Training in "Cash Assistance in GBV Case Management-E-Learning" by UN & UNFPA.
- 6 Staff Trained in "E-course on Child Protection Case Management for Front liners" by UNICEF & American University of Beirut.
- 2 "Staff completed training in "Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse".
- 2 Staff attended "Technical Workshop for Socialisation of Regional Guidelines for the Social Inclusion of Survivors of Trafficking in Persons in the Americas".
- 6 Staff Trained in "Managing Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies" by UNFPA.



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Staff Reflection

For the past decade, Blossom Inc. has been a catalyst for healing, empowerment, and transformation in the lives of vulnerable children, families, and individuals. Guided by compassion, evidence-based care, and a commitment to justice, we have created safe spaces where resilience is nurtured, voices are heard, and futures are rebuilt with hope and confidence. As we look ahead, our mission remains unwavering: to expand our reach, evolve our practices, and ensure every person we serve receives the care, support, and empowerment they deserve.



For over a decade, our commitment to healing, empowerment, and transformation has created a safe space where children and families feel truly seen, heard, and supported. By blending evidence-based practices with compassion, we have equipped countless children and families with the tools to build resilient, hope-filled futures.



In just three years, I have witnessed our team's unwavering dedication has transformed the lives of countless vulnerable children and families, fostering resilience and hope. As we look to the future, we remain committed to expanding our impact, ensuring every survivor receives the care, support, and justice they deserve.



Working at a child advocacy centre for three years has been both rewarding and humbling. Witnessing children's resilience as they heal with a supportive team has been a privilege. Building trust, guiding families, and ensuring voices are heard remain at the heart of this work. A memorable moment was helping a child through their first forensic interview, seeing how a sensitive approach fostered safety and empowerment. Every day is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact.

Through dedicated leadership, collaboration, and advocacy, meaningful strides have been made in supporting vulnerable children and families. By expanding services, strengthening partnerships, and applying trauma-informed and survivor-centred approaches, lives have been transformed, and resilience has been fostered. As efforts continue, the commitment to empowering communities and advancing children's rights remains steadfast, ensuring a lasting impact on those in need.



Working at a child advocacy centre has shown me firsthand the incredible resilience of migrant children, and how a compassionate, trauma-informed approach can transform fear into hope. Supporting these children as they heal and rebuild their lives has been one of the most meaningful and humbling experiences of my career.



Over the years Blossom Inc. has significantly expanded its operations across Guyana and diversified its partnerships with governmental and international agencies to deliver optimum services to both Guyanese and migrant families. Working alongside professionals in various capacities and specialisations has contributed to many achievements aligned with Blossom's mission, strengthening commitment and empowering its vision. I believe that the future of Blossom is even greater and has the potential to become a major advocate for children's rights regionally in the Caribbean.



Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving as a dedicated leader on many of Blossom's empowering projects. My mission has always been to guide and coordinate efforts to alleviate suffering and improve lives in crisis situations. This dynamic organisation's work aligns with my values, and I am deeply honoured to be part of an institution that supports migrant women, children, and their families, helping them integrate and build resilience throughout their journeys.

Over the past decade, Blossom Inc. has been a beacon of advocacy, protection, and empowerment, transforming lives and redefining access to justice for vulnerable children and families. Through unwavering commitment and resilience, the organisation has fostered healing, awareness, and systemic change. Every empowered child, every strengthened family, and every step toward a safer future is a testament to the impact of this work. As Blossom continues to grow, its mission remains clear, creating a world where every child is protected, valued, and given the opportunity to thrive.



Reflecting on the past four years, I am filled with profound gratitude. Being part of an institution that not only transforms lives but also redefines access to justice for victims of abuse is both humbling and deeply meaningful. The work is not always easy, but it is always necessary. Every empowered child who walks out of court, every family that takes steps toward healing, and every moment where our presence brings hope; these are the reasons this work matters. This is the impact we strive for, and this is why we continue.



As Blossom Inc. marks this incredible 10-year milestone, I reflect on the unwavering commitment, resilience, and heart that have fueled this journey. It has been a decade of advocacy, empowerment, and transformative change in the lives of children and families.

To the dedicated team, partners, and every life touched, thank you. Your passion and purpose continue to inspire. May the next decade bring even greater strides toward healing, protection, and hope.

Here's to growth, impact, and a future built on care and compassion!



Blossom is transforming a once unsafe culture into a thriving space for children. Here, advocacy is not just heard—it's felt. We raise awareness, foster protection, and empower children with love, respect, and the knowledge of their worth. Together, we stand with families, creating a safer, brighter future where every child thrives

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Client Reflection

"Therapy at Blossom has helped me a lot. It gave me a safe space to talk about things I usually keep to myself, and my therapist really listens and understands. I've learned better ways to deal with my feelings and stress, and I feel like I understand myself more now. It has made a big difference in how I handle things, and I'm really thankful for it."

"I am wiser and more confident now. I no longer blame myself for being sexually abused—I feel free. My emotions don't overwhelm me anymore because of the container method I learned in therapy. Blossom has really helped me feel stronger and more in control of my feelings."

"When I first came to therapy, I felt really upset about what I did. But now, I don't feel as bad because I've learned that I'm human, and we all make mistakes. Therapy helped me understand that I can change and make better healthy decisions."

“Therapy and Court Support have been life changing for me after my experience with Sexual Assault through therapy, I found a safe space to process my emotions, rebuild my confidence, and begin to heal. The court support system provided me with guidance, reassurance and the strength to face the legal process without feeling alone. Knowing I had people who believe in me and stood by my side made all the difference. I am truly grateful for these services, as they have helped me regain control of my life and move forward with hope.”

“Therapy at Blossom helped me tremendously. I’m now able to cope with situations without having to harm myself or do anything life threatening. The atmosphere is very warm and welcoming. I had the best experience.

“I was really in a dark space before receiving services from Blossom Inc. When my therapist and I spoke, I had a different view of life. I’ve learnt to focus and control my mind. I am calmer now. I learnt that I cannot change my past but to accept it and move forward. I’ve learnt to focus on my life for the better. Thank you for helping me.”

"I encountered Blossom at a pivotal moment in my life when I was caring for my baby and in need of support. From the very first interaction, their team demonstrated a genuine commitment to helping me. Through their services, I received essential assistance, including food, milk, clothing, and translation services to obtain my baby's birth certificate in Guyana; an invaluable support during that time.

Beyond material assistance, what truly made a difference were the educational sessions they organised. Each session was an opportunity to learn and grow, not just in caring for my child but in navigating important aspects of daily life. The talks and workshops provided me with tools and knowledge that have had a lasting impact. Blossom's influence on my life has been profound. They not only provided critical resources but also created a sense of community and belonging that I had never experienced before. Thanks to their support, I feel more empowered and better equipped to face the challenges of daily life in a new country. Thank you, Blossom, for making such a meaningful difference in my journey."

"I would just like to say thank you to Blossom Inc. for help they give me. It's almost been a year since I joined, and they have showed me to accept myself with the mistakes I made in trusting the wrong set of people. They have thought me how to love myself and to know my self worth."

"I want to first thank God for His blessings and extend my deepest gratitude to Blossom Inc. for the incredible support they have given me and my family. From the moment I arrived in Guyana in March 2024, Blossom was the first and only organisation to offer me unconditional help. They provided clothing, shoes, milk for my baby, and essential psychological support through therapy. What stood out most was the kindness, respect, and compassion of the staff. They treated me not just as a client, but as a person, offering care with dignity and equality. Their dedication to helping those in need is truly remarkable, and I am forever grateful for the love and support I received. Thank you, Blossom Inc., for being a beacon of hope. Blessings to you all!"

Blossom Time Stamp



BLOSSOM'S ROADMAP

2014

MILESTONE

Successfully established and launched the first Child Advocacy Centre (CAC) in Guyana.

2015

MILESTONE

Extended the Child Advocacy Centre to Region 2 & Conducted the First Forensic Interview.

2016

MILESTONE

Blossom expands its forensic interview services and specialised mental health therapy for children and families, strengthening support for children and families.

2017

MILESTONE

Successfully implemented the Reunification Programme, restoring kinship care and stability for children.

2018

MILESTONE

Blossom became a Subvention Agency & expanded the Child Advocacy Centre services in Linden and Bartica, enhancing support for children and families.

2019

MILESTONE

Successfully introduced Blossom's Extended Services to the Migrant Communities in Regions 2 and 7, providing psychosocial support for migrant children & families.

2020

MILESTONE

Blossom partnered with the Spotlight Initiative under UNICEF to advance the "End Violence Against Women and Girls" campaign, focusing on prevention and education.

2021

MILESTONE

Blossom expanded its Extended Services to the Migrant Community in Region 1, under the partnership with PADF and UNHCR.

2022

MILESTONE

Blossom embraced self-care and went on the first Staff-Retreat following Covid-19 impact.

2023

MILESTONE

Hope and Prevention implemented in alignment with the Do No Harm principles.

2024

MILESTONE

Blossom launched the first Innovative Hygiene Corner in WASH Humanitarian Response in Migration in Guyana, funded by UNICEF.

2025

PROJECTION

Creating sustainability to ensure the continued operation of the CACs and Extended Services.

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee – UNHCR

Pan American Development Foundation – PADF

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