

Covid-19 Situation Peru

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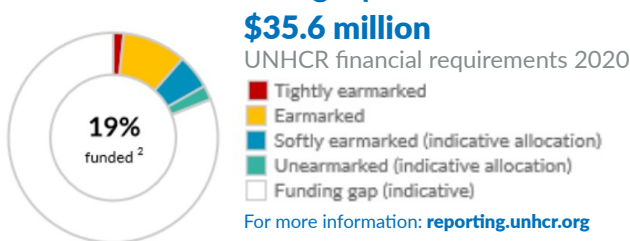
Context

The country has seen an increase of **some 3,000 COVID-19 cases a day** reaching **over 58,000** and amounting to **1,620 deaths so far**, which ranks **Peru number 13 globally** – one position higher than last week. The northern regions of Iquitos, Lambayeque, Loreto and Piura, are still the most affected, while Lima holds the highest number of positive cases.

The quarantine period has been **extended until 24 May**. Yet, a four-phase plan was announced to resume some business activities to be implemented in four months. The first phase started on 4 May, allowing **sectors such as commerce, industry, mining, construction, tourism and services to gradually operate**. The plan will be in force as long as the results are not in detriment to the progress so far achieved in flattening the curve.

The Labour Ministry announced that persons with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and obesity, as well as people over the age of 60 will not resume activities until the pandemic is over for being rendered as **vulnerable populations**.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 29 April 2020)



Great News!

UNHCR's Accord De Siege was approved by Peru's Congress through a Legislative Resolution during the first virtual meeting held by the Congress since its establishment, and as a result of enormous efforts and advocacy from UNHCR Peru.

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Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation



A car accident killed three and severely injured eight Venezuelans in Barranca, while resting after having walked from Lima to northern Peru with the intent of returning to Venezuela. **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNHCR have been supporting these families**. So far, emergency cash-based assistance has been provided to cover medical and other immediate needs. Also, those who require further medical assistance, will be granted a special migratory status by the Peruvian authorities to allow them to access the public health system.



The **National Superintendence of Migrations has extended the suspension of administrative procedures until 19 May**. Meanwhile, the Migration Information Registry has been launched, which will manage personal data and migratory information of both Peruvians and foreigners. This platform will facilitate interoperability to strengthen migration policy development.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs presented the situation of Peruvians stranded abroad to the Foreign Relations Commission of the Peruvian Congress. During the session, the **congressmen requested more rigorous border control to tackle COVID-19**, to give attention to the border areas of Peru becoming increasingly high-risk protection areas.



In Cuzco, UNHCR distributed **blankets** in anticipation of the winter season. So far, **over 790 have been delivered to vulnerable families**. Additional support was granted by the Regional Government of Cuzco and the National Police to distribute blankets and water to **some 60 Peruvian and Venezuelans who are stuck in Puente Cunyac, at the border and sleeping outdoors**.



UNHCR is conducting an **online training to four members of the Navy in Loreto** who will be installing **Refugee Housing Units (RHUs)** at Loreto's Navy hospital, focused on COVID19 cases in one of the most affected regions. The installation will also be supervised remotely by UNHCR.

UNHCR Response

During the Emergency local authorities are referring high-risk protection cases such as homeless refugee and migrant families for UNHCR to support with quick responses to ensure access to services and basic needs. So far, frame Agreements have been signed with hotels to be used as temporary alternative shelters with provision of meals: two hotels in Lima, one in Arequipa, one in Cuzco and one in Tacna.

HIGHLIGHT

Join our new campaign #HéroesDeLaCuarentena
If you want to support personally, please share!
Let's help those who are in most need!
With your donation of a S/60 voucher (USD 18 approx.) you will be helping two vulnerable families. Find out more [here](#)

Remote support

Considering the high number of calls to UNHCR and partners, a frame Agreement was signed for a **toll-free number**, so that persons of concern can call support lines free of charge.

UNHCR supported **virtual trainings related to Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases** with a focus on refugees and migrants organized by the Regional Government and Women's Emergency Centres (CEM for its acronym in Spanish) that aim to develop a plan in the context of the Emergency.

Humanitarian cash-based assistance



Over **8,450 highly vulnerable cases**, i.e. some **2,600 families** have received emergency **Cash-based assistance** since the Emergency Started



UNHCR continues working on new agreements to enhance support as well as to **increase the CBI transfer-limit amount** and thus benefit more vulnerable families.



Options continued to be explored to **scale up CBI by raising the ceiling for each bank account** and through **new partners** to deliver vouchers to cover urgent food needs.

UNHCR Response

Solutions to COVID-19

Basic Needs and Shelter

Over **28,000** food rations for shelters and individuals have been provided since the beginning of the Emergency. Also, **more than 70** children under five have received **more than 2,700** complementary food rations.

More than 640 persons of concern are receiving shelter and daily food support in **20** shelters/collective accommodations supported by UNHCR in Lima, Tacna and Tumbes. A set of guidelines was developed to be operative in all shelters aiming to safeguard hygiene and health conditions.



Humanitarian support in Cuzco by UNHCR- Regional Government

Health

UNHCR and partners have carried out **over 210** health consultations for vulnerable cases carried out during the Emergency.

From 21 to 30 April, the **Refugee Housing Units (RHUs)** installed in **Maria Auxiliadora hospital in Lima** allowed a **reception capacity increase for 200** patients more, i.e. an average of **20** per day, mainly Peruvians, which enhances the support to the host community and government health facilities.

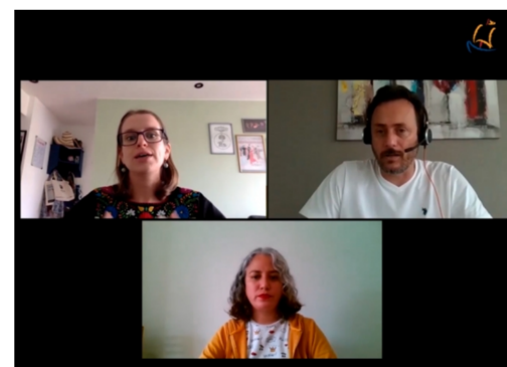
Some **300** socio-emotional support sessions have been provided through Caritas and PROSA in Lima, Cuzco, Madre de Dios and Tumbes. An additional **900** mental health consultations have been attended through ACF, CAPS, IFRC, HIAS and PROSA.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

UN launches USD 2 billion Global Humanitarian Appeal for 40 Vulnerable Countries. Also, WHO updates the COVID19 Response Plan. [See more](#)

Check out this podcast “Amigos Con Derechos” on the new regulations for Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru in the context of the COVID19 Emergency by UNHCR and the Catholic University of Peru PUCP [Watch here.](#)



UNHCR Representative in Peru, Federico Agusti, participates in podcast “Amigos Con Derechos”

Coordination

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **Working Group for Refugees and Migrants** (GTRM for its Spanish acronym) composed by more than 70 partners including donors, together with IOM. The GTRM is coordinating with the recently activated Humanitarian Network and has been holding bi-monthly coordination meetings on Cash Based Interventions (CBI), protection, health, information management and communications, as well as basic needs (shelter, food security and food distribution) with all sector leads to operationalize and channel assistance.



The **#TuCausaEsMiCausa** solidarity campaign has launched over 15 live online workshops during the quarantine dictated by Peruvian and Venezuelan volunteers who offer their time to share activities such as yoga, music, arts, handcraft, etc. to provide new online meeting points for integration purposes weekly. So far, these workshops over 16,700 have participated. [See more](#)

For more information please download R4V Flash Situation reports [here](#)

To read previous updates please access [here](#)

Peru Operation: UNHCR and partners 2020

Presence
 ● UNHCR Office ● Field Office ● Presence

Activity
 Protection (childhood, SGBV, legal orientation, community prt. psychosocial support, access to territory and border monitoring.)
 Shelter
 Health / HIV AIDS
 CBI
 Reg. and documentation
 Advocacy
 Local integration
 Livelihoods

TUMBES (7)

- CAPS
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Plan International
- PROSA

PIURA (2)

- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros

TRUJILLO (1)

- Obudsman's Office

LIMA (12)

- Aldeas Infantiles
- Scalabrinianos Association
- Action Against Hunger
- CAPS
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- HIAS
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Plan International
- PROSA
- Pontifical Catholic Univ. of Perú

ICA (1)

- IFRC

AREQUIPA (4)

- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- Aldeas Infantiles

CUZCO (4)

- Aldeas Infantiles
- Caritas Cuzco
- Obudsman's Office
- Plan International

TAMBOPATA (3)

- Caritas del Perú
- Obudsman's Office
- IFRC

PUNO (1)

- Obudsman's Office

CHUCUITO (1)

- Directa (Zepita District)

TACNA (5)

- Scalabrinianos Association
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- Plan International

Key Figures 2020

Some **862,000**¹
 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

Some **1,230**¹
 Refugees

Some **482,500**²
 Asylum-seekers

1. Figures from the Superintendence of Migration (up to January 2020)
 2. Figures according to the Special Commission for the Refugees (CEPR) up to date

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