

## CONTEXT

The Sanitary State of Emergency has been extended until 31 May by [decree No.076-2021](#). A new lockdown has been introduced which requires complete immobilization during Sundays from 19 April to 30 May, and a further reduction in the capacity of shops, bars, open-air public activities, and gyms for the areas with the highest risks. Up to April 2021, Peru has reported over 61,470 COVID-19 deaths, while for the first time, some 650 deaths were reported only in one day. This is the highest number reached in only one day since the beginning of the State of Emergency in 2020.

The Ministry of Health announced their vaccination campaign to cover the national immunization program for the elderly in the country, regardless of nationality. So far, they have covered the population of 80-year-olds and are proceeding to vaccinate 70-year-olds as a second stage.

The northern border is militarized, but with a sharp decrease in military presence. Joint operations of the Military, National Police (PNP for its acronym in Spanish) and the Superintendency of Migrations (SSN for its acronym in Spanish) have been taking place in routes and towns in Tumbes and Zarumilla. UNHCR is closely following up on the situation at the borders.

The preliminary results of the [IEP survey](#) (Peruvian Studies Institute) for the run-off election shared on 24 April show Mr. Castillo with twice as many votes ahead of Mrs. Fujimori. Both candidates have highlighted measures that include stricter border controls, expulsion of foreigners, and other restrictive migratory measures.

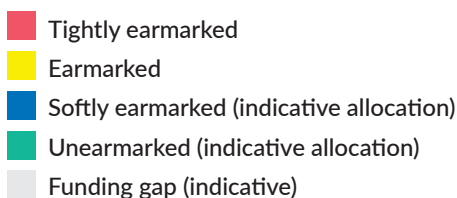
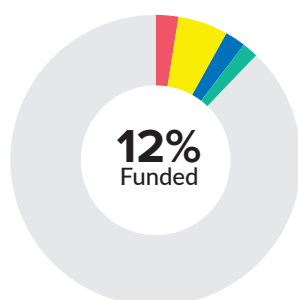
Amid preparations for the run-off election on 6 June, UNHCR keeps a close contact with the Peruvian authorities to work hand-in-hand and offer continuous support on the major topics regarding the populations of concern.

## FUNDING UPDATE

As of 20 April 2021

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021:

**\$60.9 million**



## HIGHLIGHT

### International Donors' Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants

On 17 June Canada will host the International Donors' Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants led by the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development, Canada will host a high-level International Donors' Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in collaboration with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and the International Organization for Migration.

[Read more here](#) and [access the calendar here](#)



## ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND REFUGEES' SITUATION

To support the Ministry of Health in their efforts to cover the national immunization program for the elderly, UNHCR has been circulating information materials with the community on social media channels by sending **more than 800 SMS** and called some elderly refugees and migrants, and providing information on where and how to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

UNHCR and partners Encuentros, Plan International and PROSA carried out a [protection monitoring in Mancora, northern Peru](#) with some **420 interviews**, accounting for some **1,070 persons**. Out of these, some 160 were entering Peru; some 25 were returnees and 235 residents. Highlighted results show that over 65 per cent reported suffering protection incidents such as robbery, threat, or gender-based violence. Also, they mentioned having one meal -or none- per day. **Some 80 per cent** reported sleeping in the street while *en route*.



**Over 4,540 people** received CBI through partners Action Against Hunger (ACF), Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros, and HIAS supported by UNHCR for **over 365,000 dollars**. This humanitarian CBI aims to cover basic needs such as food, health, as well as seed capital to support business initiatives.

## UNHCR Response

### REMOTE SUPPORT

- UNHCR and partners CAPS, Caritas, Encuentros, HIAS, PROSA and Plan International answered some **18,790 calls and messages** via the free-toll hotlines to offer orientation and assistance in protection, education, documentation, and shelter. Out of these, more than **7,900** have focused on legal orientations.
- Some 3,450 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners.

### HUMANITARIAN CASH-BASED ASSISTANCE (CBI)

- As part of the livelihoods' strategy, **some 2,000 persons** participated in workshops led by UNHCR or received orientation to enhance their capacities to access decent work, learn about their rights and complaint mechanisms to report exploitation and abuse in the labor market.
- On 8 April, the CBI Working Group co-led by UNHCR and WFP hosted an event for eight financial service providers (FSPs) to generate interest as their potential customers to provide CBI and include refugees and migrants in their businesses. Among the participants there were IOM, WFP as well as representatives from eight FSPs and over a dozen UN agencies and NGOs totaling nearly **50 attendees**.

## BASIC NEEDS AND SHELTER

- Some **300 refugees and migrants** have been assisted daily at the **11** supported shelters and hotels in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna, and Tumbes. Also, over **10,200 food rations** have been provided. Support with basic needs and shelter has been key for those who have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic.
- Some **7,900 persons** received kits distributed by UNHCR and partners, including hygiene, winter, basic needs, and baby products, as well as those to cover SGBV survivors' needs. These kits have been essential during the pandemic for the most vulnerable families and their children to cover their basic needs regarding housing, food, and health. Additionally, some **2,700 thermal blankets** have been distributed in key cold regions in preparation for the winter season.

## HEALTH

- On mental health, some **3,600 psychosocial support activities** have been provided through partners ACF, CAPS, Caritas, HIAS, and PROSA. Psychosocial support has been crucial during times when confinement has had a strong impact on mental health.
- UNHCR and partners have carried out **more than 120 HIV/AIDS consultations** through partner PROSA in Lima and Tumbes for populations of concern in need of a space for treatment and assistance while other health centres were either overstretched or fully busy with COVID-19 cases.
- To enhance the capacities of the national health system in Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna, and Tumbes, **19 RHUs** (Refugee Housing Units) have been donated to hospitals and clinics in Peru.

### UNHCR GLOBAL APPEAL 2021

UNHCR is looking ahead at how to address the challenges of 2021 and beyond. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected countries throughout the world, threatening people's health and livelihoods while compounding challenges faced by the 80 million people forcibly displaced in the world today. [Read more here.](#)

### INTEGRATION AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE THROUGH DANCE

As part of the peaceful coexistence strategy, since March 2021, over 10,600 persons have been enjoying salsa classes, and breakdancing with the Venezuelan group Inyectando Cultura via Facebook Live and as part of the #TuCausaEsMiCausa campaign. [Watch it here.](#)

## COORDINATION

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **GTRM** composed by over 80 partners including donors and IFIs together with IOM. The GTRM is coordinating with the Humanitarian Network and has been holding 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.

**Latest Covid-19  
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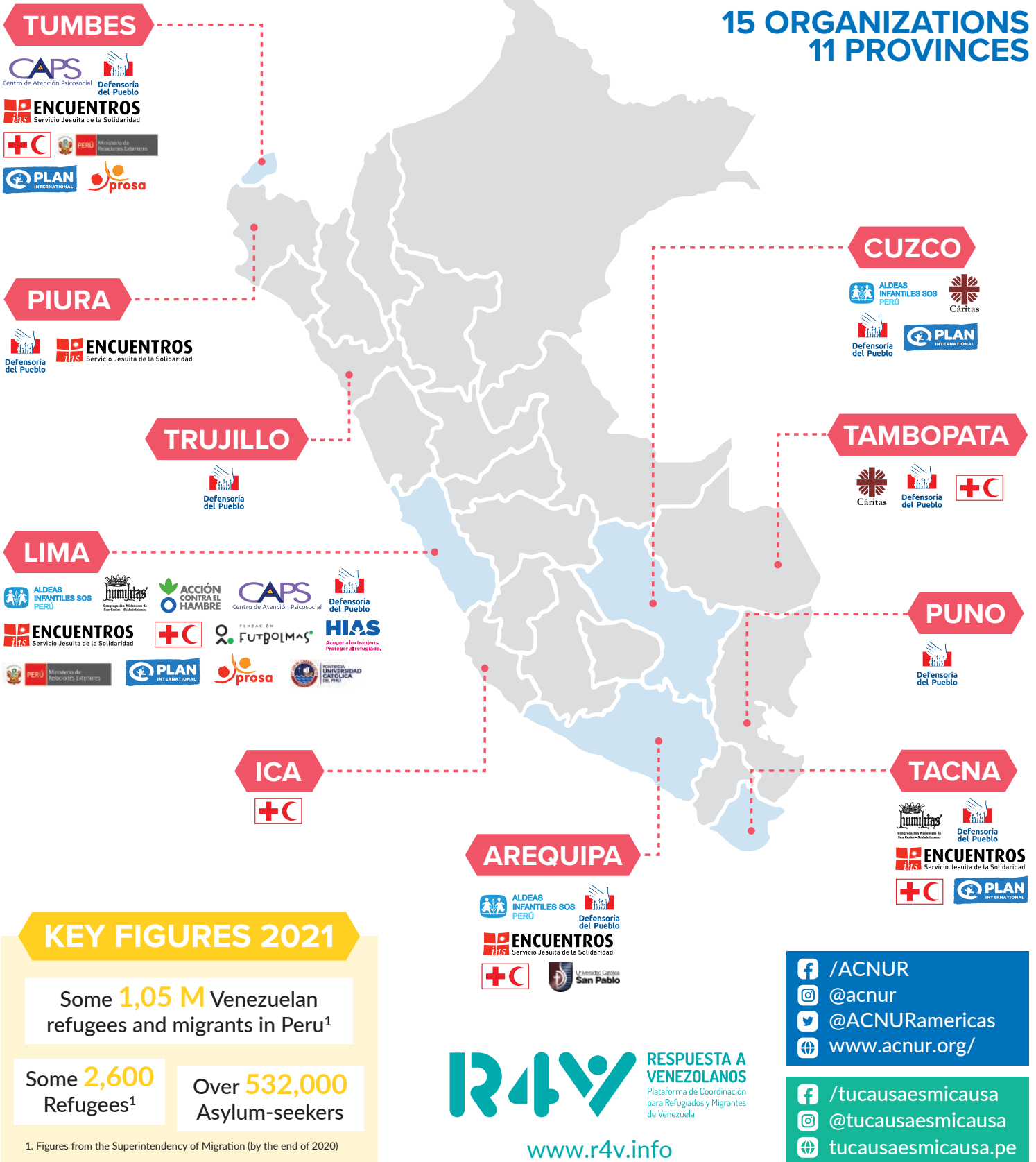
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Tumbes March**

**GTRM Peru - 5W  
Arequipa March**

**GTRM Peru - 5W  
Tacna March**

# Peru Operation: UNHCR and partners

15 ORGANIZATIONS  
11 PROVINCES



## KEY FIGURES 2021

Some **1,05 M** Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru<sup>1</sup>

Some **2,600** Refugees<sup>1</sup>

Over **532,000** Asylum-seekers

1. Figures from the Superintendency of Migration (by the end of 2020)

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