

CONTEXT

On 14 May, the countries from the [Andean Community \(CAN\)](#) approved the [Andean Migratory Statute](#), which regulates the community's right of movement and establishes temporary and permanent residence for citizens and their families in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. The Andean Temporary Residence will allow CAN citizens to stay for up to two years in the territory of a member country other than their nationality, while the Andean Permanent Residence will allow them to remain indefinitely in those territories by submitting an application within the ninety days prior to the expiration of the Andean Temporary Residence.

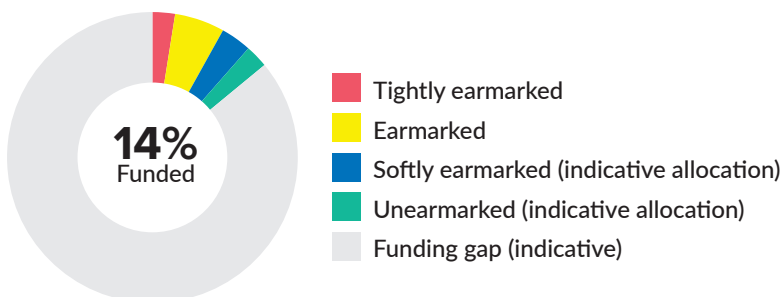
The Ministry of Health announced their vaccination campaign to cover the national immunization program for the elderly in the country, regardless of nationality or migratory status. So far, they have covered the population of 65 -year-old and above.

In Tumbes, over **1,270 persons** were interviewed at the border monitoring conducted in mid-May. The results show that **72 per cent of Venezuelans plan to stay in Peru**, while **25 per cent continue to Chile**, and the rest to Argentina, Bolivia, or other destinations.

As the presidential run-off election approach, the [latest Ipsos polls](#) show a slight difference between Castillo with **51,1 per cent** voting intention, and Fujimori with **48,9 per cent**. UNHCR keeps a close contact with the Peruvian authorities to 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 millon**



HIGHLIGHT

CasaTalentos Regional Contest on World Refugee Day!

This virtual talent show organized by UNHCR seeks to show that people forced to flee their countries and those who receive them have multiple talents and can strengthen their capacities through cultural exchange. The “CasaTalentos” contest, held by over ten countries, is part of World Refugee Day, which reminds us that millions of people in the world are forced to leave their homes to save their lives and to live in peace. The **semi-finals** will take place on **18 June**, while the **Grand Final** on **25 June** via the [ACNUR Facebook Page](#). Stay tuned!

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ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND REFUGEES' SITUATION

To support the Ministry of Health in their efforts to cover the national immunization program for foreigners, UNHCR has drafted and has begun implementing a comprehensive interagency communication strategy to inform and engage refugees and migrants to register in the vaccination database. Additionally, UNHCR has sent over **3,300 SMS** and contacted +70 and 60-year-old refugees and migrants with information to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Until the end of May, **more than 6,000** refugees and migrants were vaccinated. On 20 May, UNHCR Representative Federico Agusti also participated in a Webinar on vaccination organized by the Superintendency of Migration that reached over **4,000 persons**.

Until the end of May, **over 29,000 asylum-seekers** updated their data online, following an information campaign by UNHCR in support of the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR for its acronym in Spanish) to create a consolidated database to include persons of concern in the vaccination registry and eventually also to access to the humanitarian residence.

A webinar on "[good practices for the promotion of cultural diversity in the private sector](#)" was organized by the Ministry of Culture within the framework of the Cultural and Linguistic Diversity week. UNHCR was invited to participate with **Alianza Lima**, the Peruvian Football Club, to lead by the example of integration and commitment to welcoming everyone via the UNHCR-Alianza Lima partnership. During the webinar, UNHCR introduced "Empresas Causa" the initiative to promote the economic integration of refugees and migrants by the Private Sector. **Over 700 persons** were reached.

UNHCR and partner HIAS launched the **first event for the Peruvian Private Sector** on "Diversity, Inclusion and the SDGs" to increase awareness and strengthen the economic integration of refugees and migrants. Some **45 participants** took part, among which were Accenture, Alicorp, BCP, BBVA and Scotiabank. The event, which counted on speakers from Manpower and Telefónica, touched upon the integral approach the Private Sector could embrace to reduce inequality and foster interculturality, as well as how to become an "Empresa Causa" to support refugee and migrant workers in Peru.

UNHCR Response



REMOTE SUPPORT

- UNHCR and partners CAPS, Caritas, Encuentros, HIAS, PROSA and Plan International answered some **26,300 calls** and messages via the free-toll hotlines to offer orientation and assistance in protection, education, documentation, and shelter, **more than 10,490** of these focused on legal orientations.
- Some 5,160 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners. Also, on Psychologist's Day, UNHCR and partner Action Against Hunger held the webinar "[Tools to Face a Crisis](#)" on the use of mechanisms to cope with difficult situations amid the complexity of the pandemic and its toll on the mental health. Over **200 people** attended.



HUMANITARIAN CASH-BASED ASSISTANCE (CBI)

- Some **5,740 people** received CBI through partners Action Against Hunger (ACF), Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros, and HIAS supported by UNHCR for some **470,000 dollars**. This humanitarian CBI aims to cover basic needs such as food, health, as well as seed capital to support business initiatives.

- As part of the livelihoods' strategy, some **3,100 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.
- UNHCR and partner Encuentros organized a virtual entrepreneurship fair, where **over 20 entrepreneurs** promoted their products and services for one week. Several webinars and workshops were organized with the Municipality of Lima, the Ministry of Labour and PROGRESA, a financial entity. Some **5,200** were engaged in active participation.

BASIC NEEDS AND SHELTER

- Some **520 refugees and migrants** have been assisted daily at the **13** supported shelters and hotels in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna, and Tumbes. Also, over **30,000 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 **10,300 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. Additionally, some **2,900 thermal blankets** have been distributed in key cold regions in preparation for the winter season.

HEALTH

- On mental health, some **5,270 psychosocial support activities** have been provided through partners ACF, CAPS, Caritas, HIAS, and PROSA.
- UNHCR and partners have carried out **some 190 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 outstretched or fully busy with COVID-19 cases.
- To enhance the capacities of the national health system in Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna, and Tumbes, **21 RHUs** (Refugee Housing Units) have been donated to hospitals and clinics in Peru.
- **Over 1,300 people** have been supported to access the National Health System (SIS for its acronym in Spanish) by UNHCR and partners ACF, Encuentros, Caritas and PROSA.

THANK YOU, EUROPEAN UNION FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION!

With the vital support of the European Union, at UNHCR we are working to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 for refugees and migrants in Peru. We deeply thank ECHO's contribution to keep monitoring and responding to the most urgent needs of our populations of concern.

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.

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KEY FIGURES 2021

Some **1,05 M** Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru¹

Some **2,600** Refugees¹

Over **532,000** Asylum-seekers

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

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