

Covid-19 Situation Peru

19 August, 2020

Context

The number of COVID-19 positive cases has hit a new record of **10,000 daily**, which amounts to over half a million cases so far, positioning Peru as the third country in Latin America with the highest number of positive cases. This estimates **around 15,000 positive cases per one million citizens**.

Due to the increase of positive COVID-19 cases, the Government announced by decree new localized quarantine measures and restriction on domestic travel in **36 provinces, including Arequipa, Cuzco, Madre de Dios and Tacna**, where UNHCR has a presence, while national immobilization restrictions on Sundays are also back in force. Additionally, family and social meetings have been banned, and children up to fourteen years old can only circulate for half an hour, which will be supervised by enhanced security measures and military presence.

The Peruvian Congress approved the President's new Cabinet, headed by Walter Martos. The new proposals from the Cabinet include enhanced cash assistance for vulnerable populations, after a proper needs assessment analysis. Additionally, the Ministry of Health announced an increase in oxygen and molecular COVID-19 test provisions for the most outstretched hospitals.

Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation



Over 142,000 food rations have been provided since the start of the Emergency in the shelters, hotels and temporary centres in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.



Since the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR for its acronym in Spanish) resumed the online asylum registration system on 22 June, **some 22,360 asylum-seekers** have lodged their claims and received a virtual work permit, out of which **17,800** are in Lima.



Over 56,800 calls have been answered via hotlines by UNHCR and partners since the start of the Emergency, out of which **6,300 specific legal orientation** questions have been answered.

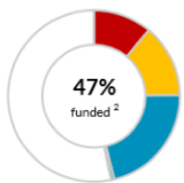


Some 15,300 blankets have been distributed in Apurímac, Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima and Tacna since the start of the Emergency to enhance hospital bed capacity and amid wintertime.



More than 2,660 kits have been distributed by UNHCR and partners, including baby kits in Tacna and Cuzco, hygiene kits in Lima, and mosquito nets, masks, clothes and kitchen sets distributed in Arequipa, Lima, Cuzco, Tacna and Tumbes.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 18 August 2020)



\$48.6 million

UNHCR financial requirements 2020



The financial requirements for Peru include requirements for the Coronavirus Emergency and the Venezuela Situation
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UNHCR Support for hospital capacity enhancement:

So far, **70 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs)** have been donated and installed. During the last weeks, two RHUs were donated to the Ronald McDonald Children's House shelter in Lima to host families and children under treatment at the Children's Hospital. The reception capacity of the hospital will be enhanced with two additional rooms, increasing capacity from 40 to 60 patients. [Watch here](#)
[Read more here](#)



UNHCR Response

Basic needs such as access to food, water and sanitation, shelter and health are growing more and more urgent. In the framework of a joint project with UNHCR, the [Ombudsperson's Office](#) organized a webinar to present key findings of a report on the situation of the Venezuelan population before and after the outbreak of COVID-19. Main needs identified include limitations as to the access to fair and efficient asylum procedures, access to health, birth registration and rising levels of discrimination.

World Humanitarian Day Meet Juliette, an endless source of inspiration to UNHCR staff

"I belong to refugees. When I am out there and see a Venezuelan refugee selling candy on the streets, I don't see them. I see myself selling peanuts to help my family. That is why I never stop."

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Remote support

Since the start of the emergency, **some 4,000 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners.

Over 960 activities on psychosocial support and empowerment to mitigate Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and case referrals have been carried out through UNHCR and partners. Also, in Cuzco and Lima, **some 60 teenagers** participated in SGBV prevention strategy sessions conducted by UNHCR partner Plan International, while partner CAPS offered capacity development activities for **some 420 civil society organizations' staff** on protection and referral pathways.

Some 450 people attended the online workshop on child protection organized by UNHCR with the Ombudsperson's Office, UNICEF and the Judiciary of Tumbes, through the local GTRM Protection Group.

Humanitarian Cash-Based Assistance (CBI)

Since the emergency started, **over 28,300 highly vulnerable refugees and migrants (8,300 families)** have received emergency Cash-Based assistance for over USD 1.6 million.

Some 600 families have been benefited with multipurpose supermarket vouchers via Plan International in Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes. Additionally, **over 520 persons** have received livelihoods orientation in Lima and Madre de Dios since the start of the Emergency.

Solutions to COVID-19

Basic Needs and Shelter

During quarantine, a maximum capacity has been reached of **over 800** vulnerable refugees and migrants who have received shelter and daily food support in **over 20 shelters/collective accommodations** supported by UNHCR in Arequipa, Lima, Puno, Tacna and Tumbes. During this period, **over 450 remaining families** have been provided with shelter awaiting more durable solutions.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR and the Municipality of Lima join efforts in SGBV prevention, mitigation and response

A shelter was inaugurated by the Municipality of Lima “Casa de La Mujer”, which will provide case management support for SGBV survivors. During the inauguration, 20 UNHCR kits for survivors were distributed.

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Health



Over 5,100 specialized mental health consultations have been provided through **partners ACF, CAPS, Caritas, IFRC, HIAS and PROSA** in Callao, Cuzco, Lambayeque, Lima, Madre de Dios and Tumbes.



UNHCR and partners have carried out **over 400 HIV/AIDS consultations** through partner **PROSA** in Tumbes.



Some 1,140 primary health orientations have been carried out in Lima and Tumbes by **UHCR and partners.**

Coordination

UNHCR is co-leading together with IOM the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **GTRM** (for its acronym in Spanish) composed by more than 70 partners including donors. 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.

GTRM partners are mainstreaming a gender perspective into livelihoods efforts through capacity-development programmes towards increasing the employability of some 30 refugee and migrant women and providing financial support to entrepreneurs. Partners supported the validation of three Venezuelan doctors.

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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)

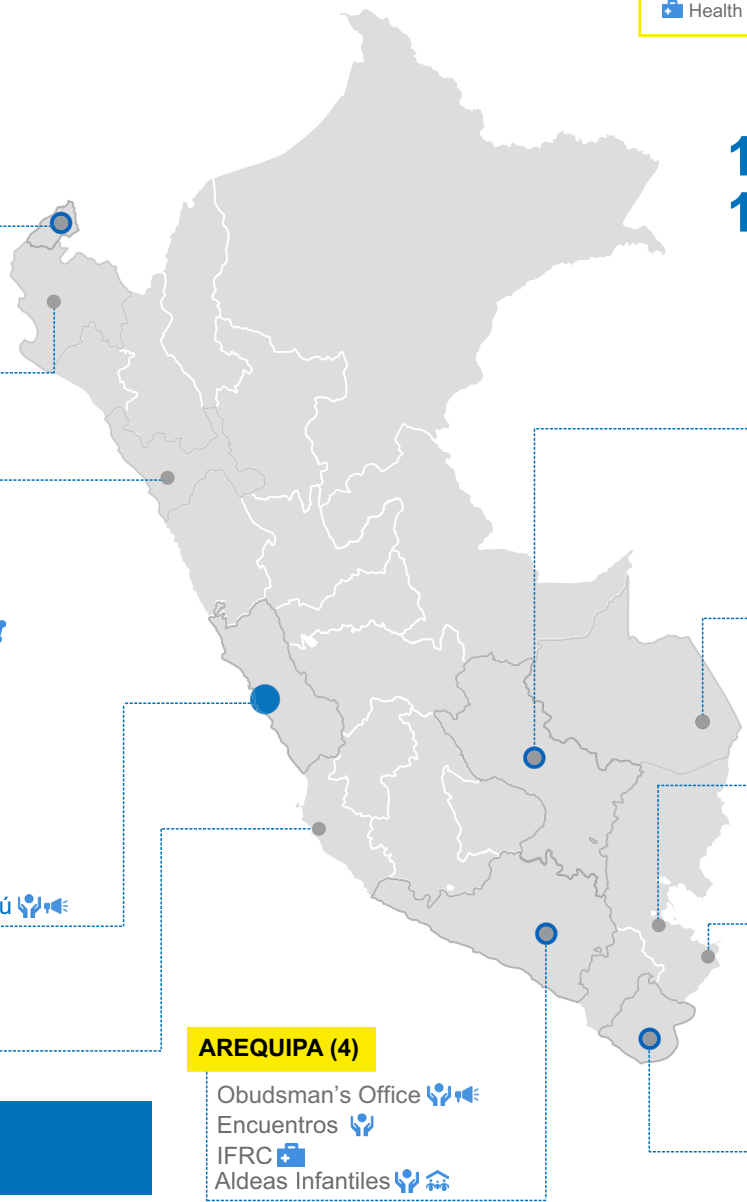
- Obudsman's Office

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



13 Organisations
11 Provinces

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)

AREQUIPA (4)

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

TACNA (5)

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

Key Figures 2020

Some 830,000¹
 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

Some 1,230¹
 Refugees

Some 482,500²
 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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 Plataforma de Coordinación para Refugiados y Migrantes de Venezuela

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