



CONTEXT

From January to June 2022, **14 bills of law** have been presented in the Peruvian Congress related to human mobility. Of these, six are intended to amend the Migration Law (Legislative Decree No. 1350) on issues such as the obligations of foreigners in Peru and the right of access to housing. If approved, at least **400,000 Venezuelans** would be at risk. Five other bills of law presented seek to establish various restrictions affecting refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, such as immediate expulsions and restrictions to work, among others. The three remaining bills would eventually benefit the refugee, asylum-seeker and migrant population in Peru in areas such as access to justice and protection of women and girls' survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

As the **regional and municipal elections** in the country approach in October 2022, there has been an increase in **discriminatory** or even **xenophobic discussions** in the public policy debate.

Regarding **COVID-19**, Peru reopened its land borders in February 2022, after almost two years of closure. However, requirements such as having a valid passport, visa and evidence of full vaccination are still in place for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, which constitute a limitation to access the country in a regular manner.

+ 1.3 million

Venezuelans in Peru, almost 1 million in Lima and Callao.

+ 532,000

Venezuelan asylum-seekers.

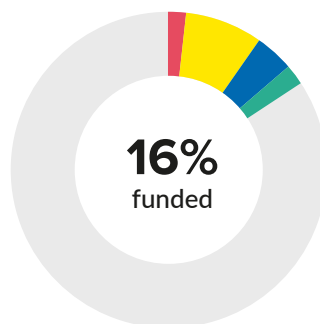
+ 4,250

Venezuelans recognized as refugees.

FUNDING UPDATES

As of 28 June

USD 61.1 million is required to respond to the needs of the refugee, asylum-seeker and migrant population in Peru in 2022. As of 28 June, the operation had received **9.6 million** (16 per cent of the total required).



\$61.1 million

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)



MUSIC FOR INTEGRATION

Catherine Lapoint is the legal representative and founder of the Peruvian-Venezuelan Cultural Association "**Roraima Foundation**", an organization made up of **115 professional musicians** of different nationalities who promote change and social improvement through music. UNHCR has supported them with instruments, transportation, visibility, equipment and organization of concerts. Between 2021 and 2022, more than **59,800** people have participated in these concerts.

Our response in figures

1.7 million people in need of support.

54,500 people assisted by UNHCR and partners.

BASIC NEEDS

- **12,200** people assisted with cash assistance (CBI).
- **5,000** kits distributed.

PROTECTION

- **14,150** people accessed information and orientation on rights and services.
- **700** community leaders trained.
- **199** cases submitted for resettlement opportunities.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND CHILD PROTECTION

- **405** people informed through UNHCR's gender-based violence hotline.
- **95** survivors of gender-based violence supported.
- **386** people informed through UNHCR's child protection hotline.
- **600** refugee, asylum-seeker and migrant children and adolescents have received child protection services.

HEALTH

- **2,412** people accessed health and mental health services.
- **8 health centres** supported with infrastructure and equipment, benefiting over **19,000** Venezuelans and over **276,200** members of the host community in Lima and Tumbes.

EDUCATION

- **1,800** children supported with educational materials.
- **191** children participated in workshops for school reinforcement.
- **1,200** children supported with enrollment into the educational system.

SHELTER

- **1,154** people accessed emergency shelter.

LIVELIHOODS

- **1,043** people received guidance to access employment.
- **425** health professionals revalidated academic degrees or credentials.
- **190** entrepreneurs created or supported.
- **408** people accessed training on self-employment or entrepreneurship.
- **221** people trained in financial education.
- **5** private sector employers have hired refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants as a result of UNHCR's advocacy, awareness-raising and/or capacity-building initiatives.

INTERAGENCY

- **232,000** people supported through the response of the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (GTRM for its acronym in Spanish), made up of 96 organizations.

Main advances



REGULARIZATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- By mid-May 2022, **24,990** asylum-seekers from Venezuela obtained their **Foreigner's ID Immigration Card** through the **Humanitarian Residence Permit** (CMH for its acronym in Spanish), issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. **142,607** foreign citizens obtained the **Temporary Stay Permit** (CPP for its acronym in Spanish). This represents an increase of **5,650** and **69,901**, respectively, compared to December 2021. UNHCR has supported both initiatives through technical assistance, guidance, information and outreach campaigns, and individual case management.
- In Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes, **685** people from the Government, different NGOs and civil society received training on **international protection**.



ACCESS TO RIGHTS AND SERVICES

- More than **15,200** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants benefited from community infrastructure rehabilitation. In addition, the installation of a **Refugee Housing Unit (RHU)**, used as a hospitalization room at the Huaycan Hospital, benefited more than **14,000** people.
- In Lima, UNHCR supported **seven health facilities** from (DIRIS) Lima Norte and Lima Este with medical equipment, benefiting more than **260,000** people, including **19,000** Venezuelan refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants. The facilities were recognized as "Refugee and migrant-friendly centres".
- The operation and the Specialized Protection Units of the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP for its acronym in Spanish) developed a **Protocol for the care of children with international protection needs**.



ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION

- UNHCR launched three **innovative pilot projects** to promote the socio-economic integration of refugees: (1) short-term contracts for health professionals who have revalidated their professional degrees but need help finding a job; (2) support for **79 private medical clinics** that benefit refugees, asylum-seekers, migrants and people from the host community who cannot access the Peruvian health system; and (3) the first UNHCR project targeting young people between 17-25 years old to access their first job.
- Regarding social and cultural integration, UNHCR promotes various community initiatives. As of June 2022, UNHCR, together with community organizations and its partner Union Venezolana, organized **12 Comunafest** events in different districts of Metropolitan Lima, Callao, Trujillo and Tumbes to provide orientation on access to documentation and primary health care. **4,833** Venezuelans and host community members benefited from these initiatives.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- Since 2021, UNHCR has implemented a **resettlement programme** to provide protection to refugees whose specific needs cannot be met in their host country. The programme is also a mechanism for sharing responsibility among governments and a tangible expression of international solidarity.
- As of June 2022, UNHCR identified **1,396** persons with international protection and resettlement needs. After **420** needs assessments and **317** interviews, **199 people will have their cases presented for resettlement** in the United States.

FROM THE FIELD

TUMBES: UNHCR led the opening of an Assistance and Orientation Point (PAO for its acronym in Spanish) on the northern border, providing information to more than **4,700** people since February. In addition, hygiene and hydration kits were distributed to **6,251** people in transit.

TACNA: UNHCR provided information to **1,335** people crossing the southern border and together with IOM, the operation created the Interagency Monitoring tool to monitor the main entry and exit points and identify profiles. In May and June, respectively, UNHCR inaugurated the Red Cross Day Centre which benefited **74** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in the first month and the San Martín de Porres parish dining room, which has assisted **10,150** vulnerable Peruvians and Venezuelans.

CUZCO: UNHCR strengthened the protection capacities of the Hermandad Andina organization through workshops and the donation of technological equipment, which in turn supported more than **500** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants.

AREQUIPA: UNHCR and partners organized 10 community activities as of June 2022, providing guidance and orientation regarding **health services, psychological support and/or legal assistance** in over **550** occasions to vulnerable Peruvians and Venezuelans.



COORDINATION

The **Ministry of Health** has taken the co-leadership role of the GTRM's Health and Nutrition sub-working group, which will enhance cooperation and coordination among actors to ensure Venezuelans' access to health services. In addition, two important steps were taken to contribute to the **Regional Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis (RMNA)**: the revision of studies and data produced by GTRM's partners and Government entities, and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment with the participation of 32 members of the GTRM and 10 allied organizations, including Venezuelan organizations. Both of these exercises contribute not only to the RMNA, but also to the Peru Chapter of the **Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) 2023-2024**.

PROJECTS WITH DONORS

The **United States' support** in areas such as the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, child protection, health, community-based protection, and livelihoods is vital for UNHCR and for refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in Peru. Among other activities, in June, thanks to the contribution of the United States, UNHCR organized a "Walk for Integration" in Tacna and Tumbes and a "Great Inclusive Race" in Lima to raise awareness of refugees and strengthen integration messages. More than **1,700 people of different nationalities** participated in the events.



Thanks to the contribution of the **Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)**, UNHCR provided **79 Venezuelan doctors** with seed capital, which allowed them to practice their professions independently, set up their private consulting rooms or conduct home visits.

Canada and **Italy's** funding allowed **1,044 health professionals** from Venezuela to revalidate their academic degrees to practice their professions in Peru. Of these, **more than 80 per cent were women**. Disciplines included medicine, nursing, psychology, nutrition, and dentistry.

The **Swedish Postcode Lottery (SPL)** funding allowed UNHCR and Amnesty International to participate for the first time in the Lima Pride Parade 2022 with a float featuring Venezuelan LGBTIQ+ refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants. The event was the largest Pride Parade in Peru to date, with more than **20,000** people participating.

Operation in Peru: UNHCR and partners

15 ORGANIZATIONS
11 PROVINCES



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