

Tumbes, Peru











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Tumbes is the **main entry point of Venezuelans crossing into Peru**. In the first weeks of 2019, entries oscilated between **600 and 1,500** daily entries. In May some 2,000 Venezuelans have been entering every day.

During the past months, Venezuelans entering Peru are doing so in more vulnerable conditions than at the beginning of the year. Many families are **traveling on foot for up to 25 days**, in contrast to the bus trip that they could afford before.

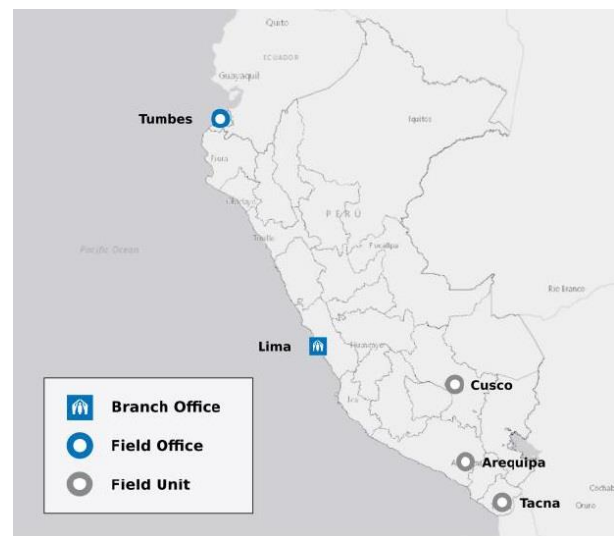
UNHCR has established a joint office in Tumbes together with IOM. UNHCR is also co-leading the humanitarian response at the Binational Border Centre (CEBAF for its Spanish acronym) including different humanitarian actors, to complement Government efforts.

Since January 2019

 <p>Over 110,000 asylum applications received at CEPR in CEBAF</p>	 <p>Over 23,500 kits have been distributed to the most vulnerable</p>	 <p>17,000 received emergency transportation support</p>	 <p>Over 4,500 people in vulnerable conditions have received emergency shelter</p>	 <p>Over 2,000 multipurpose cash grants delivered</p>
 <p>15 Outreach workers provide information and work to identify and refer the most vulnerable cases at CEBAF</p>	 <p>Community brigades for the prevention of SGBV and HIV are conducted in Tumbes and surroundings</p>	 <p>Over 4,300 people received medical assistance at CEBAF</p>	 <p>Over 90,000 litres of water distributed for personal hygiene at CEBAF</p>	 <p>Contingency Plan completed together with government officials and humanitarian actors.</p>



Venezuelans receive water at CEBAF



UNHCR's presence in Peru

UNHCR Response

Coordination and Strategic Response

- **As of April 2018, UNHCR established a joint office with IOM in Tumbes to enhance its humanitarian response at the northern border with Ecuador.** Both organizations provide support to the local Inter-sectorial working-group for Refugees and Migrants led by the Tumbes Vice-governor, which includes the heads of local ministries involved in offering a response, including health, education and shelter, among others.
- **UNHCR is providing technical assistance for contingency planning** to provide comprehensive and coordinated responses for different scenarios.

Humanitarian Assistance

- **Through a Coordination Working Group of Humanitarian Actors created with local authorities working at the Binational Border Centre (CEBAF). UNHCR and IOM are supporting the comprehensive humanitarian assistance response** at the main crossing point with Ecuador. UNHCR hired 15 promoters, who provide orientation, identify and refer vulnerable cases
- **Together with its partner “Encuentros-SJS” (Jesuit NGO), UNHCR offers legal orientation, and assistance to vulnerable cases.** UNHCR and IOM also provide food to vulnerable people. Targeted assistance for shelter and transportation to Tumbes, or in specific cases even to their final destination in Peru, is also provided. UNHCR is also implementing its Cash Based Intervention programme through World Vision to provide core relief support for those most vulnerable, in coordination with Encuentros.
- **IFRC, with the support of UNHCR, offers immediate health assistance at CEBAF.** As many Venezuelans were exposed to hardship along their journey, they arrive dehydrated, nutritional deficiencies and health problems. The Medical Centre provides emergency assistance. Drinking water is made available, as well as a shower service for the most vulnerable. Additionally, core-relief kits for women and children are distributed by the Peruvian Red Cross. Since October, a Family Contact Point allows access to free international and national calls.

Protection and Community Outreach

- **In response to the increasing numbers of Venezuelans entering Peru, UNHCR provides support to the Special Commission for Refugees at CEBAF,** as the only option to enter regularly for Venezuelans without passports, is requesting asylum.
- As the number of unaccompanied and separated children (mostly over 16) identified continues to increase, **the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) has been strengthening their child-protection mechanisms with the support of UNHCR.** UNHCR directly assisted and referred 38 cases from February to May 2019.
- **UNHCR applies a protection monitoring tool** aimed at identifying protection needs to identify vulnerable cases and provide a timely response.
- **While Tumbes was initially a transit area, it is increasingly becoming a destination for Venezuelans.** In this context, UNHCR and partners are increasing outreach activities to provide information and assistance. Working with community leaders, UNHCR is monitoring different areas and strengthening its presence in neighbourhoods with a high concentration of Venezuelans.
- Adolescent groups composed by Venezuelans and Peruvians are **promoting access to rights and prevention of sexual and gender based violence** in their communities, as part of a safe spaces project, supported by Plan International and UNHCR.
- **UNHCR is also working to identify livelihood opportunities and providing entrepreneurship and vocational trainings.** Together with partner Plan International, a sewing workshop has been set up in Tumbes aimed at strengthening local integration and promoting access to livelihoods. Technical trainings for host communities and Venezuelans led by the public centre for technical development with UNHCR support.
- **Through an agreement with the family hotel Toloa, UNHCR provides shelter to the most vulnerable Venezuelans.** Some 1,200 people in transit sleep in Toloa every month, after being referred from the Border Centre by UNHCR and partners, and transported with a free van service.

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