Covid-19 Situation Peru

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Context

The number of positive COVID-19 cases in Peru has been slowly decreasing, and so has the number of deaths **30,230 out of over 702,800 cases so far.** However, Peru holds the highest death rate by COVID-19 in the world, with **85.8 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants,** while hospital capacity for intensive care unit beds (ICU) is still limited across the country.

Impeachment proceedings against President Vizcarra for "moral incapacity" were launched by Peru´s Congress, over allegations of obstruction of justice, after the release of audio recordings on possible ties to a singer investigated in a potential fraud case. On Friday 18 September, Congress will vote on his removal, which would require 87 votes from the 130 legislators. If the President is deposed, the current president of congress, Manuel Merino, would become the president.

Concerning education, the Government has published an Emergency Decree that establishes the hiring of internet services for the benefit of basic education teachers, so that they continue with the provision of virtual classes within the framework of the program Learn From Home (Aprende en Casa), a distance education program via the web, television and open signal radio, which UNHCR supports.

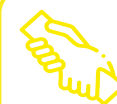## Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation

Over 1,160 medical professionals have registered with UNCHR, and their data has been referred to the Ministry of Health to further evaluate their resumes as part of a new strategy to enhance response capacities to fight COVID-19 by **hiring refugees and migrants.** UNHCR has been supporting the Ministry of Health with the identification of health professionals among refugees, asylum-seekers and migrant population. A landing page for registration has been enabled on UNHCR's website, and messages have been sent out with all necessary information for people to fill the online questionnaire on certifications and availability to be hired in the fight against the pandemic.

Since the beginning of the Emergency, **over 90 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs)** have been donated to enhance the COVID-19 national response **in over 50 locations.** During this period, nine RHUs have been installed in Hospitals, Maternal and Child health centres and shelters in the region of Arequipa, Callao, Cañete, Lima, Loreto, and Iquitos. Additionally, out of the **17 additional Refugee House units (RHUs)** donated to the Ministry of Health and installed throughout the country, **two** have been installed at the Police Hospital in Arequipa and **15** in the Region of Loreto.
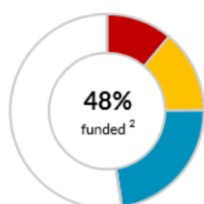
Since the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR for its acronym in Spanish) resumed the online asylum registration system on 22 June, **some 27,250 asylum-seekers** have lodged their claims and received a virtual work permit, out of which **21,300 are in Lima.**

Over 25,000 orientations on documentation, shelter, protection, education, have been registered in proGres, UNHCR's official case-management system. **Some 5,280 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners since the start of the Emergency.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 8 September 2020)

$48.6 million
UNHCR financial requirements 2020

48% funded [2]

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

The financial requirements for Peru include requirements for the Coronavirus Emergency and the Venezuela Situation
For more information: **reporting.unhcr.org**

HIGHLIGHT: UNHCR has launched the "Coming Together Refugee Education Report"

"This is not only about school closures, devastating though these have been. It is about the ability of refugee families on low incomes and in precarious livelihoods, in urban settings and in camps, to afford fees, uniforms, textbooks, travel, mobile data and devices, on top of food and shelter." Read more here

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Basic needs such as access to food, water and sanitation, shelter and health are growing more and more urgent. During the border monitoring exercise carried out in the north of the country among needs identified there are limitations as to access to: fair and efficient asylum procedures, health, birth registration and rising levels of discrimination.

Remote support

Since the start of the emergency, **some 5,280 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners

Over 1,120 activities on psychosocial support and empowerment to mitigate Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and case referrals have been carried out through UNHCR and partners.

Over 66,000 calls have been answered via hotlines by UNHCR and partners since the start of the Emergency.

Humanitarian Cash-Based Assistance (CBI)

Since the start of the Emergency, **over 30,050 people, i.e. some 9,600 families,** have received CBI through partners Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros and HIAS supported by UNHCR for some 1.9 million dollars.

This includes **around USD 46,600.00** in multipurpose supermarket vouchers, reaching **over 3,030 individuals** (equivalent to 1,020 cases), in all five locations where UNHCR has a presence namely: Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.

Solutions to COVID-19

Health

Over 6,500 specialized mental health consultations have been provided through **partners ACF, CAPS, Caritas, IFRC, HIAS and PROSA i**n Callao, Cuzco, Lambayeque, Lima, Madre de Dios and Tumbes.

UNHCR and partners have carried out **over 450 HIV/AIDS consultations through partner PROSA in Tumbes.**

Some 1,230 primary health orientations have been carried out in Lima and Tumbes by **UHCR and partners.**

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Basic Needs and Shelter

During quarantine, the maximum capacity reached for refugees and migrants supported with shelter has been of **some 800 people.** In the last month, **some 300 refugees and migrants** have been supported with shelter, and **over 160,940 food rations** have been provided in the **14 shelters, hotels and temporary centres** in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.

Some 17,400 blankets have been distributed in Apurímac, Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna and Lima since the start of the Emergency to alleviate wintertime and support health facilities.

More than 4,400 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 in Arequipa, Lima, Cuzco, Tacna and Tumbes.

UNHCR and Alianza Lima launch the #SolidaridadAzul (Blue Solidarity) Campaign
Join the challenge!

UNHCR and Alianza Lima, the top football club in Peru and one of the most famous in Latin America, have signed a frame agreement to work on initiatives such as a virtual academy for children to build capacities on the values the club and UNHCR share, including solidarity. Other activities include awareness campaigns for children and families on topics related to refugees and migrants; a training of trainers for the club's staff; scholarships for Venezuelan children to join the club, among other interesting activities. Alianza Lima and UNHCR have launched the challenge **#SolidaridadAzul** (Blue Solidarity) through Rubert Quijada, a Venezuelan footballer, star of the Peruvian team.
[Read more here](#)

Rubert Quijada, Alianza Lima's Venezuelan player

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.

To read the latest dashboard about the COVID-19 Response access [here](#)

To read previous updates please access [here](#)

Peru Operation: UNHCR and partners 2020

Presence
- ● UNHCR Office
- ◉ Field Office
- • Presence

Activity
- Protection (childhood, SGBV, legal orientation, communitary prt. psychosocial support, access to territory and border monitoring.
- Shelter
- Health / HIV AIDS
- CBI
- Reg. and documentation
- Advocacy
- Local integration
- Livelihoods

13 Organisations
11 Provinces

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

AREQUIPA (4)
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- Aldeas Infantiles

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)*

TACNA (5)
- Scalabrinianos Association
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- Plan International

Key Figures 2020

Some
830,000[1]
Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

Some
1,230[1]
Refugees

Some
482,500[2]
Asylum-seekers

1. Figures from the Superintendance of Migration (up to January 2020)
2. Figures according to the Special Commission for the Refugees (CEPR) up to date

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