

Covid-19 Situation Peru

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Context

Francisco Sagasti was elected and appointed Peru's interim President by Congress on 15 November after the impeachment of President Vizcarra on 9 November and subsequent appointment of Manuel Merino as interim President. These changes unleashed nationwide protests, which left dozens of injured and two deaths. International bodies expressed their concerns regarding the arbitrary use of force in Peru during protests and a mission of the United Nations for Human Rights in South America was deployed in the country to assess the impact of the political crisis and the alleged abuse of force during the demonstrations.

On 18 November, Sagasti introduced his new Cabinet. UNHCR has already held meetings with the new authorities from relevant Ministries to confirm their support and brief them on the situation as required, to ensure the most vulnerable refugees and migrants have access to quality services through public systems.

The number of COVID19 positive cases has amounted to **960,370** so far with a steady decline that places Peru in the twelfth position globally and sixth in the region. Yet, the country remains first in the number of deaths per capita with over **35,920**. As preventive measures, the Government has extended the National Health State of Emergency until 6 March 2021, as well as the extension of telework until July 2021, and banned social, political and cultural gatherings. Access to the beaches has also been restricted during weekends, while the nightly curfew continues to be in force from midnight to 4:00 a.m.

Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation



UNHCR met with the Foreign Ministry and the National Superintendence of Migration regarding the access of asylum seekers to a Humanitarian Residence, which would be free for the beneficiaries and allow them greater access to public services such as education, health and employment. The cost estimated for documentation reaching nearly **500,000 asylum seekers** is **USD 6.5M**. The support of the international community is key to moving forward, with UNHCR and IOM planning to support with some **USD 2M**.



Since the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR for its acronym in Spanish) resumed the online asylum registration system on 22 June, some **42,800 asylum-seekers** have lodged their claims and received a virtual work permit, representing over **50,400 asylum-seekers** out of which **32,780 are in Lima**.



Over **1,600 activities** on psychosocial support and empowerment to mitigate Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and case referrals have been carried out through UNHCR and partners. Additionally, in Tumbes, UNHCR participated in a meeting organized by UNFPA to validate a guide to managing SGBV cases. Representatives of different organizations identified gaps regarding access to the national SGBV survivor protection system such as the delay in Judiciary processes to implement protection measures, or lack of adequate emergency kits for survivor girls.



As part of the sensitization strategy for peaceful coexistence, over **193,200** have participated in events and activities online to promote integration and mitigate discrimination since the start of the emergency. Also, over **2 million** have been reached on social media via [#TuCausaEsMiCausa](#) campaign.



Some **32,800 orientations** on shelter, protection, education and documentation have been registered in proGres, since the start of the Emergency. Among the main unmet needs identified, there are basic needs, access to health and other essential services, as well as lack of legal documentation.



As part of the strategy to reduce discrimination, UNHCR and partner Caritas conducted a media workshop and provided tools for human mobility reporting to some **50 journalists** working in Cuzco and the Madre de Dios regions.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 17 November 2020)

\$48.6 million

UNHCR financial requirements 2020



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

HIGHLIGHT: 16 Days of Activism- UNHCR joins efforts with the Municipality of Lima

The campaign "Uniendo Fuerzas" has been launched to prevent gender-based violence with the support of [UNHCR](#), [UNDP](#) and [IOM](#) and the technical expertise of Bloomberg LP Design. Jointly selected messaging conveyed via radio spots, the media and social media aims to reach all the country. Follow [#ActuemosAhora](#) for more info.

[Watch the video here.](#)

UNHCR Response

Basic needs such as access to food, water and sanitation, shelter and health are growing more and more urgent. Amid confinement, **SGBV cases** have been on the rise, with over **80 per cent** of officially reported cases from March to October coming from Venezuelan women.

UNHCR's Global Appeal 2021

Read more about UNHCR's projections for 2021 to fulfill its mandated responsibilities, planning figures, urgent needs and latest figures on over **80 M people** forcibly displaced around the world.
More info [here](#).

Remote support

UNHCR has answered over **83,000 calls** via hotlines with the support of its partners since the start of the Emergency, where mobility restrictions continue to affect refugees and migrants who are in great need for remote support.

UNHCR supported the “Casa de la Mujer”, a safe shelter run by the Municipality of Lima that provides support to SGBV survivors with the installation of a bio-farm. The process was conducted through a participatory workshop on occupational therapy for women, girls and boys hosted in the shelter. This initiative aims to foster integration between refugees and host communities, strengthen SGBV interventions, while including an environmental and waste management component.

Over **7,620 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners since the start of the Emergency.



[Watch “Casa de la Mujer” opening ceremony](#)

Humanitarian Cash-Based Assistance (CBI)

Since the start of the Emergency, over **40,000 people**, i.e. some **13,090 families**, have received CBI through partners Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros and HIAS supported by UNHCR for some **2.5 million dollars**. This includes around **USD 95,040** in multipurpose supermarket vouchers, reaching over **6,480 individuals** (equivalent to **2,100 cases**), in Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Piura Tacna and Tumbes.

As part of the livelihood strategy, some **1,480 people** have participated in workshops led by UNHCR to strengthen capacities to access employment, learn about their rights and complaint mechanisms to report exploitation and abuse.

Solutions to COVID-19

Basic Needs and Shelter

During quarantine, over 1,000 refugees and migrants have been assisted daily, at the maximum capacity of supported shelters since March 2020. During this period, some **280 refugees** and migrants have been supported with shelter, and over **196,000 food rations** have been provided in the 14 shelters, hotels and temporary centres in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.

More than **4,900 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. In addition, over **12,800 soap bars** have been donated by Unilever and distributed in northern Peru in Corrales, La Cruz and Trujillo as well as the Interreligious Committee (CIREMI for its acronym in Spanish).

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Health



Over 9,600 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. Some **50 cases** of elderly persons of concern in vulnerable situations were referred to Helpage for rapid needs assessment.



UNHCR and partners have carried out **over 520 HIV/AIDS consultations** through partner PROSA in Tumbes.



Some 2,880 primary health orientations have been carried out in Lima and Tumbes by UNHCR and partners.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Alberto Lati, UNHCR's High Profile Supporter interviewed Rubert Quijada, Alianza Lima's Venezuelan player via UNHCR's Facebook Live with over **2,300 views** in one day. Watch [here](#).

Thank you, Netherlands for your kind support!

UNHCR and partner Fútbol Más are working on a joint trainer of trainers for some **50 football coaches** from Alianza Lima football club to enhance socioemotional tools for players and advocate for solidarity among more than 200 children in the football academies they conduct. This project, which runs from October to December 2020 is kindly supported by the Netherlands.
Read more [here](#).

Coordination

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the GTRM composed by over **80 partners** including donors, together with IOM. 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, 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)

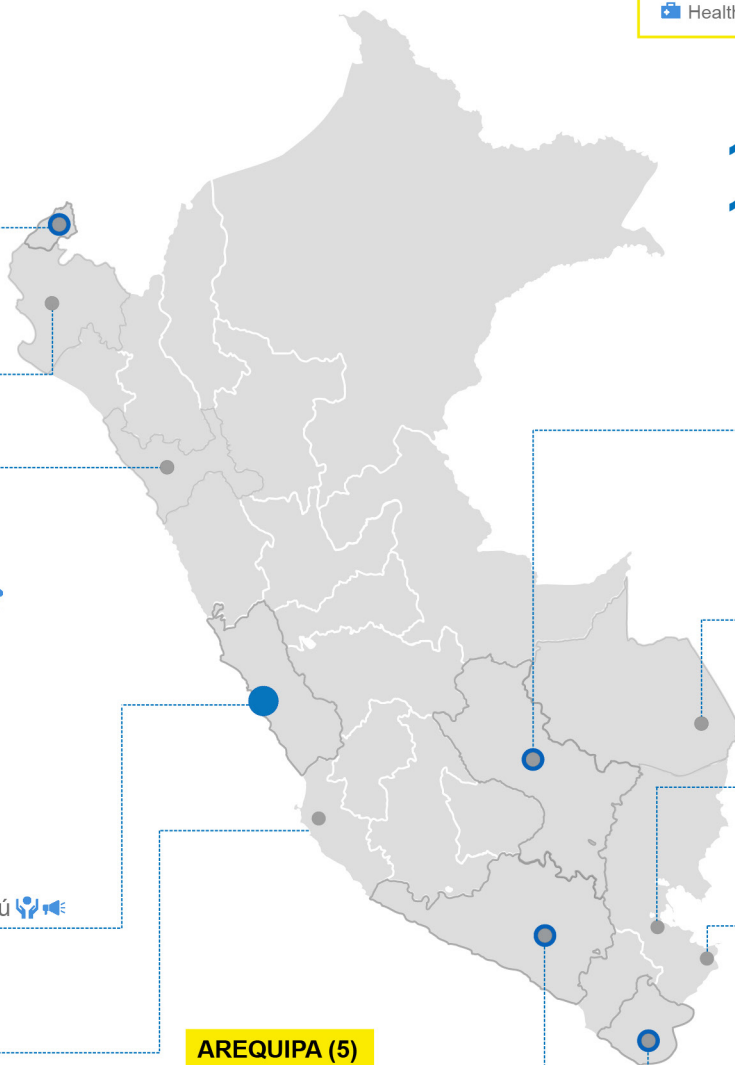
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LIMA (13)

- Aldeas Infantiles
- Scalabrinianos Association
- Action Against Hunger
- CAPS
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- Futbol Mas
- HIAS
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Plan International
- PROSA
- Pontifical Catholic Univ. of Perú

ICA (1)

- IFRC



15 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 (5)

- Aldeas Infantiles
- Obudsman's Office
- Encuentros
- IFRC
- San Pablo Catholic Univ.

TACNA (5)

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

Key Figures 2020

Some **1,043,460¹**
 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

Some **1,230¹**
 Refugees

Some **496,095²**
 Asylum-seekers

1. Figures from the Superintendence of Migration (up to 31 August 2020)
 2. Figures according to the Special Commission for the Refugees (CEPR) up to 30 June 2020



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 Plataforma de Coordinación para Refugiados y Migrantes de Venezuela

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