

Tumbes, Peru

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Some 2,000 Venezuelans enter daily into Peru through Tumbes, the northern border with Ecuador. Many families are in immediate need of water, food, medical assistance and/or shelter, having travelled for days and even months.

UNHCR and its partners are providing humanitarian support in the first point of entry, at the Binational Border Assistance Centre (CEBAF). This includes providing core-relief items, medical assistance and legal orientation.

In order to increase support to local authorities and strengthen local capacities, UNHCR is scaling up its presence and will open a joint office with IOM to better provide a comprehensive response focused on protection needs.

 <p>1 Core relief distribution space established at the Binational Border Centre.</p>	 <p>16.000 litres of drinking water distributed</p>	 <p>Over 2.580 dignity kits distributed to women.</p>	 <p>384 recreational kits distributed to children.</p>	 <p>2100 babies kits provided.</p>
 <p>1 legal orientation centre opened with Encuentros-SJS and IOM</p>	 <p>Over 70 volunteers trained together with IFRC.</p>	 <p>1 Health center with IFRC opened.</p>	 <p>2 new field coordination groups established.</p>	 <p>650 Protection Monitoring Surveys conducted.</p>

UNHCR Response

UNHCR works in coordination with authorities, particularly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Migration Superintendence, the Ombudsperson's Office and the Tumbes Regional Government; key partners include Encuentros-SJS, the International Federation of the Red Cross, IOM and the Catholic Church, among others. UNHCR's community based strategy also implies joint work with host communities and people of concern

- Conduct protection monitoring exercises to identify the main needs of the population.
- Map key allies to establish more effective protection pathways for the most vulnerable.
- Identify suitable shelter alternatives and assist vulnerable cases.
- Prevent sexual and gender based violence and increase child protection mechanisms.
- Provide capacity-building workshops for local authorities to strengthen the access of people in need of international protection to the asylum-system and documentation.
- Provide legal orientation and other important information to people entering the country.
- Co-lead the coordination group at the border centre together with IOM, and provide technical assistance to the new intersectorial coordination group installed by the local government to promote local integration.



UNHCR Staff distributes recreational kits to children at the CEBAF.