

Covid-19 Situation Peru

12 June, 2020



Context

The Government of Peru has extended the state of Emergency until **7 September**, which will amount to **over 170 days since the start**, making Peru's Emergency period one of the longest in the world. Positive COVID-19 cases have amounted thus far to **some 215,000 with over 6,100 deaths**, placing Peru number eight in the global COVID-19 ranking.

Due to a shortage in oxygen provision at hospitals, the Government announced an **investment of S/97.8M** (approximately USD28.2M) by Decree to offer an immediate response to patients in need. **Some 30 activities were resumed** under the Government's Reactivation Plan, while the President of the Council of Ministers highlighted public investment as the greatest engine to reactivate the economy in the country for post-COVID-19 responses.

Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation



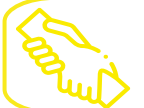
In Lima, **over 1,000 food basket donations** granted by the INDECI (National Institute of Civil Defense for its acronym in Spanish), were distributed by UNHCR, IOM, WFP with the support of UNICEF and coordinated by the Resident Coordinator in Peru.



Over 72,000 food rations for shelters and families have been provided since the beginning of the Emergency in Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.



Since the start of the Emergency, **over 40,300 legal and general orientations** have been provided by UNHCR and partners. Out of this total number, **more than 1,900 protection cases** have been supported and **two safe spaces** for unaccompanied children have been offered.



Since the start of the Emergency, **over 9,000 blankets** have been distributed in Arequipa, Cuzco and Lima. In Arequipa, the distribution is carried out jointly with the CIREMI.

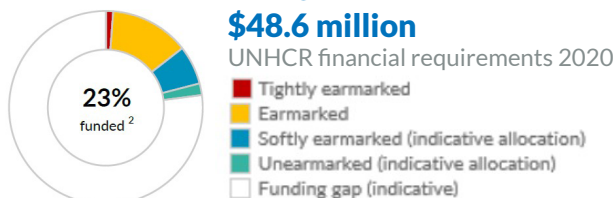


The pilot of the #HéroesDeLaCuarentena campaign has concluded in Arequipa, with a total **250 vulnerable refugee, migrant and Peruvian families supported**. UNHCR supported the Inter-Religious Committee for Refugees and Migrants (CIREMI for its acronym in Spanish), seeking to enhance local ownership and integration when it comes to humanitarian assistance.



Some 100 refugees and migrants received medicines by partner IFRC through health brigades in shelters in Lima and Tumbes. Also, the Regional Health Directorate (DIRESA for its acronym in Spanish) conducted a sexual and reproductive health brigade, providing contraceptive methods and attention for pregnant women. Additionally, so far **over 20 health visits** have been also carried out in shelters in Tumbes and provided medicine to those in need.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 10 June 2020)



The financial requirements for Peru include requirements for the Coronavirus Emergency and the Venezuela Situation
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HIGHLIGHT

Federico Agusti, UNHCR's Representative in Peru, and IOM's Representative Jorge Baca participated in the **Sixth Virtual Ordinary Session of the External Relations Commission of the Peruvian Congress** about UNHCR's overall response to the arrival of Venezuelans in the country, the balance of measures and actions adopted by the Peruvian State to enhance the integration of refugees and migrants, as well as UNHCR's support for the CEPR (Special Commission for Refugees for its acronym in Spanish) [Watch here](#)

UNHCR Response

Basic needs such as access to food, shelter water and sanitation, and health are growing more and more urgent, as mobility restrictions are still in force and access to livelihoods is greatly limited.

The number of persons of concern who have been evicted from their homes as they cannot pay the rent is significantly increasing. In Lima alone, over the past month 35 families identified by UNHCR of eviction and heightened vulnerability, were provided with CBI (Cash-Based Interventions), legal assistance, psychosocial support and in some cases temporary shelter. In Cuzco, families received blankets and kids had a great reading time with UNHCR's Mi Viaje (My Trip) book distributions to enjoy during the winter season. Further assistance to give a quick response in these matters is of urgent need.

AUSTRALIA HAS JOINED THE #HÉROESDELACUARENTENA CAMPAIGN

The next distribution will be carried out in Trujillo, northern Peru **thanks to the strong support received by the Embassy of Australia!**

Find out more [here](#)



Remote support

Over 480 Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) related activities on psychosocial support, case referrals, empowerment, etc. have been carried out through UNHCR and partners.

Health



Over 1,900 mental health consultations have been attended through partners **ACF, CAPS, Caritas, IFRC, HIAS and PROSA.**



UNHCR and partners have carried out **over 260 HIV/AIDS consultations** through partner **PROSA in Tumbes.**



Over 520 primary health orientations and consultations have been carried out in Lima and Tumbes by UHCR and partners.

UNHCR Response

Solutions to COVID-19

Basic Needs and Shelter

More than **650** refugees and migrants are receiving shelter and daily food support in over **20** shelters/collective accommodations supported by UNHCR in Arequipa, Lima, Puno, Tacna and Tumbes.



Food distribution with CIREMI in Lima

Humanitarian Cash-Based Assistance (CBI)

Since the emergency started, over **14,800** highly vulnerable refugees and migrants, i.e. some **4,500** families have received emergency Cash-Based assistance for over **USD 953,700**.




THE CASATALENTOS CONTEST IS ON!

Refugees and migrants as well as the host community participate in a **virtual talent show** from home amid preparations for the upcoming **World Refugee Day on 20 June**. Participants share their talent videos to be evaluated by a board of Peruvian Stars with amazing prizes!

[Learn more](#)

Coordination

UNHCR is co-leading together with IOM the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **Grupo de Trabajo para Refugiados y Migrantes** (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.

 Over **19,000** refugees, migrants and locals have participated in 19 live online workshops during the quarantine provided by Peruvian and Venezuelan volunteers who offer their time to share diverse activities such as yoga, music, arts, handcrafts, etc. to provide new online meeting points for integration purposes as par of the campaign TuCausaEsMiCausa. [Más información.](#)

For more information please download the latest COVID19 Response dashboard [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)

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 **862,000**¹
 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

Some **1,230**¹
 Refugees

Some **482,500**²
 Asylum-seekers

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



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