Covid-19 Situation
Peru
15 May, 2020

Context
The number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to rise with some 4,000 new positive cases reported each day, reaching some 84,500 and amounting to around 2,400 deaths so far. Lima still holds most cases, with over 54,000.

Access to public transportation, including taxis, has been reduced, making it extremely difficult to support and transport vulnerable protection cases in some areas, particularly in Arequipa. Some refugees and migrants have to walk or use informal transportation.

The Government has implemented a bonus of S/760 (USD 220 approx.) aimed to support some 840,000 households in poverty and extreme poverty in rural areas, amounting to over 6 million households so far, which is not applicable to refugee and migrant families in these communities.

Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation
The online platform Matricula 2020 was launched by the Ministry of Education, which offers over 11,000 children support during the suspension of face-to-face education, as part of the Lima Aprende strategy. From now on, State education will grant access to refugee and migrant children with no registration requirements.

As part of the Government's inclusion of foreign health professionals during the Emergency, a further 80 nurses are in the process of joining the 20 Venezuelan doctors already in the ranks to fight COVID-19 in Peru with the support of UNHCR.

Over 700 basic-need kits have been distributed, including over 560 blankets in Cuzco and Apurímac border in face of the upcoming winter season. Also, in Arequipa, UNHCR donated over 1,100 blankets to the Regional Government for the COVID-19 ward of the Hospital Honorio Delgado.

In Tacna, UNHCR distributed over 200 diapers, some 220 sanitary towels to refugees from Colombia, Haiti, Venezuela and locals currently sheltered by the Regional Government of Tacna. In Lima, cases of homelessness were supported by joint efforts of UNHCR and the Municipality with urgent alternative shelter solutions.

In Arequipa, UNHCR launched the ‘Heroes de la Cuarentena’ (‘the Quarantine Heroes’) campaign pilot through which 60 food vouchers were provided to refugees and migrants and the host community to improve access to basic assistance and solidarity. The campaign will benefit 250 families in its first stage.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 29 April 2020)
$35.6 million
UNHCR financial requirements 2020
19% funded

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HIGHLIGHT
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See more.
Basic needs such as access to food, water and sanitation, shelter and health are growing more and more urgent, as the restrictions are still in force and access to means of livelihoods are still limited. UNHCR is supporting through accommodation, shelters and hotels to be used as temporary alternative that also offer provision of meals: two hotels in Lima, one in Arequipa, one in Cuzco and one in Tacna are already operative.

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New study by the Mixed Migration Centre on the Impact of COVID-19 on Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in Colombia and Peru. The analysis is based on over 300 interviews conducted during April 2020. Read more

MASK PRODUCTION IN TUMBES
In Tumbes, UNHCR and Hermanas de Santa Ana together with Venezuelan volunteers have already made over 100 masks to benefit both the host community and refugees and migrants in Peru.

Remote support
Since the start of the emergency, over 11,000 calls have been received via hotlines by UNHCR and partners, while 900 were provided with legal orientation.

Some 320 Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases have been remotely assisted by UNHCR and partners.

Some 50 children continue to be benefitted with a virtual child-friendly space by UNHCR and partner ACF, while a new space for children at risk is being implemented by partner Aldeas Infantiles.

Humanitarian cash-based assistance

Over 10,130 highly vulnerable cases, i.e. some 3,100 families have received emergency Cash-based assistance since the Emergency Started.

UNHCR continues working on new agreements to enhance support as well as to increase the CBI transfer-limit amount and thus benefit more vulnerable families.

Options continued to be explored to scale up CBI by raising the ceiling for each bank account and through new partners to deliver vouchers to cover urgent food needs.
Basic Needs and Shelter

Over 41,300 food rations for shelters and individuals have been provided since the beginning of the Emergency. Also, more than 70 children under five have received more than 4,000 complementary food rations.

More than 620 persons of concern are receiving shelter and daily food support in 20 shelters/collective accommodations supported by UNHCR in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes. A set of guidelines was developed to be operative in all shelters aiming to safeguard hygiene and health conditions.

Health

UNHCR and partners have carried out over 230 health consultations for vulnerable cases carried out during the Emergency.

In Lima and Tumbes, some 170 health consultations on HIV/AIDS have been provided through UNHCR partner PROSA.

Some 300 socio-emotional support sessions have been provided through Caritas and PROSA in Lima, Cuzco, Madre de Dios and Tumbes. An additional 1,350 mental health consultations have been attended through ACF, CAPS, IFRC, HIAS and PROSA.

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Refugee mental health professionals are reaching out to the diaspora with remote sessions to help them cope in the coronavirus pandemic.

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Coordination

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (GTRM for its Spanish acronym) composed by more than 70 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.

The #TuCausaEsMiCausa solidarity campaign has launched over 17 live online workshops during the quarantine dictated by Peruvian and Venezuelan volunteers who offer their time to share activities such as yoga, music, arts, handcraft, etc. to provide new online meeting points for integration purposes weekly. So far, these workshops over 18,000 have participated. See more

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**Key Figures 2020**

Some 862,000¹ Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

Some 1,230¹ Refugees

Some 482,500² Asylum-seekers

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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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