

Covid-19 Situation Peru

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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.

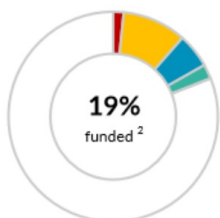


In Tacna, UNHCR distributed **over 200 diapers, some 220 sanitary towels** to refugees from Colombia, Haiti, Venezuela and locals currently sheltered by the Regional Government of Tacna. In Lima, cases of homelessness were supported by joint efforts of UNHCR and the Municipality with urgent alternative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

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

For more information: reporting.unhcr.org

HIGHLIGHT

From selling arepas to joining the ranks in the Emergency: take a look at Luque's story, one of the selected doctors supported by UNHCR to validate professional titles in the country and join the ranks.
[See more.](#)



UNHCR Response

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.

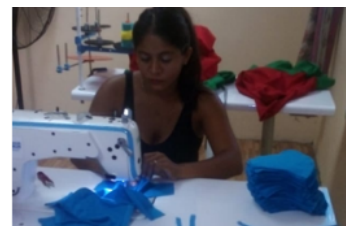
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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.

UNHCR Response

Solutions to COVID-19

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.

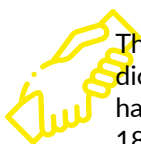
VENEZUELAN COUNSELLORS OFFER FELLOW REFUGEES 'PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID' IN PERU

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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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)

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 Aldeas Infantiles

CUZCO (4)

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 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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 Plataforma de Coordinación para Refugiados y Migrantes de Venezuela
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