

CONTEXT

As the national Government is moving ahead with its vaccination plan, on 21 June, a law that entitles Regional Governments and the Private Sector to purchase COVID19 vaccines was published to guarantee access to the entire population.

The [resignation of one of the four magistrates of the National Elections Jury \(JNE\)](#) on 25 June delays the results of the presidential elections. Luis Arce, representing the Public Ministry, argued “[lack of transparency and willingness to find the electoral truth.](#)” On June 26, the supreme prosecutor Víctor Rodríguez was appointed in his place after a resolution adopted by the Board of Supreme Prosecutors. On 28 July, Fujimori’s party Fuerza Popular asked the plenary session of the JNE to [make this resolution void](#), alleging “it has not been carried out according to the National Law.”

On 26 June, the head of the National Office for Electoral Processes (ONPE) was physically and verbally assaulted by an unidentified citizen. Igor Garfulic, UN Resident Coordinator in Peru, [strongly condemned](#) this attack and called for peace, calm and respect towards the democratic values.

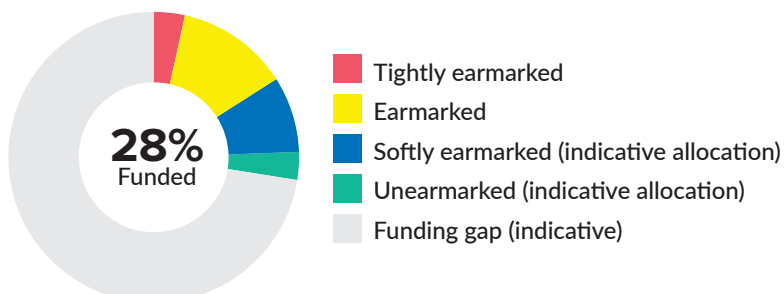
The international communities represented by the [Organization of American States \(OAS\)](#) and the [European Union \(EU\)](#), as well as [Canada](#) and the [USA](#) expressed their support for the electoral system of Peru and agreed that the elections were held in a fair and democratic manner.

UNHCR PERU FUNDING UPDATE

As of 22 June 2021

UNHCR’s financial requirements 2021:

\$60.9 million



HIGHLIGHT

The president of the Permanent Commission for Access to Justice for People in Vulnerable Conditions of the Judicial Power emphasized her commitment for the rights of Venezuelan refugees in Peru to be protected by the Peruvian State during a webinar attended by the Peruvian Supreme Judge, the Executive Director of the Catholic University, and UNHCR’s Representative. Over 630 persons attended.

[Read more here](#)



ASYLUM-SEEKERS, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS SITUATION

On June 12, the vaccination process for pregnant mothers was launched by the Peruvian Ministry of Health, the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism and the Municipality of Lima, as well as Representatives of the UN in the country. UNHCR has been supporting with info dissemination to keep abreast the populations of concern and the host community.

To support the Ministry of Health, UNHCR has launched the vaccination communications' plan to reach refugees and migrants so they register and receive the vaccine. So far, some 70 staff, partners and community leaders have attended capacity development trainings on the subject to spread information, a landing page has been created with FQ&A, while so far over **11,000 messages** were sent to the 60 and 58-year-old population to inform them on schedules. Information has also been posted on social media reaching over **50,000 persons** so far.

Two virtual entrepreneur fairs, reaching over **8,500 persons**, were organized by UNHCR. One supported by partner Encuentros for some 20 refugee and migrant entrepreneurs that also benefitted from webinars and workshops with the Ministry of Production. Topics tackled included financial inclusion, finance management, business formalization. A second fair was organized with partner Action Against Hunger (ACF) in coordination with the Ministry of Labour and the Municipality of Independencia. Over 30 Venezuelan and Peruvian entrepreneurs were able to promote their products and services and were provided with a workshop on economic integration strategies for business.

The Municipality of Lima launched a campaign on the prevention of sexual harassment in public spaces "You are not alone, let's act now" (No Estás Sola, Actuemos Ahora). Representatives from the Municipality and the supporting UN Agencies, UNHCR, IOM, PNUD participated in the inauguration activity and the implementation of the campaign.

UNHCR Response

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

REMOTE SUPPORT

- UNHCR and partners CAPS, Caritas, Encuentros, HIAS, PROSA and Plan International answered some **33,930 calls and messages** via the free-toll hotlines to offer orientation and assistance in protection, education, documentation, and shelter. More than **12,690** of these have focused on legal orientations.
- **Some 7,165 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners.
- The Webinar on "How to access the Educational System in Peru" was held via #TuCausaEsMiCausa Facebook account with the participation of two specialists from the Decentralized Education Directorates (DIRESA), who dealt with questions regarding access to education. The event reached **530 people**. Also, some **350 tablets and 1,940 school kits** were distributed to refugee and migrant children to support access to virtual education of girls and boys by UNHCR and the Interreligious Committee for Refugees and Migrants (CIREMI) with partner Encuentros.

HUMANITARIAN CASH-BASED ASSISTANCE (CBI)

- Some **7,955 people** received CBI through partners Action Against Hunger (ACF), Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros, and HIAS supported by UNHCR for some **623,000 dollars**. Most beneficiaries are located in Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna, Trujillo, and Tumbes. This humanitarian CBI aims to cover basic needs such as food, health, as well as seed capital to support business initiatives.
- As part of the livelihoods' strategy, some **3,975 persons** participated in workshops led by UNHCR or received orientation to enhance their capacities to access decent work, learn about their rights and complaint mechanisms to report exploitation and abuse in the labor market.

BASIC NEEDS AND SHELTER

- Some **635 refugees and migrants** have been assisted daily at the **13** supported shelters and hotels in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna, and Tumbes. Also, some **51,800 food rations** have been provided. Support with basic needs and shelter has been key for those who have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic.
- Some **12,050 persons** received kits distributed by UNHCR and partners, including hygiene, winter, food, and baby products, as well as those to cover SGBV survivors' needs. These kits have been essential during the pandemic for the most vulnerable families and their children to cover their basic needs regarding housing, food, and health. Additionally, some **3,230 thermal blankets** have been distributed in key cold regions in preparation for the winter season.

HEALTH

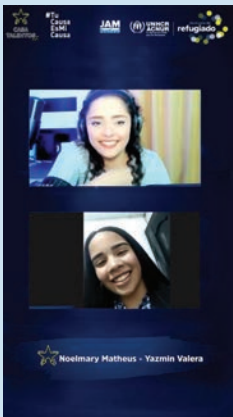
- On mental health, some **6,820 psychosocial support activities** have been provided through partners ACF, CAPS, Caritas, HIAS, and PROSA. Psychosocial support has been crucial during times when confinement has had a strong impact on mental health.
- UNHCR and partners have carried out some **230 HIV/AIDS consultations** through partner PROSA in Lima and Tumbes for populations of concern in need of a space for treatment and assistance while other health centres were either overstretched or fully busy with COVID-19 cases.
- To enhance the capacities of the national health system in Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna, and Tumbes, **24 RHUs** (Refugee Housing Units) have been donated to hospitals and clinics in Peru.

DONORS SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE FORCIBLY DISPLACED, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS AND STEADFAST SUPPORT FOR UNHCR PROGRAMMES

UNHCR is grateful for all the contributions received during the International Donors' Conference, which are essential to the organization's ability to respond quickly and address the needs of the refugees, migrants forcibly displaced and their hosts.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY SPECIAL



CasaTalentos Regional Contest on World Refugee Day!

This [virtual talent show](#) organized by UNHCR showed that people forced to flee their countries and those who receive them have multiple talents and can strengthen their capacities through cultural exchange. The “CasaTalentos” contest went regional this year and took place in over ten countries reminds us that millions of people in the world are forced to leave their homes to save their lives and to live in peace. Over **400 regional talents** were shared. [Watch the Grand Final again](#), where contestants from diverse backgrounds and living in different cities or countries joined forces and created new materials, proving that we can all work and shine together.

Karaoke evenings full of fun at shelters

We got together with our dearest refugees in Lima to share some music at Ministerio del Amor and Don Bosco shelters. Over **100 refugees and migrants** enjoyed nights full of entertainment to commemorate World Refugee Day and share more about their stories and projects.



Mini-Reporteritos interviews the authorities!

As part of WRD visibility activities, young reporters aged 8-12 interviewed the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Superintendent of Migration, the Secretary of the Special Commission for Refugees, UNHCR Representative, and soon-to-be High-Profile Supporter Patricia Portocarrero on refugee matters and integration affairs. These videos will soon be shared on social media and La República TV.

World Refugee Day Closing Event in La Victoria, Lima

This event was carried out together with the Municipality of Lima, including Venezuelan artists, a karaoke session, and the performance of the winners of #CasaTalentos contest 2020 and 2021. The populations of concern and the host community had the chance to exchange an afternoon full of fun and entertainment and share something to eat from the different Venezuelan and Peruvian entrepreneur food-stands. The event saw the participation of some **200 persons**.



COORDINATION

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **GTRM** composed by over 80 partners including donors and IFIs together with IOM. The GTRM is coordinating with the Humanitarian Network and has been holding 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.

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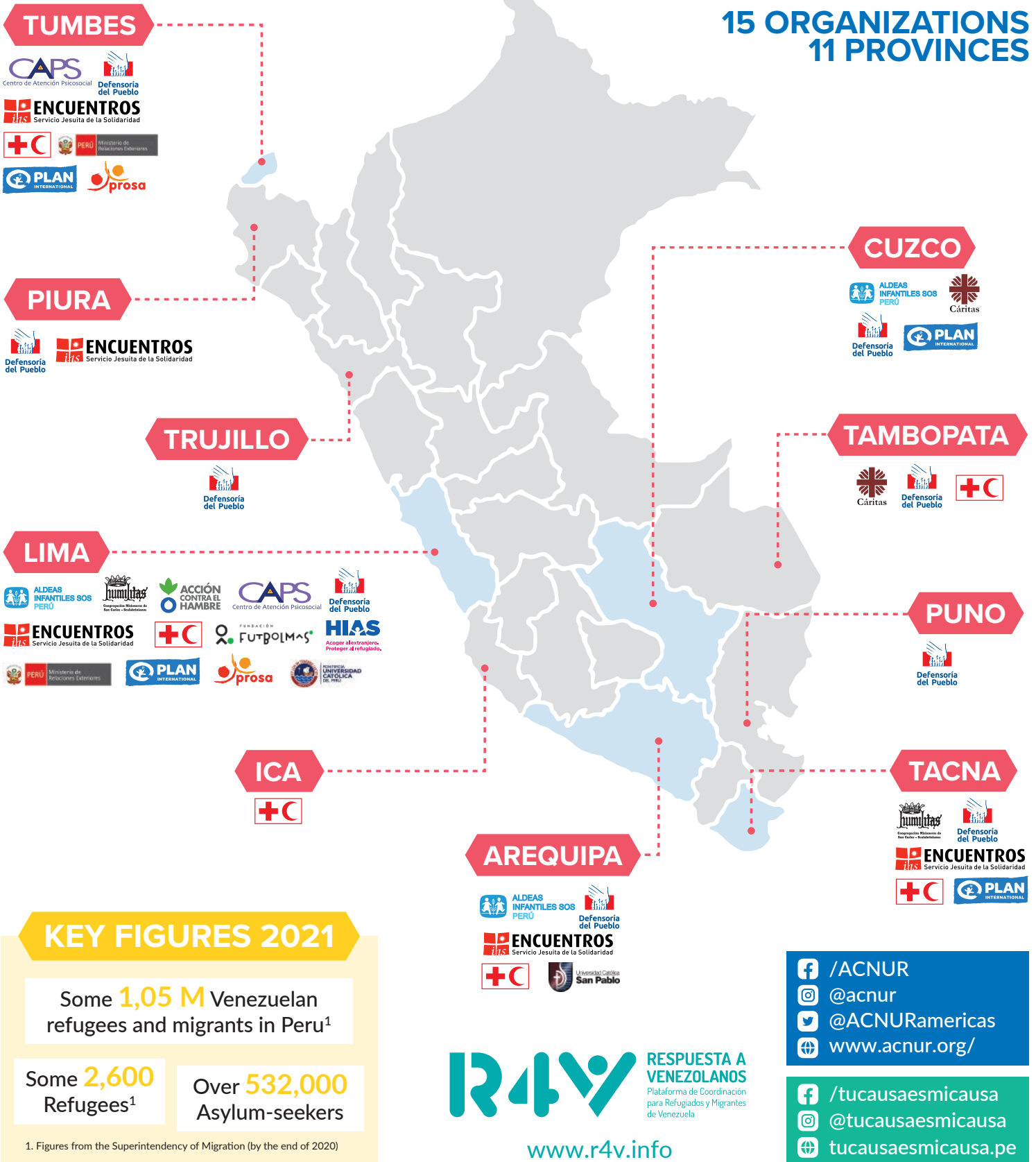
Read R4V Updates here:

Protection Monitoring in Puno – June 2021

R4V Regional Implementation Plan Updates

Peru Operation: UNHCR and partners

15 ORGANIZATIONS
11 PROVINCES



KEY FIGURES 2021

Some **1,05 M** Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru¹

Some **2,600** Refugees¹

Over **532,000** Asylum-seekers

1. Figures from the Superintendency of Migration (by the end of 2020)

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