

Covid-19 Situation Peru

5 August, 2020

Context

The Ministry of Health reported that a Prevalence Study revealed that **25.3 per cent of Lima, about 2.7 million people, would have been infected with COVID-19**. These figures exceed by far the official data, which keeps Peru as the seventh country in the global ranking and the third in Latin America. Additionally, daily positive cases have risen again to **over 7,000**. The Government announced a revision of the official figures, which could imply a significant increase to **over 43,000 deaths** against the **29,000** currently reported.

Meanwhile, Peru's Congress rejected a vote of confidence for President Martín Vizcarra's Cabinet, forcing another reshuffle of his top advisers in the middle of the crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Ombudsperson's Office in Tacna has required the Regional Government to adopt the necessary actions through the Regional Health Directorate (DIRESA for its acronym in Spanish) to equip the Intensive Care Unit with beds, oxygen and staff to prevent the collapse of the health capacity.

The Minister of Transport and Communications suspended interprovincial land and air travel in the regions that returned to strict quarantine measures due to the COVID-19 sudden increase. These regions include Cuzco, Puno and Tacna, where UNHCR has presence.

Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants situation



The requirement for national and international health professionals to validate their professional titles in Peru to join the ranks has been **eliminated**. From August 15, graduates and specialists may provide services in public establishments without requiring validation or temporary authorization from the professional boards or colleges. Only the Apostille will be required for foreign titles. **This measure follows strong advocacy by UNHCR and other organizations for the inclusion of Venezuelan health professionals** to fight COVID-19 since the start of the emergency. This measure will speed up procedures and facilitate their inclusion amid the caseload increase.

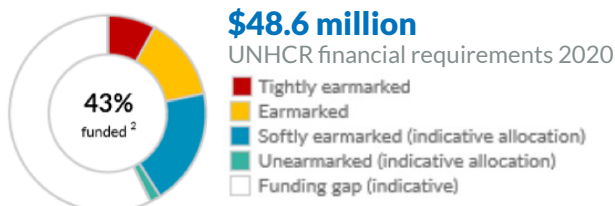


Since the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR for its acronym in Spanish) resumed the online asylum registration system on 22 June, **some 17,000 asylum-seekers** have lodged their claims and received a virtual work permit, out of which **14,000 are in Lima**.



The Ombudsperson's Office has requested the National Civil Registration Authority (RENIEC for its acronym in Spanish) to urgently implement the necessary measures to **ensure the birth registration of 150,000 children born during the quarantine**, including **children of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants**. It highlighted the need to accept other documentation than the Peruvian national ID to request an appointment for birth registration through the recently opened virtual platform.

UNHCR Peru Funding Update (As of 22 July 2020)



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

Some **14,800 blankets** have been distributed in Apurímac, Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna and Lima since the start of the Emergency amid winter times as well as to enhance hospital response in Lima, as COVID-19 caseload is on the rise.



UNHCR Response

Basic needs such as access to food, water and sanitation, shelter and health are growing more and more urgent. In preparation for the post-COVID19, it is crucial to enhance access to livelihoods, which is still limited. Support to professionals, particularly mental health professionals to join the ranks is imperative.

Remote support

Since the start of the emergency, **some 3,450 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners.

Over 53,800 calls have been answered via hotlines by UNHCR and partners since the start of the emergency.

Over 860 activities on psychosocial support and empowerment to mitigate Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and case referrals have been carried out through UNHCR and partners. Also, in Cuzco and in Lima, some 60 teenagers participated in SGBV prevention strategy sessions conducted by UNHCR partner Plan International, while partner CAPS offered capacity development activities for some 220 civil society organizations' staff on protection and referral pathways. A safe shelter space for SGBV survivors is still operating through UNHCR partner HIAS.



Humanitarian Cash-Based Assistance (CBI)

Since the emergency started, **over 22,640 (some 7,000 families) highly vulnerable refugees and migrants** have received emergency Cash-Based assistance for over USD 1.5 million.

Some 500 families have been benefited with multipurpose supermarket vouchers via Plan International in Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes. So far, **over 4,800 kits** and supermarket vouchers have been distributed.

Solutions to COVID-19

Basic Needs and Shelter

More than 550 vulnerable 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. UNHCR partner Action Against Hunger also provided three virtual child protection sessions for parents in Lima.

Over 128,900 food rations have been provided since the start of the Emergency in the shelters, hotels and temporary centres in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.

The exit strategy from hotels implemented in Tumbes by UNHCR and IOM was successfully executed. **Over 50 cases** were supported with CBI interventions that allow them to start the integration process in Peru, whereas ten cases continue being hosted by UNHCR and IOM due to ongoing quarantine mobility restrictions in the region.

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Health



Over 4,500 specialized mental health consultations have been provided through partners **ACF, CAPS, Caritas, IFRC, HIAS and PROSA** in Callao, Cuzco, Lambayeque, Lima, Madre de Dios and Tumbes.



UNHCR and partners have carried out over **380 HIV/AIDS consultations** through partner **PROSA** in Tumbes.



Some **1,080 primary health orientations** have been carried out in Lima and Tumbes by **UHCR and partners**.

UNHCR would like to thank the EUROPEAN UNION for its vital contribution

The **€ 7 million** contribution from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) will help mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on refugees and migrants from Venezuela and their host communities.

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Coordination

UNHCR is co-leading together with IOM the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **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.

GTRM partners are working with regional authorities to develop the capacities of local key actors to identify, refer and protect victims and potential victims of human trafficking. Partners are also scaling up support on the protection of children, the regularization of their parents' status, and their inclusion in the public education system.

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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)

- 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



13 Organisations
11 Provinces

Key Figures 2020

Some **830,000**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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