

CONTEXT

On the northern border, out of the 1,200 Army soldiers deployed in January, about 400 soldiers remain. Meanwhile, 160 police officers continue to guard the area as influx movements have reportedly decreased. UNHCR is closely monitoring the situation.

On 4 March, the Ministry of Health confirmed on National TV (Canal N) that foreigners living in Peru will be included in the national vaccination plan and addressed the issue as “an obligation for the national immunization plan to succeed, regardless of nationality.”

On 5 March, President Sagasti held a conversation with the Canadian Prime Minister about cooperation issues between the two countries, including the need to address the impact of the Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru. The exchange takes place in preparation for the **International Conference of Donors in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants** which will be held on 17 June by Canada with the support of the European Union, UNHCR and IOM.

As elections approach, 18 candidates for the presidency are running public campaigns. In this context, a candidate for the presidency had a heated argument in Lima with a Venezuelan, which went viral on social media, where he threatened that he “would deport and expel any foreign citizens in an irregular situation in Peru. So far, [several candidates have expressed xenophobic policies](#) as part of their campaign plans.

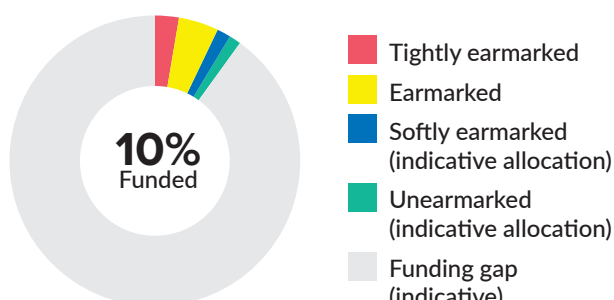
On March 29, the Peruvian Congress’ Family Commission adopted by majority [the opinion that proposes a gender identity law](#), which seeks to protect the rights and respect the identity of sexual minorities, especially of transgender people.

UNHCR PERU FUNDING UPDATE

As of 30 March 2021

UNHCR’s financial requirements 2021:

\$60.9 million



HIGHLIGHT

UNHCR and Alianza Lima’s activity on International Women’s Day

On International Women’s Day, UNHCR and Alianza Lima shared a friendly, powerful exchange of Peruvian and Venezuelan women about “Women in Sports”. Positive aspects of sports on women’s lives were addressed, as well as the barriers, and gender biases in sports. The activity has reached some 100,000 views and interactions on Alianza Lima’s official accounts and #TuCausaEsMiCausa.

[Watch it here](#)

ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND REFUGEES' SITUATION

The Superintendency of Migration has extended the extraordinary pre-registry for regularization of foreigners in Peru **until 7 April**. The resolution also orders all foreigners living in Peru to update their information via the web portal, including Venezuelan nationals who requested or obtained the Temporary Stay Permit (PTP) and asylum-seekers. UNHCR is supporting the national authorities and sent out **some 300,800 emails** and **some 38,000 SMS** to internal and Government databases to inform the populations of concern. The pre-registry includes asylum-seekers who could eventually opt for a humanitarian visa and with it, access to a foreigner's ID (Carnet de Extranjería) that allows access to public services such as public healthcare.

On 17 March, in support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Representative Federico Agusti participated in an online session on the impact of the arrivals of refugees and migrants in Peru, alongside the Superintendency of Migration, representatives of the Peruvian Congress and IOM.

UNHCR and partners CAPS, Caritas, HIAS, and Plan International answered **some 10,300 calls** and messages via the free-toll hotlines to offer orientation and assistance in protection, education, documentation, and shelter.

In order to promote solidarity UNHCR supported Venezuelan grass-root organization Union Venezolana in planning and executing a four-hour-long [live streaming concert](#) with 30 artists both Peruvian and Venezuelan. Some **300 people** were connected on average throughout the event. The Resident Coordinator was invited by UNHCR to make a special appearance.

UNHCR Response



REMOTE SUPPORT

- Some **1,990 protection cases** have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners since January 2021.
- Over **1,000 orientations** on shelter, protection, education, and documentation have been registered in proGres during January and February. Among the main unmet needs identified, there are basic needs, access to health and other essential services, as well as lack of legal documentation.



HUMANITARIAN CASH-BASED ASSISTANCE (CBI)

- Over **2,260** people received CBI through partners Action Against Hunger (ACF), Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros, and HIAS supported by UNHCR for **over 181,600 dollars**. 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 1,240 persons** participated in workshops led by UNHCR, 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 200 refugees and migrants have been assisted daily at the nine supported shelters and hotels in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna, and Tumbes. Also, over 6,000 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 4,400 persons received kits distributed by UNHCR and partners, including hygiene, winter, basic needs, 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.

HEALTH

- On mental health, some 2,340 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 over 65 HIV/AIDS consultations through partner PROSA in Tumbes for populations of concern in need of a space for treatment and assistance while other health centres were either overstretched or fully focused on COVID-19 cases.
- 17 RHUs have been donated to hospitals and clinics in Peru to enhance the capacities of the national health system in Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna, and Tumbes.



THANK YOU, USA FOR YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT!

The United States of America continue providing life-saving support to thousands of refugees and migrants in Peru to help improve their living conditions amid pandemic times by assisting the most vulnerable with shelter, food, water, personal protection equipment, humanitarian cash-based assistance, as well as by supporting peaceful coexistence initiatives in the country.

COORDINATION

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the GTRM composed by over 80 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.

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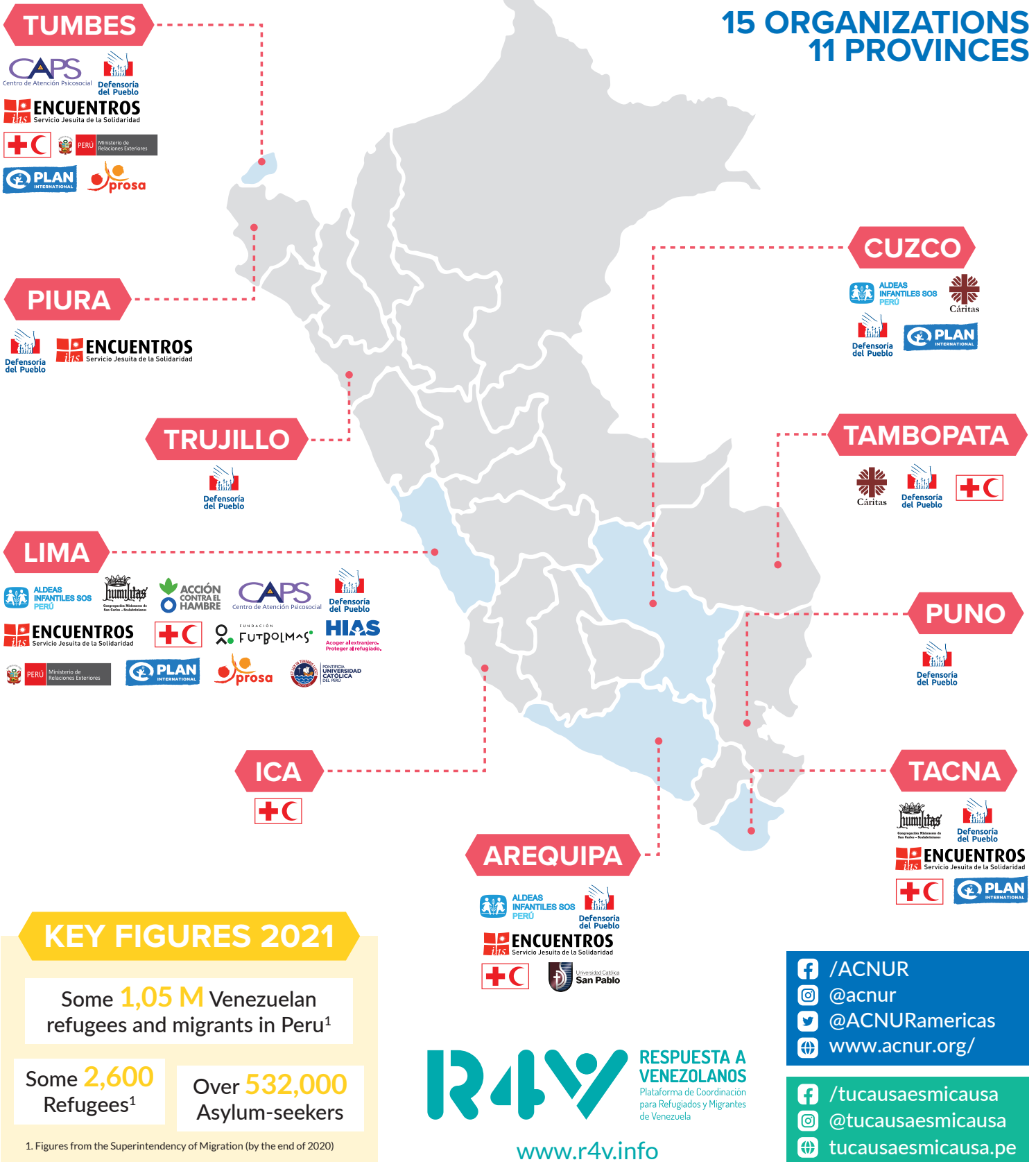
Read R4V Updates here:

[GTRM Peru - Situation Report \(SitRep\) February 2021](#)

[GTRM Peru - Mapeo Presencia 5W Febrero](#)

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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