

# Peru

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More than **1.32 million** Venezuelans have arrived in Peru, **532,000** of whom have sought **asylum**. This makes Peru the **first destination** for those who need international protection, and the **second country with the highest number of asylum requests**.

In addition to the great efforts made by the government and the **host community**, further **support** is needed to grant access to basic rights and services for refugees and migrants due to the limited infrastructure and resources available.

UNHCR works hand-in-hand with the government to assist the needs of the most vulnerable refugee and migrant families in **Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes**.

## KEY FIGURES

- Due to the pandemic, **borders in Peru were closed since March 2020**, hindering the situation of those forced to flee their countries.
- More than **260,000** people have regularized their stay with residency permits as of October 2021.
- More than **3,200** Venezuelans have been granted **refugee status** between 2016 and June 2021.
- An estimate of **810,000** refugees and migrants are in **extreme vulnerability** and require greater support with **food, health, shelter and livelihoods** to tackle the difficulties they face daily.



UNHCR works alongside the government, other UN agencies, religious communities, and the civil society to respond effectively to the situation in Peru.

We have staff in our offices and field units in **Lima, Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Tacna, and Tumbes**.

### PRESENCIA DE ACNUR



UNHCR provides humanitarian assistance to vulnerable cases



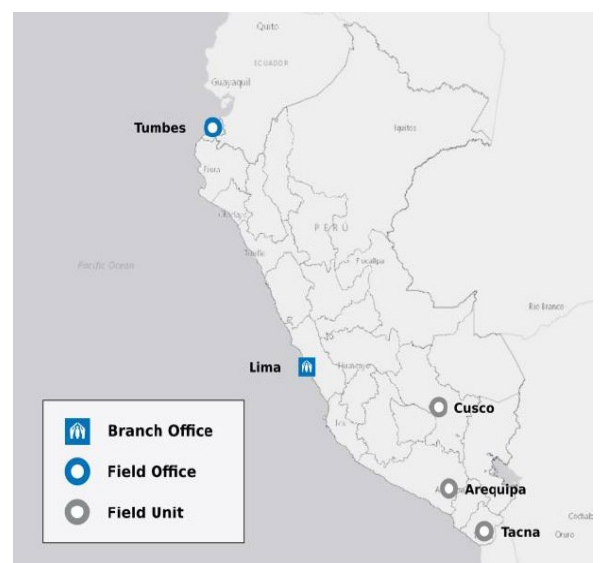
UNHCR helps provide temporary shelter, safe spaces and orientation to those in need



UNHCR and IOM lead the response for Venezuelans in Peru through the campaign #TuCausaEsMiCausa, to promote solidarity and inclusion.



UNHCR carries out social consultations to collect data to be able to adapt the response to the communities we serve.



## UNHCR RESPONSE



## WORK AREAS

### Information

We frequently carry out protection monitoring sessions to evaluate people's needs and be able to adjust our response. We support population studies including labour and health issues.

### Rights Advocacy

We strengthen the interventions of the Ombudsman's Office in strategic locations through hiring and training of staff as well as institutional training to improve specialized assistance to both Peruvians and people with international protection needs, particularly asylum-seekers and stateless persons.

### Migration Office

UNHCR supports the Superintendency of Migration by informing the refugee and migrant communities about the steps and requirements to obtain the CPP and CMH to regularize their stay in Peru

### Child Protection

To protect children and adolescents, particularly those unaccompanied or separated from their families, UNHCR supports specialized responses and follow-ups in coordination with the MIMP. We support the strengthening of the capacities of adolescents to broaden their knowledge on their rights and tackle gender violence prevention.

### CEPR

UNHCR and partners work together with the Social Committee for Refugees (CEPR) to facilitate the access to the different procedures the refugee and migrant population must follow.





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Response

The **Work Group for Refugees and Migrants (GTRM)** is a coordination platform co-lead by **The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)**, and the **International Office of Migration (IOM)** that includes over 80 organization to respond to the needs of the refugee and migrant population in Peru

## Shelter

In response to the growing immediate shelter needs of hundreds of Venezuelans, many faith-based organizations and private entities have opened shelters at a national level. UNHCR supports **11** shelters and **2** hotels in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna and Tumbes, where many refugees and migrants are assisted daily.

## Basic Needs

UNHCR supports Venezuelans' basic needs and fundamental rights by providing them with essential items like hygiene kits, baby kits, winter kits and help for sexual and gender violence survivors. Also, **179,500** food rations and **10,800** thermal blankets were distributed.

## HIV Prevention

For people living with HIV/AIDS, access to adequate treatment means a chance to live. We assist by advising them on access to treatment, testing, mobile preventive brigades and psychosocial support. We carried out **590** consultations .

## Health

Thanks to the support on UNHCR and partners, more than **13,670** accessed the national health system. Also, **29** Refugee Housing Units (RHU) have been donated to hospitals and clinics to enhance the capacity of the national health system in Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna and Tumbes.

## Humanitarian Assistance

**1,180**  
people were  
assisted in  
shelters

**22,600**  
people have  
received basic  
needs items

**6,000**  
people accessed  
primary care  
consultations and  
**5,000** received  
psychosocial  
support

**31,050**  
people received  
cash-based  
assistance

**1,700**  
families received  
multipurpose cards,  
(**4,517** persons in  
total)

## Cash-based Assistance

Cash-based assistance helps refugees and migrants satisfy a variety of needs, including access to food, medical assistance and shelter, which allows them to build and maintain their livelihoods, and brings empowerment and dignity.

## WORK WITH GOVERNMENT

UNHCR is a member of the **Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR)** and collaborates closely with the **Ombudsman's Office** and the **Ministry of External Relations**. During the pandemic, UNHCR has also been joining efforts with the **Ministry of Health (MINSA)**, the **Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP)**, and other government institutions.

## Sensitization Campaigns

#TuCausaEsMiCausa is a campaign aimed at strengthening the solidarity shown by the host community with Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Social media posts were seen **14 million** times and its two most successful videos reached **98 thousand** and **35 thousand** views. We also launched the campaign #SolidaridadAzul with Alianza Lima, the first sports club in Latin America that holds a global agreement with UNHCR.

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#Tu Causa Es Mi Causa

**400** children benefited with the #SolidaridadAzul campaign activities alongside Alianza Lima



**462** professionals were able to validate their credentials



**9,500** people participated in livelihoods workshops



**5,540** education kits including tablets were distributed



## Inclusion

## CIREMI

UNHCR supports the work of the Interreligious Committee for Refugees and Migrants (CIREMI), located in **41** communities at a national level, out of which **25** are situated in Lima Metropolitana in **14** locations.

## Education

We work with universities to promote the validation of refugees and migrants' credentials, we support technical training public and private programs to enhance their capacities, we offer entrepreneurship workshops, online courses, etc. We also promote children's access to quality education.

## Livelihoods

We work to promote economic inclusion of those forced to flee their homes so they can have a decent lifestyle. We created alliances with the Private Sector, community-based organizations and local authorities to encourage the access to better life conditions through events and workshops on livelihoods.

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