

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

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SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- On 27 March, the Parliament delegated legislative faculties to the President for a 45-day period. These faculties allow the President to legislate on public health, fiscal and tax policy, promotion of public investment, and security among others.
- On 27 March, the urgency decree 033-2020 was published to reduce the negative impact of the COVID-19 prevention ordinances in the national economy. This includes the distribution by municipalities of basic baskets of goods for vulnerable families.
- On 28 March, President Vizcarra announced that the persons who infringe the quarantine and mandatory curfew would face criminal proceedings with penalties up to three years imprisonment.
- On 30 March, the President increased the curfew time from 6 pm to 5 am in most of the country. Regions with the highest rate of disobedience (Tumbes, Piura, La Libertad and Loreto) should curfew from 4pm.
- The Ministry of Health (MINSA) continues testing suspicious cases of COVID-19 among refugees and migrants living in shelters. So far, all tests came out negative.

KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- Vulnerable women and children are at **heightened risk of violence**, **exploitation and revictimization** during the compliance of social isolation measures. Emergency services by the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) are very limited due to the quarantine.
- Refugees and migrants from Venezuela reported increased **discrimination and its** impact in accessing essential services during the emergency, such as health and shelter.

RESPONSE

PREPAREDNESS

Coordination activities continue to take place:

- GTRM Protection WG (27.03.20)
 - 1. Protection and CBI WGs are standardized CBI criteria and are producing a referral form accordingly.
 - 2. The GTRM PRT WG produced a sectorial plan to include refugees and migrants within and in support to the National Humanitarian Network sectorial emergency response plan.
- GTRM Sector Coordinators (27.03.20)
 - 1. The IMWG is mapping RMRP activities ongoing and suspended and produced dashboards on available resources, and persons reached through shelter support, NFIs and CBI distribution.
 - 2. Partners are enhancing routes and protocols to assist refugees and migrants with potential symptoms of COVID-19 in shelters.
 - 3. The Communication WG has a new **#TuCausaEsMiCausa** campaign. Refugees and migrants are virtually supporting people in isolation sharing their musical, culinary, creative and sportive skills.

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OPERATIONAL MEASURES

- 1. GTRM partners established a route to assist refugees and migrants in need of immediate psychological and psychiatric support through hotlines.
- 2. Protection routes for human trafficking, and police interventions and detentions of refugees and migrants (including those undocumented) during the COVID-19 emergency are now operational.

