## **PERU**







PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\* 48,992



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

O 14.1 FUNDED: \$43.1M
REQUIREMENT: \$304M

## Situation

Given the exponential increase in the number of Venezuelans participating in northbound movements to the United States, often through irregular routes that include dangerous points such as the Darien Gap, on 12 October 2022, the U.S. Government announced the implementation of a "New Immigration Process for Venezuelans", also known as the "Venezuelan Process." This programme, which came into effect on 19 October, has two main components: a control component and a "secure pathways" component. On the one hand, the Venezuelan Process will allow up to 24,000 Venezuelans to enter the U.S. for a period of two years, with the possibility of applying for work permits if they meet the necessary requirements. On the other hand, irregular entry through Panama, Mexico, or the U.S., among others, will now be considered a factor of ineligibility to apply for a work permit. All this is complemented by a new agreement between the governments of the latter two countries, allowing the expulsion of Venezuelan nationals back to Mexico, which drastically changes the situation of Venezuelan nationals wishing to enter the U.S. The new U.S. policy has an impact on migration flows in Peru. Until 19 October, entries and exits through Tacna in the South presented similar numbers to the past months. However, after the Venezuelan Process came into force (and even after the first announcement of the change in immigration policy on 12 October), the situation reversed and more departures than arrivals began to be recorded.

## Response

In October, GTRM partners assisted over 16,100 refugees and migrants from Venezuela with general protection orientations (9,027) and with legal counselling (7163). Furthermore, 302 refugees and migrants were assisted in general case management matters and 4 victims of human trafficking received case management support. Additionally, 668 women and girls who survived or are in risk of Gender-Based Violence received assistance. Notably, in the month of October the number of refugees and migrants that received psychological support was particularly high. Some 34,31 refugees and migrants benefited from general psychological care and 2,642 children, adolescents and caregivers benefited from psychosocial support services with a focus on child protection. Furthermore, in total 46 trainings and workshops in the area of protection took place in October. This included 13 trainings on the topic of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), 1 on child protection, 3 on human trafficking and 28 on general protection matters. These workshops were attended by state personnel, community, and humanitarian actors as well as particularly vulnerable refugees and migrants such as women, children and adolescents. Lastly, 254 caregivers (parents, guardians and others) were trained in parenting issues.

During this month, 96 refugees and migrants were granted accommodation in hotels (Arequipa, Tacna and Puno), 475 were placed in collective accommodation (Lima, Tacna and Puno) and 179 refugees and migrants received shelter through

short-term leases (Lima and La Libertad). Furthermore, 568 refugees and migrants received Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) for accommodation purposes (USD 7.5K). Lastly, 109 kitchen sets, and 627 blankets/shelter kits were distributed to refugees and migrants in need. In the area of food security, GTRM partners distributed over 15,600 hot and cold meals, 3,644 snacks and 1,165 food baskets to support refugees, migrants, and host community members. Additionally, 30,173 people received Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) for USD 1.85M to ensure food security. Lastly, as part of the WASH response, 1,945 general hygiene kits (for individuals and families) and 475 hygiene kits for women and adolescents of reproductive age were distributed.

In the Education Sector, GTRM partners **distributed 791 school kits and 528 tablets** (compared to 6 tablets in September, 69 in August and 81 in July). The number of tablets distributed in October can be interpreted as a valuable step towards enabling more refugee and migrant children to access the internet and online education services which contributes to decreasing the educational gap between migrant and refugee children and children of the host community. Furthermore, 757 refugee and migrant children and adolescents received school reinforcement and remedial training and 71 parents benefited from counselling/guidance on the school enrollment process. In addition, 318 refugees and migrants obtained Cash- Based Interventions (CBI) –USD 11.5K – for educational purposes and

1 person received financial support –USD 10.1K- for the recognition of their professional/ academic degree.

In October, 198 refugees and migrants received assistance to enter the financial system and 823 persons benefited from financial education activities. In addition, 711 people received orientation on labour rights and contracting processes to access decent work, a particularly high number this month. These orientations are very valuable to enable refugees and migrants from Venezuela to enter the formal job market. In order to enhance their profiles, 384 people received trainings to obtain valuable labour skills. Lastly, 305 people were trained on self-employment/entrepreneurship generation.

In the Health Sector, 1,014 refugees and migrants from Venezuela were supported to access the SIS (Integral Health Insurance of Peru) in October. Thereby, 302 people received cash transfers to ensure access to health care (USD 16.1K). Some 10,931 people had access to primary care consultations and 2,682 people received consultations regarding sexual and reproductive health. Especially the number of people receiving primary care consultations was elevated in October. Some 2,343 people received mental health consultations, providing emotional support and facilitating self-care tools in mental health. Lastly, 71 people had access to HIV/AIDS tests.

Overall, more than USD 2,2 M were distributed through CBIs across all sectors of the response out of which USD 338,6K were used as multisectoral CBI.

## Coordination

On 26 October, the bimonthly Plenary Meeting (Reunión Plenaria) of GTRM Peru took place in a hybrid format in the Hotel Costa del Sol Lima. During the meeting, the results of the 2022 Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis (RMNA) were presented. In addition, the new US policy "New Immigration Process for Venezuelans" was discussed and the pilot of Info Contigo, the inter-agency hotline for refugees and migrants, was introduced to GTRM partners.



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