

# PERU



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS  
IN PERU  
**1.5M**



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME  
FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*  
**34.58K**



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*  
**% 1.9**  
FUNDED: \$6M  
REQUIREMENT: \$318M

## Situation

Nationwide demonstrations that started in December 2022 continued during January 2023. Civil unrest resulted in violent outbreaks, roadblocks, and [limitation or suspension of health, education, and protection services](#). The closure of transportation terminals and the blockage of roads in the main border regions of the country affected refugees and migrants in transit, leaving many stranded with limited shelter or food options. In January, [seven Haitians died](#) while being stranded in Peru when trying to cross to Bolivia due to roadblocks in transit routes. The cause of death, including of a minor, was in most cases attributed to difficulties in accessing food and shelter, as well as due to respiratory conditions, given the high altitude and extreme weather conditions of the two towns where the incidents occurred (Desaguadero and Juli).

## Response

GTRM partners assisted 27,529 people with **legal counselling**, an increase of 41% compared to the previous month. Regularization was the most common concern raised in legal counselling sessions, demonstrating the importance of legal status to refugees and migrants from Venezuela. To facilitate regularization, partners provided 21.3K USD in cash transfers to refugees and migrants to cover migratory procedures, which is the biggest sum of cash transfers provided in January out of all the other sectors of the GTRM response.

Additionally, complementing these protection interventions, partners provided **psychosocial support services** to 2,078 people, mostly in Lima and Tumbes, including people with critical medical conditions, people with HIV, and LGBTQI+ persons. Furthermore, over 275 women and girl survivors or persons at risk of **gender-based violence (GBV)** received assistance (legal and psychosocial support services), mostly in the northern region of the country, in Piura and Tumbes. Legal and psychosocial support services to survivors was accompanied with GBV prevention activities, such as the training of 45 officials from the National Superintendency of Migration (SNM) to be gender-sensitive in their daily interactions assisting refugees and migrants.

Regarding the barriers refugees and migrants from Venezuela experience to access **Comprehensive Health Insurance (SIS)**, GTRM partners provided over 175 orientations to access the SIS, and 224 people were granted access to health insurance. In line with these efforts, partners provided primary healthcare to 4,689 people, mostly in Piura and Tumbes, including in-person and virtual services. Additionally, 1,332 people received consultations on sexual and reproductive health, including over 130 consultations for people with disabilities.

The number of people reached with **food security** assistance increased by 54% compared to December 2022. Most of the refugees and migrants from Venezuela who benefited from this form of support were in-transit in bordering regions of the country (Piura, Tumbes, Tacna, and Puno) where movement restrictions increased food needs. Partners provided hot and cold meals to over 7,345 people with in-kind food assistance. Additionally, sectoral cash and voucher assistance (CVA) to tackle food insecurity benefited over 190 people.

Nursing mothers and children were particularly vulnerable to the effects of insufficient or inadequate food. To promote adequate **nutrition**, partners provided over 330 training sessions on nutrition and the importance of breastfeeding. In addition, over 675 refugees and migrants in transit received weekly maternal and child nutrition guidance messages through WhatsApp.

In terms of **WASH**, partners provided over 7,345 individual and family hygiene kits to reduce the risk of infectious diseases, a significant increase in people reached compared to the 2,330 kits provided in December. Beyond the provision of kits, 72 members of community kitchens in Lima received trainings on the use of biodegradable materials and food waste management.

GTRM partners continued promoting access to basic education and the labour market for refugees and migrants from Venezuela, as key steps for their **integration** in the country. In terms of **primary education**, partners offered 149 orientations on enrolment processes for refugees and migrants. As a result, 40 children and adolescents were enrolled in education facilities in Lima, Arequipa, and Tacna.

To boost the autonomy and **livelihoods** of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, partners supported 388 people to

initiate and/or foster self-employment initiatives. This included training over 95 people in entrepreneurship skills and providing support with seed capital to 89 entrepreneurship projects, as well as supporting other entrepreneurs who marketed their products in two trade fairs that reached 200 people.

In line with these efforts to improve employability, ensuring **financial autonomy** is key. Consequently, over 200 people

received support to enter the financial system, and 96 host community members and refugees and migrants from Venezuela received trainings on safe credit, budgeting, and savings.

Finally, over 4,840 refugees and migrants from Venezuela received 356.4K USD in **multipurpose cash assistance**.

## Coordination

On 31 January, the GTRM held the first Coordinators meeting of 2023, which gathered the representatives of each of the sectoral working groups. The meeting was a platform to discuss the goals for the next months, share the updated Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and exchange relevant news from each sector.

| PEOPLE REACHED* | Education | Food Security | Health | Hum. Transp. | Integration | Nutrition | Protection | Shelter | WASH  | CBI   |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
|                 | RMRP      | 1,308         | 7,609  | 10,021       | 225         | 536       | 88         | 33,621  | 2,543 | 7,420 |
| NO RMRP         | -         | -             | -      | -            | -           | -         | -          | -       | -     | -     |

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