## **PERU**







PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*

28.14K



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*

O 2.4 FUNDED: \$7,6M

REQUIREMENT: \$318M

## Situation

On 27 April, the Government of Peru (GoP) <u>decreed</u> a 60-day state of emergency in several border areas, including those in Tacna and Tumbes, in order "to restore internal order" in response to a series of domestic social and political protests and movements. During the reporting period, the police and military were deployed to the southern border with Chile, where there were several hundred refugees and migrants stranded while waiting to cross south, who were impeded from doing so because of the police and military presence decreed by the Government of Chile beginning at the end of February.

In addition, the GoP announced new regularization measures. Firstly, a six-month period (starting on 2 May and non-extendable) to apply for amnesty for foreigners with fines derived from overstaying and/or not extending residence permits. The process can be done virtually through the <u>Digital Migration Agency (Migraciones)</u>. Then, the GoP approved <u>amendments</u> to the migration law to allow new pathways to regularization. Enabling individuals in an irregular situation until 10 May 2023 to regularize their status through the Special Resident Migratory Category and improving the online component for registration and obtaining documents through decentralized offices, the deadline to apply to this new process is 10 November 2023.

Peru continued experiencing the effects of heavy rains along the northern coast. According to <u>reports</u> from the end of April, flooding and heavy rains had affected over 377,000 people and over 146,500 households, leaving more than 65,200 people without homes, and causing 99 deaths. Therefore, inoperative roads and rising food prices exacerbated food insecurity among the refugee and migrant population living in the northern regions.

## Response

GTRM partners in the **Protection** Sector supported over 6,470 persons through counselling sessions (4,022 for general matters and over 2,455 regarding legal issues). To complement these protection activities, partners provided psychosocial counselling to some 1,380 individuals. In addition, to address the needs of individuals who required specialized attention, partners accompanied some 550 cases in protection-related matters. Partners also provided 3.9 K USD in cash transfers to 136 refugees and migrants to enable them to pay overstay fines and access procedures for regularization and documentation.

To address the protection needs of individuals in a vulnerable situation, partners conducted various specialized trainings and workshops. This included 284 participants trained in **child protection**, over 250 individuals trained through workshops on **gender-based violence** and 227 trained in the prevention of **human trafficking and smuggling**, with community and humanitarian actors, caregivers, and state personnel among those participating.

As part of the **Shelter** Sector response, to ensure that refugees and migrants from Venezuela have access to decent housing,

including during the situation of stranded refugees and migrants described above, around 1,000 people were accommodated in collective temporary shelters in Lima and Tacna. In addition, 21 people benefited from temporary shelter in hotels in the border regions of Puno, Piura, and Tumbes. To complement these shelter activities, partners distributed 425 blankets/coat kits and 28 essential household items kits.

In the **WASH** Sector, partners distributed almost 2,000 hygiene kits (individual and family), of which 300 were women and adolescent girls. for menstruating women and girls.

As part of the efforts to enhance **food security**, partners provided various forms of in-kind food assistance to refugees and migrants as well as host community members. Partners distributed over 42,300 hot food rations, twice as many as in the previous month, and 1,900 snacks. Particularly worth mentioning is the amount of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) provided to tackle food insecurity, which has experienced steady growth over the last three months. More than 1.8 million USD was distributed through CVA to over 23,300 people, which helped not only improve their food security but also increase their purchasing power and autonomy over diet choices.

These measures are aligned with the activities that took place in the **Nutrition** Sector, in which partners provided training to 1,040 caregivers (including mothers, fathers, and pregnant women) on promoting healthy eating, how to stretch their financial resources with food purchases, and how to improve maternal and infant nutrition.

Refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the most vulnerable situations often face the greatest barriers to receiving the health care they need in Peru. Therefore, partners of the **Health** Sector assisted 305 vulnerable people through CVA to access health services. To complement these interventions, 80 people received orientation to access Comprehensive Health Insurance (SIS) or a comparable health insurance system. In addition, partners offered over 1,100 primary health care consultations and 212 sexual and reproductive health consultations to refugees and migrants.

**Education** Sector partners carried out a variety of activities to increase access to basic education among refugees and migrants from Venezuela. Over 500 children participated in school reinforcement and remedial activities, with the objective to improve their academic performance and guarantee their educational success. In addition, partners accompanied 99 children from Venezuela to enrol in educational institutions.

Moreover, to strengthen the capacities of educational institutions and enable more refugees and migrants to enrol, partners provided training to 461 education officials at different levels (from the Ministry of Education and regional and local Directorates of Education) and 126 managers, teachers, and other school personnel. The training aimed to improve access, permanence, and quality of education.

To improve refugees' and migrants' access to the formal labour market and support their business initiatives, **Integration** Sector partners organized a variety of workshops. Over 720 people refugees and migrants received training on selfemployment/entrepreneurship generation and 580 people received training to gain access to decent work. Complementing these trainings, some 100 people participated in orientations on labour rights and hiring processes and 284 people received livelihoods CVA to support entrepreneurial activities. Lastly, 133 validation received guidance for the professional/technical academic degrees.

Furthermore, to foster financial inclusion, partners assisted over 460 people to enter the financial system, and almost 50 received financial education.

Finally, partners distributed over 1.9 million USD in multipurpose cash assistance to refugees and migrants, to address their needs across all sectors.

## Coordination

The R4V Platform in Peru (GTRM) prioritized coordination through the local GTRM in Tacna, Tumbes and Trujillo to respond to the ongoing emergency contexts. In Tacna, the GTRM established a channel to update and share information with partners about the situation along the southern border. The GTRM in Tumbes and Trujillo mapped capacities to support the humanitarian response to the impact of heavy rains. The El Legado Foundation joined the GTRM, bringing the total number of partners to 102.



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