



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
IN PERU
1.33M



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME
FORM OF ASSISTANCE*
74,446



FUNDING SITUATION**
% 0.6
FUNDED: \$1.7M
REQUIREMENT: \$304M

Situation

On 14 March the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP, for its acronym in Spanish) launched the website for the National Program for Entrepreneur Women ([PRONAME](#)). This initiative was launched under the International Women's Day commemoration on 8 March and aims to provide entrepreneur and businesswomen with information on services provided by State entities and third parties to access financing, capacity development, digital tools, networks, and opportunities, among others, and thus contribute to the reactivation of the Peruvian economy. While this programme targets Peruvian women, it does include a diversity approach which represents a new opportunity for further coordination between the GTRM and the MIMP.

In addition, during the month of March R4V partners reported receiving requests from Peruvian in situation of vulnerability for humanitarian assistance through a platform specifically designed to provide information for Venezuelans arriving in Peru. Through this same platform, other Peruvian nationals have requested information to aid family members and friends in Venezuela.

Response

According to the MIMP, six out of ten women employed in Peru have low-income jobs and face difficulties accessing social protection programmes, which makes them more likely to be employed in the informal economy.¹ The MIMP also mentions that seven out of 10 economically occupied women work in the commerce and services sectors, those being the two most affected sectors by the COVID-19 pandemic.² In order to respond to the aforementioned challenges, GTRM partners assisted over 2,000 refugees and migrants from Venezuela (including 1,440 women) with capacity development programmes for entrepreneurship and to access decent employment. Support to develop entrepreneurial initiatives included efforts to contribute to a green economy as part of an innovation and sustainability strategy, as well as on the formalization of initiatives. Programmes to access decent employment targeted personal and professional soft skills and career coaching to increase refugees, migrants, and host communities' competitiveness.

Efforts on livelihood strategies remain at the core of Venezuelan communities' needs because they enable self-reliance and resilience, including through income and as vessels for integration. Access to the financial system is also a key element of livelihood efforts. Some R4V partners included financial education and support to access financial services as part of their capacity development programmes for entrepreneurship and decent work. In this context, some 600 refugees and migrants from Venezuela and members from the host community received support to **access financial services** and some 800 received financial education. Over 1,200 persons received cash and voucher assistance (CVA) for livelihoods, a tool increasingly used to provide seed capital for entrepreneurs.

In line with the above, partners supported the validation of some 240 professional and technical degrees, including their registration with the Superintendence of Higher Education (SUNEDU) and relevant

professional bodies. With this process completed, the professionals have better opportunities to access formal job market opportunities and increase their income. Another 142 persons received CVA to support covering the costs of the revalidation procedure.

Access to documentation and regularization procedures are critical to facilitate that those livelihood strategies succeed. For professionals to be able to validate their degrees they need access to documentation, the same for entrepreneurs willing to formalize their ventures or to access the formal job market. In this regard, R4V partners provided some **10,450 protection orientations** to refugees and migrants from Venezuela, mainly legal counselling (6,650), including for people with disabilities, as well as general orientations (3,800). In line with these efforts, some 400 persons received cash assistance **to pay fines related to regularization and documentation procedures and to access these services**.

Some 1,310 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) received assistance including psychological help, financial education, economic empowerment and skills development and accompaniment to find employment. Additionally, some 1,000 persons received psychosocial support. R4V partners provided assistance to 11 survivors of human trafficking in La Libertad, Lima, and Tumbes. Support to other victims also included a referral to state services, CVA, and mental health services.

To assist people in-transit, the GTRM provided some 90 **highly vulnerable refugees and migrants from Venezuela with temporal accommodations** in hotels in the border points of Puno and Tumbes, another 130 in shelters in Puno, Tacna and Lima and some 140 persons with other forms of short-term rentals.

Considering flows of people in-transit lack access to WASH services on the route, partners reached 2,480 persons with hygiene kits as well as some 270 highly vulnerable refugees and migrants from Venezuela

¹ MIMP (2022) available online at:
[https://www.gob.pe/institucion/mimp/noticias/590042-mimp-lanza-portal-](https://www.gob.pe/institucion/mimp/noticias/590042-mimp-lanza-portal)

[web-proname-para-promover-la-reactivacion-economica-de-mujeres-emprendedoras-y-empresarias](#)

² Ibid

residing in Peru. Moreover, partners in Tacna and Tumbes delivered some 2,130 litres of drinking water and provided two public spaces in Tacna with drinking water fountains.

To increase access to food security, partners provided **in-kind assistance to highly vulnerable persons** through different strategies, including food baskets and meals delivered both to families in shelters and from poor neighbourhoods benefitting nearly 1,000 persons. In Contralmirante Villar, Lima, Tacna, Trujillo and Tumbes, partners provided daily rations for 345, 1000, 60, 352, and 20 persons respectively through soup kitchens. This support included persons from host communities. Moreover, **31,330 persons received CVA for food security**.

GTRM partners assisted over 1,000 highly vulnerable persons with **emergency and primary health care** and nearly 1,800 tested for HIV to ensure support in case of a positive result. Furthermore, some 1,170 persons received mental healthcare, and 1,240 accessed the Comprehensive Health Insurance (SIS).

Coordination

GTRM's knowledge-sharing and planning efforts have enabled its partners to coordinate a sectoral and cross-sectoral approach to respond to the needs of refugees and migrants.

PEOPLE REACHED*	Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH	CBI
	RMRP	850	68,674	4,401	302	6,025	967	7,242	305	4,155
NO RMRP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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