



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
IN PERU
1.5M



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME
FORM OF ASSISTANCE*
48.19K



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

Situation

The protests in Peru against the Government of President Dina Boluarte which began in December 2022 continued throughout February 2023. During the first half of the month, frequent roadblocks and protests accompanied by clashes between protesters and the police occurred across the country. This directly [impacted the movement of refugees and migrants](#), as transit routes were blocked, leading refugees and migrants to resort to unsafe routes and means of transportation. In a vote, the Congress of the Republic [rejected](#) a proposal to bring forward the elections to July 2023. The total number of deaths attributed to the protests had increased to more than [60 by the middle of February](#). During the second half of the month, protests and street blockades decreased in intensity, and the confrontations were limited to certain areas of the country, such as Puno, which became the new epicentre of the protests.

Response

GTRM partners made great efforts to support refugees and migrants from Venezuela with their **regularization and documentation processes**. Partners assisted some 35,400 refugees and migrants from Venezuela with general protection orientations (4,111) and legal counselling (31,274). The latter included guidance and assistance with access to rights and territory as well as information on the regularization process and the asylum system. In addition, women and girls who survived or were at risk of **gender-based violence (GBV)** were attended and 2,166 psychosocial care services were offered, targeted to reach people in highly vulnerable situations. 126 caregivers participated in capacity development workshops on parenting issues to prevent child abuse. To facilitate access to documentation for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds, some 600 Venezuelan refugees and migrants received cash transfers to cover migratory procedures.

In the **Health Sector**, a variety of consultations were offered to refugees and migrants from Venezuela, given that the structural barriers of the Peruvian health care system often hinder the most vulnerable groups from receiving appropriate care. Over 8,700 people were assisted regarding primary health care, 2,024 people received consultations on sexual and reproductive health, and some 2,600 people participated in mental health counselling. Over 30 activities and events took place to disseminate information on health and disease prevention, reaching 1,188 refugees and migrants from Venezuela as well as host community members. Additionally, GTRM partners assisted 760 highly vulnerable people to access health care through cash transfers and accompanied 178 people to access Comprehensive Health Insurance (SIS). Lastly, **WASH Sector** partners distributed around 3,200 hygiene kits (individual and

family) as well as 425 kits for women and adolescents of reproductive age.

Partners supported 241 people with temporary **shelter** in hotels in Lima, Puno, Piura, La Libertad, and Tumbes as well as 591 people with collective accommodations in Lima and Tacna. To improve living arrangements, 113 kitchen kits and 524 blankets/cold weather kits were distributed.

To ensure **food security** among the most vulnerable groups, partners served over 24,550 hot and cold meals as well as 6,421 snacks to refugees and migrants from Venezuela, host community members and people in transit. These efforts mainly took place in Lima and the border regions of Tumbes and Tacna. In addition, a particularly high number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela (3,754 in total, compared to 190 in the previous month) were supported with cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in the food security sector. These interventions allow autonomy in the selection and purchase of food items in comparison to in-kind food distributions.











Education Sector partners distributed 222 school kits and 23 people received cash transfers for access to basic education. Given the importance of financial autonomy for successful integration, partners organized a variety of trainings in the **Integration Sector** in the month of February. Self-employment/entrepreneurship trainings were attended by 1,325 refugees and migrants from Venezuela. In addition, some 2,400 people were supported to enter the financial system and 264 refugees and migrants as well as host community members received financial education on topics such as savings, budgeting, credit, insurance, and cooperatives. Lastly, 702 people were assisted with livelihood cash transfers (a total of USD 316,847) as seed capital to enable self-reliance among

refugees and migrants from Venezuela and vulnerable members of the host community.

Finally, over 3,900 refugees and migrants from Venezuela with special needs were supported with 339,608 USD in **multipurpose cash assistance**, allowing them autonomy to address basic needs.

Coordination

In February, representatives of the R4V platform (GTRM) in Peru presented the Peru Chapter of the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) 2023-2024 at the departmental level through events held in the cities of Tacna, Trujillo, and Tumbes. The GTRM national and local coordinators and sectoral coordinators presented the main identified needs of the refugee and migrant population living in Peru as well as the challenges and priorities for the response. Participants included regional and local authorities, GTRM partners, humanitarian, and development organizations with presence in these areas, and interested members of the public.

PEOPLE REACHED*											
		Education	Food Security	Health	Hum. Transp.	Integration	Nutrition	Protection	Shelter	WASH	CBI
RMRP	245	14,272	19,794	359	4,799	-	38,883	2,222	4,282	3,903	
NO RMRP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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