

## PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

### UPDATE No 11

#### SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- Following the extension of the quarantine until 10 may, the Ministry of Education confirmed that distance and virtual learning through a dedicated television channel, radio station and website will continue. The return to school has been postponed indefinitely. Refugee and migrant children are able to access these services and corresponding materials.
- On 25 April, Gastón Rodríguez was appointed Minister of Interior. The previous minister and all senior officers of the National Police were dismissed due to their alleged involvement in overvalued purchases in the context of the emergency. Investigations are undergoing accordingly.
- On 26 and 27 April, the government announced a new universal bonus of 760 soles to support up to seven million families in poverty or extreme poverty nation-wide. The Minister of Development and Social Inclusion (MIDIS) will activate a platform through which Peruvian families could validate their data to receive the bonus. This assistance is not extended to refugees and migrants.

#### KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- There is an increasing need to scale up CBI assistance and to provide food and shelter support as the prolonged duration of the emergency heightens the economic and social vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants from Venezuela. Food insecurity, evictions and lack of affordable housing or shelter continue.

#### RESPONSE

##### PREPAREDNESS

Protection, Education and Shelter

- The GTRM is working with the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) to ensure the continuity of virtual and distant case management for gender-based violence (GBV) and child protection cases. Agreements with hotels in Arequipa, Cusco, Lima Tacna and Tumbes were established for alternative accommodation of survivors of GBV and other vulnerable cases.
- The GTRM is supporting the identification and integration of refugee and migrant children living in shelters into the virtual school system. Partners are working with the education authority in Lima (DRELM) to ensure access for refugee and migrant children who had previously no vacancy near their residence, to enroll virtually into the public education system.
- GTRM partners implemented a nation-wide shelter evaluation to identify protection and health risks. Guidelines for shelters with cases for COVID-19 were shared with shelter managers in Lima.

**OPERATIONAL MEASURES**

1. So far, USD 582,000 have been distributed on CBI to support more than 13,000 refugees and migrants across Peru. Distributions focused in Lima and in Arequipa, Callao, Cusco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna and Tumbes.
2. The GTRM is supporting the identification of refugee and migrant health professionals to support the emergency response following the validation of their diplomas. Support to the Ministry of Health (MINSA) with refugee housing units to strengthen and extend health structures continues.
3. Partners in Tacna are working on communication with communities key messaging on remote learning and supporting remote school registration. The Local Education Management Unit (UGEL) published a list of 2,000 vacancies that includes availability for refugee and migrant children.
4. Some 11,600 persons have attended the live online workshops provided by Peruvian and Venezuelan volunteers. Activities such as yoga, arts, music, literature and cooking lessons are available in this integration campaign by #TuCausaEsMiCausa.

**KEY FIGURES**



**REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ASSISTED**

