

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

UPDATE No 7

SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- The Superintendence for Migration (SNM) activated three dedicated hotlines to inform and counsel highly vulnerable foreign on how to obtain the *calidad migratoria especial residente* due to serious illness and gender-based violence, and on getting the *calidad migratoria familiar residente* if facing poverty or extreme poverty.
- On 9 April, the National Superintendence of Labour Inspection (SUNAFIL) committed to activate formal channels to receive complaints relating to labour issues, including those of refugees and migrants.
- On 10 April, the government extended the national curfew until 26 April from 6pm to 4am. The gender separation was cancelled but only one member per household is allowed to circulate and access supermarkets, pharmacies and banking institutions. Sunday remains an all-day mandatory curfew.
- On 12 April, the government decreed the inclusion of foreigner health professionals to strengthen national healthcare capacity during the COVID-19 emergency. These professionals will be provided with a health insurance by the government. Over 4,000 Venezuelan doctors offered their support.
- On 12 April, Venezuelan nationals were intercepted at the border with Ecuador while crossing into Peru. Authorities pressed them to go back. GTRM partners are following up on this situation.
- So far, over 55,000 detentions for curfew disobedience have been registered. There is no country of origin information available.

KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- Food insecurity, lack of shelter, and housing remain major challenges for Venezuelan nationals to comply during the quarantine in place. Highly vulnerable groups, such as refugees and migrants living with HIV, struggle to access food while avoiding exposure to COVID-19.
- Media reported that in Piura locals demonstrated outside the local health centre after rumours spread of a foreigner suspected with COVID-19 trying to access the facility. The demonstration was controlled by the police, but not the increased fear and discrimination towards refugees and migrants.

RESPONSE

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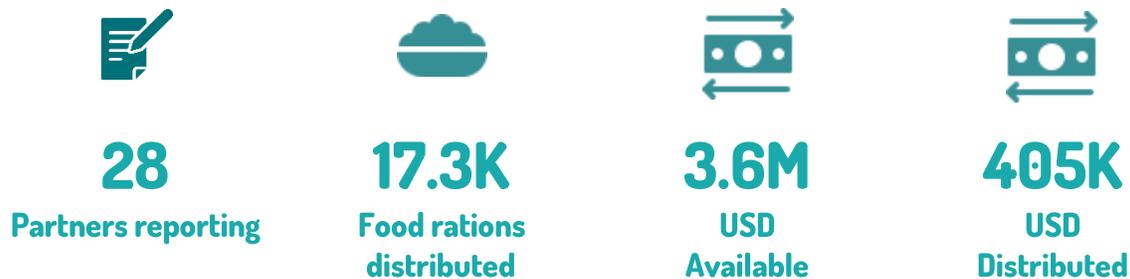
GTRM CBI

- The GTRM CBI coordination shared a new CBI modality to reach more vulnerable refugee and migrant families through “virtual cards”. *Tarjetas Peruanas Prepago*, the main financial service provider for CBI actors has made this new modality available. The “vouchers” modality has also been included by partners.

OPERATIONAL MEASURES

1. Some USD 405,000 have been distributed on CBI to support more than 10,000 refugees and migrants across Peru. Distributions focused mainly in Lima and in Arequipa, Callao, Cusco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna and Tumbes.
2. Between 7 and 11 April, GTRM partners distributed some 5000 food kits to support 20,000 persons in Lima and Callao. The distribution was made door to door and through soup-kitchens. Furthermore, partners continue to provide food rations within temporary shelters in Lima, Tacna and Tumbes.
3. GTRM partners are advocating next to the Ombudsperson's office vis-à-vis the impossibility of refugees and migrants to denounce labour issues to SUNAFIL.
4. GTRM partners continue to assist the Ministry of Health (MINSA) with the provision of refugee housing units (RHU) to support hospitals.

KEY FIGURES



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ASSISTED

