

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

UPDATE No 9

SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- The government launched a humanitarian transportation programme for vulnerable persons who need to return to their homes in different regions of Peru. Refugees and migrants do not qualify for this assistance.
- As the number of COVID-19 related cases escalate, different governmental authorities have hinted at an extension of the quarantine. The new extension may include measures that allow some sectors to resume their activities.

KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- The asylum system remains inoperative. The militarized situation at the borders increases the risk of *refoulement*. GTRM partners call for an urgent need to reactivate the system and to monitor those refugees and migrants who seek to return to Venezuela regardless of the closed borders and mobility restrictions.
- Food insecurity and lack of affordable housing or shelter continue heightening the risks for vulnerable refugees and migrants, who may not be able to comply with the quarantine and curfew measures in place. The recently established penalties for not complying with these measures may affect the legal status of refugees and migrants in Peru.
- Refugees and migrants have been strongly impacted with the labour restrictions in place. While most work in the informal trade, the government's mitigation measures for unemployment are directed to support Peruvians only.
- Partners report an urgent need for psychosocial support for survivors of gender-based violence, children, and persons living with HIV. The need to access contraceptive methods and sexual and reproductive health services constitutes another identified challenge.

RESPONSE

PREPAREDNESS

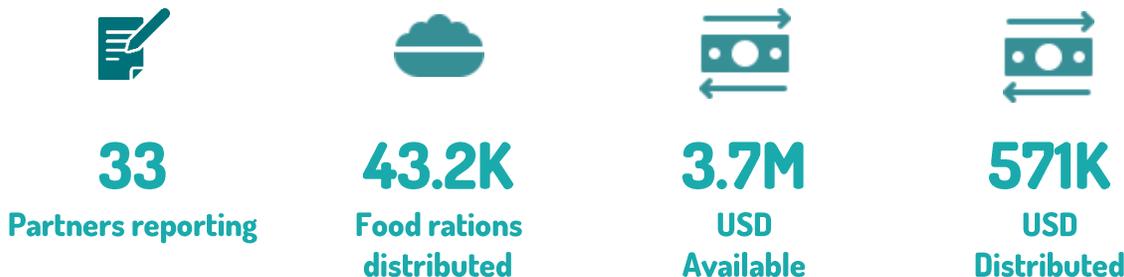
Protection and Education

- Partners are coordinating with the government health insurance system (SIS for its acronym in Spanish) to allow Venezuelan nationals holding the *carnet de extranjería* access public health services. In this context, some 25 Venezuelan nationals were enrolled in Cusco.
- Child Protection partners are working to identify children and pregnant women at risk namely, to address food insecurity, gender-based violence, and unaccompanied children.
- GTRM partners, in coordination with the regional education authority of Lima (DRELM for its acronym in Spanish) of the Ministry of Education (MINEDU), are identifying refugee and migrant children to enroll online in the *Lima Aprende* education programme.

OPERATIONAL MEASURES

1. So far, USD 571,000 have been distributed on CBI to support more than 11,000 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. The Superintendence of Migration (SNM), with the support of GTRM partners, developed a virtual referral path to address documentation issues for asylum seekers and migrants with health needs, allowing them to access the vulnerability migratory status.
3. GTRM partners are supporting regional government shelters in Tacna that host vulnerable persons, including refugees and migrants, with food and NFIs.
4. Some 6,000 persons have participated in live online workshops provided by Peruvian and Venezuelan volunteers. Activities such as yoga, arts, music, literature and cooking lessons are available in this new integration campaign by #TuCausaEsMiCausa.

KEY FIGURES



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ASSISTED

