

WHY DOES UNHCR WORK IN LIVELIHOODS?

We are convinced of the **high potential of Venezuelan refugees and migrants** to increase Peru's labour productivity and contribute in the medium-term to generating new employment. Their integration offers a **unique opportunity** for the country's development and the possibility of improving the quality of life for both Venezuelan and Peruvian population.

Refugees and migrants in Peru **encounter difficulties** in accessing trades for which they have trained and in reaching their full potential. Moreover, they face additional challenges such as long workdays, insecure work environments, and in some cases, exploitation. UNHCR works hand-in-hand with state actors, regulatory and financial institutions, and civil society to **improve the access to the labour market and working conditions** for Venezuelan refugees, asylum-seekers, and migrants.

Who does UNHCR work for?

1,5 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Peru

46% with some level of post secondary education or training

82% of population in working age exercise their working rights

80,8% of working population work without a formal contract

9 out of 10 Venezuelans in Peru do not work within their profession (2021)

UNHCR's commitments for 2023 and the following years will focus on the regularization and inclusion of refugees and migrants in Peru. This is possible only through adequate documentation and sustainable socioeconomic integration processes.

UNHCR'S RESPONSE IN 2021 AND 2022

Since 2021, UNHCR has supported access to labour markets and options for employment, the promotion of entrepreneurial spirit, and the financial inclusion of refugees and migrants in Peru while, at the same time, strengthening local economies.



DIGNIFIED WORK INITIATIVES

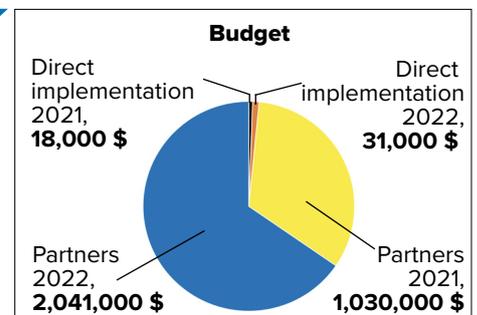
Professional qualification projects

1,200 individuals, from **15 regions in Peru**, have received guidance and economic support to validate their professional titles and credentials and/or certify with professional boards.

The **unemployment rate** of participants in our livelihoods projects **reduced from 29,3% to 13%**.

75% of participants report having **improved their incomes**. The percentage of professionals earning more than S/.1,200 per month rise from 24,3% to 64,9%.

More than **85%** of participants in UNHCR employment interventions **were women**.



Employment projects

3,425 individuals participated in employment consultations and training sessions offered through UNHCR's projects. **More than 100 participants** obtained employment positions.

The **unemployment rate** for participants in job allocation projects **reduced from 55,9% to 26,4%**.

47% of participants report having **improved their incomes**, and the proportion of people reporting incomes between S/. 900 and S/.1,500 tripled.



SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Around **2,000 entrepreneurs** received **seed capital and guidance** for developing a business plan as well as courses in finance, marketing, and strengthening soft skills to start a small business.

+80 small businesses received specialized mentoring and capital for small business strengthening that allowed scale-up of their business through the Kaman specialized business incubator in the city of Arequipa.

+700 refugee and migrant entrepreneurs strengthened their small businesses and fostered inclusion by participating in **33 small business fairs** promoted with local municipalities, with more than 50,000 people attending.

+75 private practices owned by Venezuelan health professionals supported with a seed capital to strengthen their services.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

+800 individuals participated in financial education workshops, **30** of which succeeded in accessing microcredit loans.

+500 succeeded in opening bank accounts with UNHCR's assistance



ADVOCACY WITH KEY INSTITUTIONS

In 2022, UNHCR began joint work with the **Integrated Regional Directorate for Health** (DIRIS for its acronym in Spanish) for North Lima to contract **20 Venezuelan health professionals and technicians** for rehabilitation, physiotherapy, nursing, and language therapy for the opening of a **rehabilitation centre**. In the same manner, with UNHCR's support, DIRIS contracted around **50** additional nursing professionals and technicians to cover vaccination drives and screenings; and with its partners supported **15 more health professionals** hired by private health clinics in Lima and regional centres in Peru.



UNHCR has launched a new initiative to **promote recognition and to incentivate companies to foster the socioeconomic integration** of refugees and migrants. It was done in collaboration with the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), the Centre of Information and Education for the Prevention of Drug Abuse (CEDRO for its acronym in Spanish), and the National Confederation of Private Business Institutions (CONFIEP for its acronym in Spanish),

OUR PARTNERS

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Contributions of donor countries **Canada** and **Italy** have been of vital importance for Venezuelan health professionals with revalidation of academic degrees, job placements at public and private clinics, and support of private medical practices that benefit refugees, migrants and Peruvians. UNHCR thanks its donors for their support:



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