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GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

UNHCR organized a mission with the **Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR), the National Superintendence of Migrations (SNM)**, and IOM in Madre de Dios. The objective was to provide training to officials from the National Police (PNP), the Ombudspersons' Office, the Public Prosecutor's Office, and SNM staff on the implementation of guidelines for processing asylum requests at the border. The CEPR and SNM provided training to 33 public officials and members of civil society. Additionally, the mission facilitated CEPR's coordination with local stakeholders, with support from the Decentralized Office in Puerto Maldonado, a crucial mediator between asylum-seekers and public institutions working with CEPR.

MADRE DE DIOS
Border with Brazil

WORK WITH COMMUNITIES

UNHCR and its partners organized **community fairs** to offer basic services in **five districts of Lima with high concentration of Venezuelan population** (Chorrillos, El Rímac, Los Olivos, San Juan de Lurigancho, and San Martín de Porres). Thanks to their community outreach, almost **1,000** displaced people and host community members received legal assistance to access documentation, primary healthcare, and psychosocial services, among others. It aims to decentralize these services and provide them close to the usual places of residence/work of the displaced population.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT CAPACITIES IN CHILD PROTECTION

Thanks to the contribution of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), UNHCR, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP)**, organized a training session aimed at 80 officials from MIMP's Special Protection Unit (UPE). This unit is responsible for providing protection services to children and adolescents at risk in Peru, including displaced population. The session focused on the existing challenges in delivering protection services and provided tools for risk management when dealing with highly sensitive cases.

UNHCR SUPPORT ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION IN LIMA

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UNHCR signed a cooperation agreement with the **Local Education Management Unit 07 (UGEL)**, a state entity under the Ministry of Education responsible for managing schools in the districts of Miraflores, Surco and Surquillo, as well as seven other districts in Metropolitan Lima. The agreement will enable UNHCR to increase its efforts towards the inclusion of displaced children and adolescents in the Peruvian education system. It is expected that **over 11,000 displaced people and host communities will improve their access to quality education** through improvements in school infrastructure and new equipment.

RMRP 2024 UPDATE LAUNCH

On 20 February, 113 organizations, including UN agencies, international and national NGOs, refugee and migrant-led organizations, and others, participated in the launch of the **Regional Response Plan for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (RMRP)** for 2024 in Peru. The plan supports the efforts of the Peruvian government and hopes to reach more than 1M people this year (refugees, migrants and vulnerable Peruvians from the host community). It is based on a Joint Needs Analysis, which includes a review of diverse studies, primary data collection with the refugee population, and other consultations.

To download the RMRP 2024 click here

LIMA

The RMRP will continue to focus on these prioritized areas:

- Integration
- Protection
- Health
- Education
- Food Security
- Shelter
- Nutrition
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Humanitarian Transportation

The needs of the displaced population, as well as host communities, continue with **protection and integration** as key compoments despite the context of limited funding for humanitarian crises. To meet the needs of displaced people in the above-mentioned areas, the RMRP estimates a financial requirement of **294M USD.** In 2023, only **23 per cent** of the RMRP was funded.

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