

## PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

### UPDATE No 10

#### SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- On 21 April, the government decreed the exceptional and temporal affiliation of refugees and migrants to the health insurance system (SIS for its acronym in Spanish). The aim is to assist those suspected of or confirmed as COVID-19 positive.
- During the emergency all foreigners pending regularization will be considered as regulars. The Superintendence of Migration informed that Temporary Stay Permits (PTP) will also remain valid and no sanctions of fines will be applied.
- On 23 April, President Martin Vizcarra announced the fourth extension of the quarantine and curfew measures until 10 May.

#### KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- An increased risk of human trafficking was reported by partners and the media. Current mobility restrictions and the impossibility to work heightens the risk of refugees and migrants' exploitation and abuse by traffickers. The return of many refugees and migrants to Venezuela and their vulnerability to the human trafficking networks acting near borders increases that risk and generates great concern.
- Food insecurity, evictions and lack of affordable housing or shelter continue heightening the risks for vulnerable refugees and migrants, who are not able to comply with the quarantine measures in place.
- Cases of gender-based violence are on the rise. Most refugee and migrant women remain following curfew and quarantine with their aggressors. GTRM partners are working with the Ministry of Health (MINSa) and the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) to support survivors with psychosocial support and adjusting the referral pathways.

#### RESPONSE

##### PREPAREDNESS

###### CBI and Health

- Partners shared a new CBI modality to reach more vulnerable refugee and migrant families through virtual basic baskets of goods. This assistance would allow them to withdraw goods from a network of small supermarkets and grocery stores using their ID and a QR code received in their mobile phone.
- GTRM members supported the Ministry of Health (MINSa) establishing and approving a protocol to assist survivors of gender-based violence. Advocacy ensures the delivery of contraceptive methods.

## 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 in Lima and in Arequipa, Callao, Cusco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna and Tumbes.
2. GTRM partners are coordinating with the regional government of Cusco to include vulnerable refugees and migrants in the humanitarian assistance provided to local vulnerable populations.
3. Some 7,500 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

