

## PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

### UPDATE No 14

#### SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- On 20 May, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed that some 3,400 Venezuelan health professionals are expected to join the public health system. Besides the 30 certified doctors that have already joined the public health system, the GTRM is currently supporting 80 nurses in the process of validation of their degrees so to also join the efforts during the emergency. By scaling-up the health support the government expects to address the deficit of 24,000 health professionals in the country, announced by the Minister of Health earlier this month.
- The Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP for its acronym in Spanish) reported that their hotline, *línea 100*, has received some 30,000 gender-based violence (GBV) and child abuse related calls since the start of the emergency. It represents a 50 per cent increase GBV cases and almost 60 per cent increase on child abuse compared to the same period last year. The services of the MIMP are struggling to respond to increasing needs.

#### KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- There is a heightened risk that food insecurity, evictions, homelessness and the increased economic vulnerability of refugees and migrants will force them to return to Venezuela despite the dangers of infection and human trafficking they would be exposed to.

#### RESPONSE

##### PREPAREDNESS

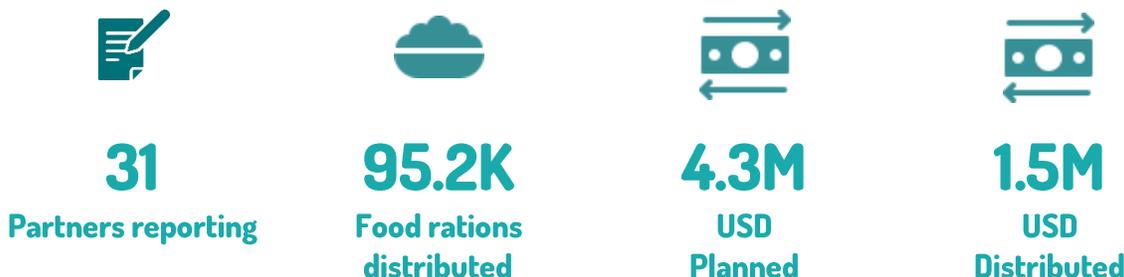
###### Food Security and Cash-Based Interventions (CBI)

- The GTRM, in coordination with the Presidency of the Council of Ministries and the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI for its acronym in Spanish), are organizing and providing logistic support for a second distribution of food kits from private donations to support vulnerable refugees and migrants in Lima. This distribution will support 3,000 families with food security.
- Three partners have joined CBI efforts to scale up the food insecurity response, winter challenges and housing needs. Partners are seeking to distribute some 9,000 CBI cards to support the basic needs of up to 70,000 persons.

##### OPERATIONAL MEASURES

1. So far, USD 1,500,000 have been distributed on CBI to support more than 32,000 refugees and migrants across Peru. Distributions focused in Lima, Arequipa, Callao, Cusco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna and Tumbes.
2. The GTRM has supported some 3,600 vulnerable refugees and migrants with case management and hotlines as part of their protection efforts.
3. Partners have assisted and guided over 19,000 refugees and migrants; 3,600 through the WhatsApp service on COVID-19, and some 1,400 with legal counselling.
4. Some 2,000 blankets and winter support items have been distributed to vulnerable refugees, migrants and host community across the country.
5. GTRM partners have assisted some 200 refugees and migrants living with HIV with medical appointments.
6. Some 100,000 vulnerable refugees, migrants, and host community have benefited from the GTRM’s humanitarian assistance since the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency.

### KEY FIGURES



### REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ASSISTED

