

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

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SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- An accident involving a tank truck and a group of Venezuelans, resulted in three deaths and eight injured. In collaboration with authorities, GTRM partners are assisting survivors and their families through cash-based interventions to cover immediate needs. Governmental authorities will grant a special migratory status to those requiring further medical assistance to ensure access to the public health system.
- On 3 May, the government announced the gradual resumption of economic activities throughout a four-month period running from May to August. The first phase commenced on 4 May namely with the restart of mining, industry, construction and trade activities. In line ministries have a 5-day period to establish COVID-19 related measures for the aforementioned activities, pending the approval by the ministry of Health.
- On 7 May, the Superintendence of Migration (SNM) authorized the issuance of certificates to foreign citizens that had started procedures to obtain the *carne de extranjería* and the temporary stay permit (PTP) before the emergency started. These documents will ease the current mobility restrictions faced by undocumented refugees and migrants. The certificates, obtainable online, are valid during the emergency.

KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- There is an increasing need to scale up CBI, food assistance and shelter support as the gradual resumption of economic activities unfolds. While some industries are preparing to resume activities, it is unclear if job opportunities will open for refugees and migrants, or what the pace of the resumption will be.
- WASH continues to be a major gap in the response, particularly in the most vulnerable districts where the spread of the disease has escalated.
- Partners reported an increase of highly vulnerable persons attempting to return to Venezuela. Many travel on foot, without food, water, shelter or proper clothing and are exposed to human trafficking and exploitation.

RESPONSE

PREPAREDNESS

Basic needs and CBI

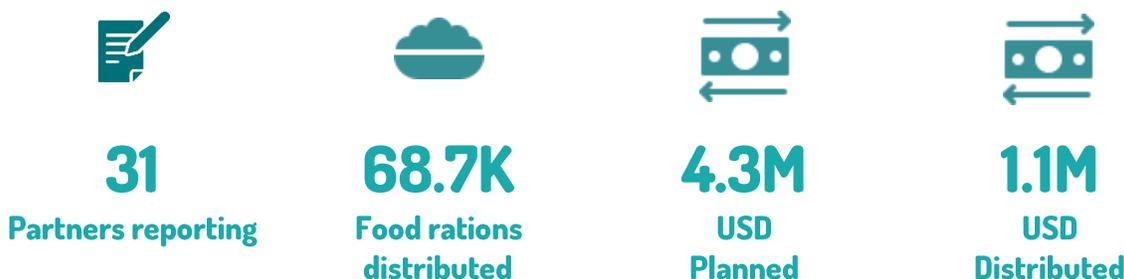
- The GTRM supported the local coordination structure, led by the regional government of Tacna in standardizing food kits following the guidelines provided by the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI). These food kits and other baskets with basic goods and NFIs were distributed to vulnerable refugees and migrants and soup-kitchens along with CBI assistance.

- Multipurpose vouchers of 160 soles per family member are being distributed in Arequipa, Tacna and Tumbes to purchase clothing items, food or hygiene products at supermarkets.

OPERATIONAL MEASURES

1. So far, USD 1,100,000 have been distributed on CBI to support more than 27,000 refugees and migrants across Peru. Distributions focused in Lima, Arequipa, Callao, Cusco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna and Tumbes.
2. GTRM partners, in collaboration with the regional government of Cusco and national police, distributed thermal blankets and drinking water to vulnerable refugees, migrants and host community.
3. Partners continue supporting hospitals with refugee housing units (RHU) and blankets to increase patients' reception capacity.

KEY FIGURES



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ASSISTED

