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CONTEXT

On 6 October, the president of the Ministers' Cabinet, Guido Bellido, <u>presented his resignation</u> upon Castillo's request. The former Congress President, Mirtha Vásquez, was appointed as the new Prime Minister.

On 7 October, the new Cabinet, which <u>replaced the president of the Ministers' Cabinet and six other</u> <u>Ministers</u>, was sworn in. The changes implemented included the replacement of the Minister of Labor, Mr. Maraví, for Ms. Betsy Chávez. On 26 October, the Cabinet led by Ms. Vásquez obtained the vote of confidence.

Within the framework of the Migration Ministerial Conference held on 20 October in Colombia, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Óscar Maúrtua, <u>stated</u> that the government of President Castillo continues to ramp up efforts to benefit refugees and migrants in Peru and promote their inclusion in social protection schemes, including vaccination campaigns.

On 22 October, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed that the recent appointment of Mr. Rojas García as the new ambassador in Venezuela was <u>left without effect</u>. This decision comes after the Judiciary imposed on Mr. Rojas García a six-month restriction to leave the country due to an ongoing investigation that links him with alleged money laundering crimes.

FUNDING UPDATE

As of 26 October

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021:

\$60.9 million





Patricia Portocarrero announced High-Profile Collaborator of UNHCR Peru

The renowned Peruvian actress,was announced as High Profile Collaborator with the launch of her new comedy program "*De Aquí de Allá*" to promote social integration, broadcast live on the #TuCausaEsMiCausa Facebook page, reaching over 70,000 views during the month of October.

Watch the episodes here



ASYLUM-SEEKERS, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS SITUATION

To support the Superintendency of Migration, UNHCR is keeping the refugee and migrant communities abreast regarding the steps to follow, and requirements needed for the Temporary Residence Permit (CPP for its acronym in Spanish) and the Humanitarian Residence (CMH for its acronym in Spanish) to regularize their stay in Peru. Social media posts have reached over **292,000 views**. Additionally, the latest report by the Superintendency of Migrations informs that over **186,000 requests** related to the CPP have been registered. Also, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted the Humanitarian Residency to more than **59,000 persons**.

From May to October, UNHCR information campaigns also led some **80,000 asylum-seekers** to update their data in the Kobo form designed by UNHCR. The data, stored at the Special Commission for Refugees' website (CEPR as per its acronym in Spanish), has been used both by the Ministry of Health to accelerate the vaccination campaign and the CEPR to consider the persons registered for the Humanitarian Residence (CMH for its acronym in Spanish). Also, to support local authorities to register beneficiaries, UNHCR continues informing the refugee and migrant community on social media with posts on the procedures, reaching some **292,000** views.

On 13 October, the second phase of the Trainer of Trainers supported by UNHCR and dictated by NGO Fútbol Más for Alianza Lima concluded. Over **35 coaches** received their certifications in a ceremony at the club attended by UNHCR's Representative, the Head of the Women's Football Division, and the Alianza Lima's Head of Human Development. The skills on social integration acquired in this capacity building sessions benefited over **300 Peruvian and Venezuelan children**.

In Lima, UNHCR, its partners and community-based organizations carried out community activities to provide services and orientation on documentation, access to health, mental health, employment and caregiving to children. Some **200 refugees**, migrants and host-community members attended over two days.

UNHCR Response

REMOTE SUPPORT

- UNHCR and partners CAPS, Caritas, Encuentros, HIAS, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Plan International answered some 78,700 calls and messages via the free-toll hotlines to offer orientation and assistance in protection, education, documentation, and shelter. Out of these, more than 28,120 have focused on legal orientations with partners Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros, HIAS, and PROSA supported by UNHCR.
- Some 23,400 protection cases have been followed-up through specialized case management services of UNHCR and partners.

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HUMANITARIAN CASH BASED ASSISTANCE (CBI)

- Some 21,000 people received CBI to cover basic needs such as food, health, as well as seed capital to support business initiatives through partners ACF, Aldeas Infantiles, Caritas, Encuentros, HIAS, IFRC, and Plan International supported by UNHCR for some USD 1,494,000 Most beneficiaries are in Arequipa, Cuzco, Lima, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna, Trujillo, and Tumbes.
- As part of the livelihoods' strategy, around 8,000 persons participated in workshops led by UNHCR and some received orientation to enhance their capacities to access decent work, learn about their rights, and complaint mechanisms to report exploitation and abuse in the labor market.
- UNHCR and Action Against Hunger (ACF) held a virtual event to celebrate the closing of the programs "Vives Emplea y Vives Emprende" with the participation of 130 refugees and migrants. As a result of the programs, 35 Venezuelan refugees and asylum-seekers are enrolled in work-traineeships, 25 are already employed and over 50 businesses were created and supported with seed capital.

BASIC NEEDS AND SHELTER

- Some 1,000 refugees and migrants have been supported daily at the 13 shelters and hotels in Arequipa, Lima, Tacna, and Tumbes. Also, some 143,860 food rations have been provided. Basic needs and shelter support have been key for those who have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic.
- Some 19,800 persons received kits distributed by UNHCR and partners, including hygiene, winter, food, and baby products, as well as those to cover SGBV survivors' needs. These kits have been essential during the pandemic for the most vulnerable families and their children to cover their basic needs regarding housing, food, and health. Additionally, some 10,700 thermal blankets have been distributed in key cold regions.

🛊 HEALTH

- On mental health, some 15,350 psychosocial support activities have been provided through partners ACF, Aldeas Infantiles, CAPS, Caritas, HIAS, Scalabrinians, and PROSA. Psychosocial support has been crucial during times when confinement has had a strong impact on mental health. Also, over 10,000 persons have been supported on their access to the National Health System (SIS for its acronym in Spanish) by UNHCR and partners ACF, Caritas, Encuentros and PROSA.
- UNHCR and partners have carried out some 510 HIV/AIDS consultations through partner PROSA in Lima and Tumbes for populations of concern in need of a space for treatment and assistance while other health centres were either outstretched or fully occupied with COVID-19 cases.
- To enhance the capacities of the national health system in Arequipa, Cuzco, Tacna, and Tumbes, out of the 35 RHUs – Refugee Housing Units installed, 29 have been donated to hospitals and clinics in Peru.





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The Global Appeal 2022 provides information for governments, host countries, private donors, and other partners about UNHCR's priorities for the coming year. It explains how UNHCR plans to meet the needs of more than 100 million people who are anticipated to be under its mandate in 2022, and to improve their lives in the short-term and build brighter futures.

Read more here





COORDINATION

UNHCR is co-leading the emergency coordination response for refugees and migrants through the **GTRM** composed by over 80 partners including donors and IFIs together with IOM. The GTRM is coordinating with the Humanitarian Network and has been holding coordination meetings on Cash Based Interventions (CBI), protection, health, information management and communications, as well as basic needs (shelter, food security and food distribution) with all sector leads to operationalize and channel assistance.

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