

# Peru

**June 2025** | Operational Update

## Key figures


 **49,428 people** assisted in 2025

### PROTECTION

 **7,200 people**  
received services at  
border and transit points  
| **749 in June**

 **3,400 people**  
received legal assistance  
| **515 in June**

 **1,886 people**  
supported with case  
management | **333 in June**

 **116 women,**  
girls and other vulnerable  
individuals received  
assistance | **9 in June**

 **76 children**  
received specialized  
child protection services  
| **19 in June**

### BASIC NEEDS

 **972 people**  
supported with shelter  
| **101 in June**

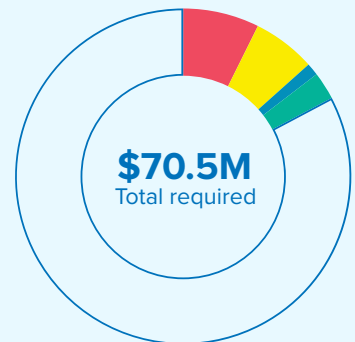
 **6,149 kits**  
and core relief items  
delivered | **701 in June**

### HEALTH

 **5,748 people**  
received healthcare  
services | **567 in June**






## Funding

17% of UNHCR's financial  
requirements for Peru received  
by 30th June 2025



**83%**  
funding gap

**17%**  
funded

 Tightly earmarked     Unearmarked  
 Earmarked     Funding gap  
 Softly earmarked

## Highlights

UNHCR, alongside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, hosted an event to commemorate World Refugee Day, gathering officials, members of the international community, and civil society representatives. During the ceremony, the Minister of Foreign Affairs addressed the audience, emphasizing Peru's ongoing commitment to working with UNHCR to strengthen refugee protection. UNHCR's Representative also acknowledged Peru's continued support for refugees.

On 11 June, the Executive President of OFIS (Office of Social Focus and Information), part of Peru's Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, visited UNHCR's Protection Space in San Juan de Lurigancho, Lima. Joined by municipal officials and community leaders, the visit aimed to strengthen coordination in identifying and protecting vulnerable local and refugee populations, and to explore their inclusion in national protection programmes. The delegation also discussed upcoming large-scale registration efforts in the district.

On 24 June, UNHCR hosted a donor visit from the Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC) based in Colombia, its partner, Swisscontact, and the Swiss Embassy in Peru. Since 2023, SDC has been a key ally in strengthening UNHCR's child protection response. During the mission, the delegation visited a UNHCR Protection Space, where refugees can access a wide range of protection services and support, including legal support, documentation, and health services.

On 3 June, UNHCR welcomed an ECHO delegation to Lima. During their trip, the delegation was briefed on protection developments and visited one of UNHCR's Protection Spaces where refugees and community members can access various services and assistance. UNHCR also participated in a workshop held by ECHO on the same day, which included participation from GTRM partners, including UN agencies, NGO's, and CBO's, among others. The aim of the workshop was to collect information on the current needs and challenges in the country.



## Context

On 7 June, Law 32372 was enacted. The law allows judges to order the expulsion for those serving sentences of 10 years or less who have completed at least two-thirds of their term. This judicial sanction also includes a ban on re-entering Peruvian territory for a period equivalent to the maximum sentence applicable to the offence committed.


Prime Minister Eduardo Arana announced the implementation of over 3,500 migration-control operations aimed at strengthening border security and dismantling trafficking networks. He also proposed transferring high-risk foreign inmates to El Salvador's Centre for the Confinement of Terrorists (CECOT) prison to help reduce prison overcrowding and tackle organised crime.


On 16 June, the State of Emergency in several districts of Lima and Callao, including San Juan de Lurigancho and Villa María del Triunfo, was extended for a further 30 days. During this period, the National Police will maintain internal order, supported by the Armed Forces. On 29 June, the government also extended the State of Emergency in Zarumilla Province, Tumbes, starting from 4 July.

Last year, the National Superintendence of Migration (SNM) approved Supreme Decree No. 011-2024-IN, requiring landlords, hotels, and other types of accommodations (excluding humanitarian shelters) to register foreign guests through SNM's official platform. Failure to request documentation, report data, or provide incomplete registration may result in fines of up to two Tax Units (UIT), with each UIT valued at approximately USD 1,487. In June, more than 10 months after the decree was enacted, the SNM announced it had initiated sanctioning procedures against approximately 180 establishments, primarily in Arequipa, Trujillo, and Puno, for noncompliance with the reporting requirement.


 **1.66M Venezuelans**  
in Peru

 **539,983 asylum-seekers**  
in Peru, primarily from  
Venezuela

 **32% of Venezuelan**  
**nationals** in Peru live  
in monetary poverty\*

 **More than 1M**  
**Venezuelans** in Lima

 **2nd largest host**  
**country** for forcibly  
displaced Venezuelans

 **10% of Venezuelan**  
**nationals** in Peru live  
in extreme poverty\*

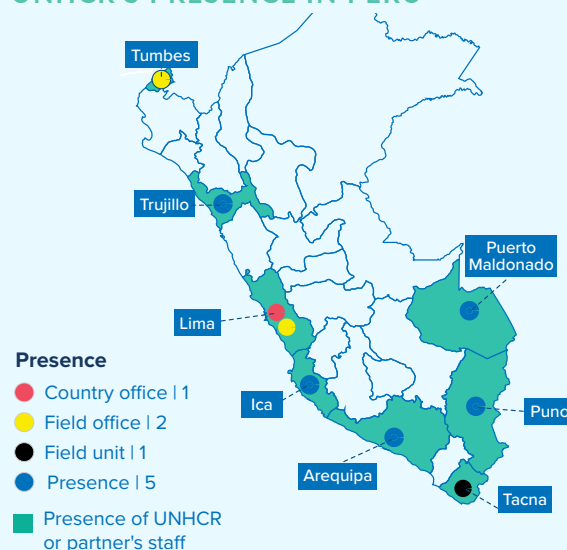
### **Key risks faced by forcibly displaced people:**

Inability to generate income upon arrival |  
Monetary poverty | Negative coping mechanisms  
(child labor, sexual exploitation, begging for food)

These figures are currently under review following the completion of the asylum backlog validation process at the end of 2024.

\*According to ENPOVE 2022.

## UNHCR'S PRESENCE IN PERU



## PROTECT

On 13 June, UNHCR and the Directorate of Special Protection of the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) facilitated a training session for the Special Protection Units of Trujillo. The session included a module on legal protection for refugee children, and a module led by the Directorate on the "Protocol for the Care of Refugee and Migrant Children and Adolescents at Risk or Without Family Protection." The training is part of an action plan between UNHCR and MIMP.



From 23 to 27 June, UNHCR, Encuentros and the Psychology Professional Board facilitated a workshop on mental health support for individuals affected by forced displacement. The workshop provided officials with practical tools to better respond to the specific needs of refugees. A total of 25 participants took part in the workshop.

UNHCR met with the Prosecutor's Office on 30 June to establish dialogue regarding cases involving refugees who have been victims of serious crimes. Agreements included conducting joint technical training and forming working groups to develop protocols and tools that enhance inter-institutional coordination. These efforts will ensure that refugee protection considerations are integrated into the Prosecutor's Office's work.

On 27 June, UNHCR in Ica met the Ombudsperson's Office and Encuentros. The meeting focused on improving the identification and referral of refugees in situations of heightened vulnerability. Participants discussed challenges and proposed strategies to ensure timely and effective responses, including mechanisms for urgent assistance, legal guidance, and inter-institutional coordination.



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## RESPOND

UNHCR, Encuentros, and the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion held a meeting with the Local Registration Unit of San Martín de Porres to coordinate a targeted registration exercise in the district. This initiative, led by UNHCR in collaboration with the local government, seeks to identify refugees living in San Martín de Porres who may be eligible for local and national social protection programmes, as well as vulnerable members of the local population.

On 8 June, UNHCR Lima held a Service Fair in San Martín de Porres as part of the district's first "Paseo Sobre Ruedas", a marathon on wheels. The event brought together over 500 participants from the refugee and local community and promoted integration and social cohesion. More than 120 forcibly displaced people received support, including documentation, employment guidance, and vaccinations, through UNHCR, Encuentros SJM, World Vision Peru, IFRC, and DIRIS Lima Norte. During the event, the district's mayor reaffirmed his commitment to refugee inclusion.

To commemorate World Refugee Day, UNHCR and partners held Service Fairs in various regions of the country, providing key services and promoting inclusion for refugees and host communities. In Lima, a fair took place on 14 June at Parque de la Exposición in coordination with the Metropolitan Municipality of Lima. Attendees accessed a range of services including healthcare, employment guidance, GBV prevention, and legal and social assistance, among others, from IFRC, World Vision, Encuentros and refugee-led organisations supported by UNHCR such as APPV, El Ciríneo, Engadi, and Ocasiven. Municipal services present included CIAM, DEMUNA, ULE, and OMAPED. On 21 June, a fair was held in the district of Parcona, in coordination with the local health centre and social programmes. Services included obstetrics, dentistry, psychological care, and nursing, with support from DEMUNA, OMAPEDC, the Ombudsperson's Office, and CETPRO.

In Tumbes, a Service Fair was held with public institutions and community-based organisations on 23 June in the Plaza Mayor. 150 people from the refugee and local community attended and accessed information and assistance on health, documentation, protection, employment, and other fundamental rights. State entities such as the Tumbes Ombudsperson's Office, Women Emergency Centre's (CEM), Regional Health Directorate (DIRESA), the Employment Center, SNM, ULE and Division of Community Police of the National Police of Peru (DIVPOCOM) participated, along with UNHCR partner IFRC and refugee-led organisation Veneactiva.

## EMPOWER

On 10 June, UNHCR launched "Empresas con los Refugiados" in Peru, a regional programme as part of the "Empresas Integradoras" initiative. The programme highlights and recognises private sector efforts and best practices in inclusive hiring, training, and facilitating access to financial services for refugees. With over 35 companies participating in the virtual launch, the initiative not only strengthens private sector engagement but also reinforces the role of businesses as key drivers of refugee integration and contributors to more inclusive, resilient local economies.

UNHCR facilitated two focus group discussions on 10 and 12 June to evaluate the implementation of recent multipurpose cash assistance delivered by partners HIAS and Encuentros. Ten women heads of household reported that the support was essential in preventing homelessness, ensuring school attendance and meeting basic needs such as food and rent. The assistance also enhanced their economic autonomy and decision-making by enabling more stable living conditions and active participation in household finances.

On 13 June, UNHCR joined the graduation of 105 participants from the "Pa'lante Empleo" programme, implemented in partnership with World Vision and Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola. By providing refugees with technical skills in fields like administration, marketing, and pharmacy, the programme enhances employability and access to formal job opportunities. With two graduates already entering the labour market, the initiative supports refugees' financial independence and productive contribution to the host community.

On 26 June, UNHCR, with the Municipality of Surquillo, World Vision, and the Ministry of Labour, held a sensitisation event to promote labour inclusion of vulnerable groups, including refugees. Twenty local companies joined interactive sessions on the socioeconomic benefits of inclusive hiring. By engaging municipal and private sector actors, the event strengthened institutional support for refugee integration, sustained employment, and workforce diversity.

## SOLVE

As of 24 July, UNHCR has submitted 60 individuals to Finland for resettlement consideration, accounting for 100 per cent of Finland's annual quota.

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## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

### The Dream Baked with Effort, Hope, and Support

Enmanuel is a young entrepreneur who, together with his business partner Luis, turned a distant dream into reality: opening Macchiato Coffee, a welcoming café in the heart of Tumbes. The idea was born in 2022, and after years of hard work, saving, and determination, their doors finally opened in March 2025.

Trained in business development and formerly working in banking in Venezuela, Enmanuel was forced to leave his country in 2019. In Peru, he took on work as an event entertainer, performing as a mime, walking on stilts, and more, all while saving up to launch his dream. Passionate about coffee, he trained himself through self-study and, in 2024, participated in a technical course in pastry-making, organised by the Asociación de Emprendedores Unidos Venezuela Perú, with financial support from UNHCR. The skills he gained not only strengthened the café's offering, but were also shared with Luis, his partner and co-creator on this journey.

Today, Macchiato Coffee not only serves high-quality organic coffee and unique artisan pastries, it also offers employment to members of the host community and has become a space of inspiration for aspiring entrepreneurs. Enmanuel and Luis openly share their recipes, knowledge of permits and licensing, and their lived experience as business owners, firmly believing that many others can start anew and achieve their dreams with the right support. Macchiato Coffee doesn't just serve coffee, it serves hope, hard work, and a strong sense of community.

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