

Peru

July 2025 | Operational Update

Key figures


 **57,100 people** assisted in 2025

PROTECTION

 **9,402 people**
received services at
border and transit points
| **832 in July**

 **3,958 people**
received legal assistance
| **558 in July**


 **2,586 people**
supported with case
management | **700 in July**

 **129 women,**
girls and other vulnerable
individuals received
assistance | **13 in July**

 **113 children**
received specialized
child protection services
| **32 in July**

BASIC NEEDS

 **1,120 people**
supported with shelter
| **148 in July**

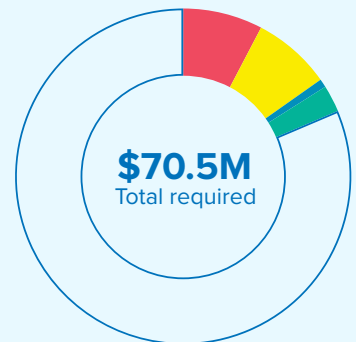
 **6,999 kits**
and core relief items
delivered | **850 in July**

HEALTH

 **5,783 people**
received healthcare
services | **35 in July**





Funding

19% of UNHCR's financial
requirements for Peru received
by 31st July 2025



81%
funding gap

19%
funded

 Tightly earmarked
 Earmarked
 Unearmarked
 Funding gap

Highlights

On 25 July, UNHCR co-hosted an event with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to acknowledge the Government of Japan's support for refugees in Peru. During the ceremony, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNHCR praised Japan's contributions to community empowerment, health, education, and livelihoods, which have benefited over 36,000 people, including refugees and the local community. The event brought together more than 40 attendees and featured remarks by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Ambassador of Japan to Peru.



On 3 July, UNHCR hosted representatives from the Embassy of Japan for a visit to Brisas de Villa School in Chorrillos to see projects they are supporting. Over 800 pupils now benefit from improved sanitation facilities, while 250 have access to a new computer lab, boosting digital skills and access to technology. The delegation also visited UNHCR's Protection Space in Cercado de Lima, which has supported over 10,000 refugees, other forcibly displaced people, and vulnerable host community members with protection services, psychosocial support, and orientations.



Context



1.66M Venezuelans
in Peru



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



**32% of Venezuelan
nationals** in Peru live
in monetary 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.



**More than 1M
Venezuelans** in Lima

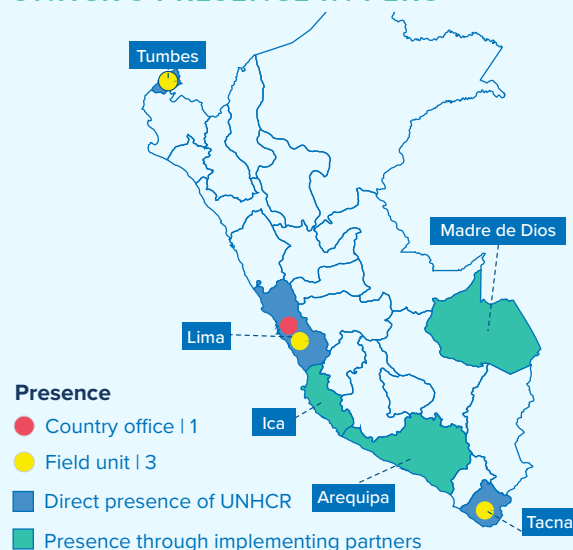


**2nd largest host
country** for forcibly
displaced Venezuelans



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

UNHCR'S PRESENCE IN PERU



On 15 July, the National Superintendence of Migration (SNM) launched a public consultation, open from 26 to 31 July, to collect input on gaps in migration regulations and the impact of irregular migration. The consultation forms part of the regulatory impact assessment required for drafting and approving amendments to the implementing rules of the Migration Law. While the initiative aims to encourage public participation in shaping migration policies, the use of closed-ended questions in the survey may restrict meaningful feedback and critical reflection from participants, including public and private organisations as well as individuals.

On 17 July, UNHCR took part in the 10th Thematic Session on Business and Human Rights, co-organised by the Universal Periodic Review Collective and the UNCT, which brought together over 30 participants, including government representatives, civil society, and other members of the international community. UNHCR's intervention underscored the opportunity to strengthen the integration of refugees into Peru's labour market, highlighting their potential contribution to national development. It also clarified the legal right of refugees and asylum-seekers to work, as well as the validity of documents issued by the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR), while addressing challenges such as access to services, recognition of qualifications, and improved opportunities in employment and education.



PROTECT

From 9 to 12 July, UNHCR conducted three capacity-sharing and awareness-raising activities for government officials on international protection principles, UNHCR's mandate, refugee protection, the application of the 24-hour expulsion procedure (PASEE), and country-of-origin information, focused on Colombia, to support refugee status determination processes. The sessions reached 112 participants from various state institutions, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Special Commission for Refugees), the Peruvian Diplomatic Academy, and the National Police.

On 4 July, UNHCR and the Women's Emergency Centre (CEM), held a workshop on the prevention of violence against women and girls at the Protection Space in San Martín de Porres. The session brought together 12 community leaders and refugee women. Participants learned about prevention, response mechanisms, and the services offered by the Warmi Ñan State Protection Programme.





UNHCR delivered an online training session on the refugee status determination system on 2 July in Ica. The session sought to strengthen NGOs', grassroots organisations', and community leaders' understanding of the asylum system and their ability to support refugees. The training covered elements of the international refugee framework, including eligibility criteria, procedural safeguards, and referral pathways. The session highlighted collaboration between legal experts and community actors to ensure access to protection and rights for those in need of international protection.

UNHCR conducted a capacity-sharing session focused on the Protocol on Assistance for Refugee and Migrant Children and Adolescents at Risk or Without Parental Care for staff from the Special Protection Unit (UPE) of the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations in Tacna. The session offered guidance on the procedures to address the specific protection needs of displaced children and adolescents within case management. A total of 16 UPE staff members participated.

RESPOND

There has been a notable increase in the number of individuals receiving support at UNHCR's five Protection Spaces (EdP) in Lima. This growth is largely due to the re-establishment of migration services within these facilities in July, which include biometric data capture, the issuance of foreign ID (Carné de Extranjería) and guidance on migration procedures, supported by the introduction of an online booking system. The expansion was made possible through the partnership with the National Superintendence of Migration (SNM), which formally joined on 21 July in partnership with UNHCR and other civil society organisations. In addition, the EdPs continue to provide essential assistance such as guidance on refugee status, and access to education, employment, healthcare, legal aid and other basic services, in coordination with the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR), district municipalities and organisations including Encuentros, Partners in Health and World Vision.

EMPOWER

UNHCR participated in the "Employment Marathon" in Villa María del Triunfo on 25 July, organised by the Ministry of Labour in coordination with World Vision and the local municipality. The event gathered around 30 companies and offered over 450 job vacancies, alongside services to support employment. World Vision actively promoted refugee participation and access to formal jobs. These efforts directly support refugees' socioeconomic inclusion by improving livelihoods and easing entry into the formal labour market.

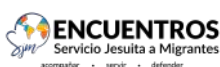
On 18 July, UNHCR and its partner World Vision held a ceremony to mark the revalidation of academic credentials for 90 refugee professionals, now officially recognised by the Superintendency of Higher Education (SUNEDU). Participants also had professional photographs taken for their CVs or LinkedIn profiles, helping boost their visibility and competitiveness in the job market.



In line with its efforts to decentralise access to basic services, UNHCR, together with its partners Encuentros and World Vision, organised a Service Fair in collaboration with the Municipality of San Martín de Porres, the district with the highest Venezuelan population in Lima. Around 160 individuals received legal orientation on how to obtain documentation and support related to livelihoods, including the revalidation of professional qualifications and job placement assistance.

On 2 July, following UNHCR's advocacy efforts, a refugee was formally employed as an Operations Specialist at Kuehne+Nagel. UNHCR continues to collaborate with private sector actors through the "Companies with Refugees" framework, seeking to broaden access to dignified employment opportunities for refugees.

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STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Maria Fernanda's Journey: Overcoming Challenges, Building a Future

Leaving Venezuela was one of the hardest choices Maria Fernanda ever made. Economic hardship and a lack of professional opportunities left her unable to support her family. She arrived in Peru alone and managed to find work quickly, although not in her field, and was later reunited with her daughter. The first months were challenging: adapting to cultural differences, navigating transport, and searching for stable housing. With no support network at first, she slowly built friendships and connections that made Peru start to feel like home.

When she first arrived in Peru, Maria Fernanda's living situation was unstable until she managed to secure a safe and permanent home for her family. Accessing healthcare proved far more complicated, as she did not know how to navigate the health system and, without documents, felt limited in receiving proper attention. Education offered a different experience: during the pandemic, her daughter was able to quickly join the national system through the "Aprendo en Casa" programme. Over time, she also transitioned from taking jobs that did not match her aspirations to securing formal employment, which allowed her to grow both professionally and personally.

That stability was threatened when her employer suddenly closed, but she found hope again through the Pa'lante Empleo project, implemented by World Vision with UNHCR's support.

The project offered her training in digital marketing, an area strongly related to her professional roots in Venezuela and paired it with personalized job coaching that helped her rebuild her path with purpose. Her dedication and perseverance paid off; she was awarded a scholarship to study artificial intelligence, opening new doors. Not long after, she secured formal employment, just when she needed it most.

Now, Maria Fernanda looks ahead with optimism. "You should never stop learning or looking for opportunities to grow," she says. She encourages other refugees to seize every training programme and support available, as these can open doors to the life they dream of. For her, resilience and perseverance have been the keys to transforming uncertainty into stability for herself and her daughter.

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