



# VENEZUELA MIGRATION CRISIS

## PERU: SECOND LARGEST DESTINATION FOR VENEZUELAN MIGRANTS

Peru now hosts over one million displaced Venezuelans, a massive increase from 7,000 in January 2016. The surge in migrants places Peru as the second-largest recipient of Venezuelans and the largest host of Venezuelan asylum seekers worldwide. Approximately 80 percent of the Venezuelans migrants and refugees have settled in Lima, the preferred destination due to employment opportunities and government services. Most Venezuelans reside in the city's northern, working-class neighborhoods. Venezuelans are increasingly moving to smaller coastal cities outside Lima, including the regions of Arequipa, Lambayeque, and La Libertad. As of January 2021, the U.S. Government has provided over \$100 million in assistance to more than 20 partners to support response efforts in Peru.

### NGO PARTNERS

**Partner:** HIAS

**Project:** Integrated Programming to Meet the Urgent Needs of Vulnerable Venezuelans in Peru

**Description:** HIAS provides integrated protection and assistance services, including access to asylum, gender-based reduction and response, psychosocial support, and livelihood assistance, to vulnerable Venezuelans in Lima and Trujillo to increase opportunities for interim and durable solutions.

**Amount & Source:** \$3 million – Department of State/Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM).

**Partner:** Save the Children

**Project:** Multi-purpose Cash Assistance to Vulnerable Venezuelans in Peru

**Description:** Provide emergency assistance to over 30,000 vulnerable and at-risk Venezuelan migrants in Peru. Assistance will cover minimum basic needs for Venezuelans.

**Amount & Source:** \$13.4 million - USAID/Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).

**Partner:** LOOP

**Project:** Nanas y Amas

**Description:** This activity will help Venezuelan women in vulnerable conditions secure decent employment. LOOP will develop a mobile application to match approximately 5,000 women with vetted domestic services jobs.

**Amount & Source:** \$250,000 - USAID

**Partner:** World Vision

**Project:** Reducing the Vulnerability of Venezuelans through Improved Livelihoods, Food and Cash

**Description:** This project distributes “multi-purpose” cash transfers to 49,000 beneficiaries to help meet their basic needs in Tumbes, Tacna, La Libertad and Lima. World Vision will also provide support to community soup kitchens, which will provide about 196,000 hot meals. The activity also supports livelihoods programming, including entrepreneurship programs and vocational training, for approximately 720 people in Lima.

**Amount & Source:** \$13.6 million - USAID/BHA

**Partner:** World Vision

**Project:** Professional and Technical Degrees

**Description:** *Union Venezolana en Perú* in alliance with World Vision will support 230 Venezuelans to obtain local recognition of their professional and technical degrees — including 50 medical doctors. The activity will provide a mix of grants and credits to cover the cost of accreditation, support beneficiaries in navigating the process and assist with labor market insertion, like training in soft skills outreach to the private sector and engagement with the Ministry of Health and regional health authorities

**Amount & Source:** \$440,000 – USAID

**Partner:** World Council of Credit Unions

**Project:** Economic Integration Project

**Description:** The Economic Inclusion Project will help Venezuelan migrants and vulnerable local residents in Peru and Ecuador achieve socioeconomic security by gaining greater access to financial products and services, as well as entrepreneurship and employment programs. As a result of the Economic Inclusion Project, at least: 100,000 Venezuelans and locals will obtain access to financial services (a credit, savings or insurance product); and, 10,000 will have an improved capacity to establish a sustainable livelihood.

**Amount & Source:** \$8 million (\$14 million total for Peru and Ecuador) – USAID

**Partners:** Various local NGOs

**Project:** Various

**Description:** A number of local, grassroots organizations supported by the Inter-American Foundation have incorporated activities into their existing programs to support Venezuelan migrants and refugees. Activities include combatting and preventing violence, support for entrepreneurship and jobs skills psychosocial support services, and efforts to foster improved social cohesion between Venezuelans and host communities.

**Amount & Source:** \$1.4 million – Inter-American Foundation

**Partner:** Action Against Hunger

**Project:** Economic Support for Vulnerable Venezuelans

**Description:** The grant provided vulnerable Venezuelans with access to basic household items to help mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 quarantine. The activity assisted 4,200 Venezuelan families, or approximately 16,800 people.

**Amount & Source:** \$249,600 - USAID

**Partner:** RET International

**Project:** Strengthening Bridges: Assistance and protection focused on sustainable solutions, self-sufficiency and the local integration of vulnerable migrants and asylum seekers in Peru

**Description:** Provide humanitarian assistance to vulnerable Venezuelans, including food, transport and shelter. In addition, RET provides technical assistance to local governments to facilitate the integration of Venezuelans into host communities. Gender-based violence training will also be given.

**Amount & Source:** \$5.5 million - PRM

**Partner:** Pan American Development Foundation

**Project:** *Integrando Horizontes*: Supporting & Protecting Venezuelans in Peru

**Description:** This program seeks to increase access to protection mechanisms for Venezuelans, with an emphasis on combating and preventing gender-based violence and trafficking in persons.

**Amount & Source:** \$2.6 million – PRM.

**Partner:** Unión Venezolana en Perú

**Project:** Newly Arrived Venezuelan Migrant Support

**Description:** For the purchase and distribution mattresses and warm clothes to newly arrived Venezuelan migrants and refugees. USAID supported the creation of a web portal for employment placement and psycho-social services.

**Amount & Source:** \$35,000 – USAID & PRM

**Partner:** CARE

**Project:** Integration of Vulnerable Venezuelans

**Description:** CARE's program will improve integration of vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and displaced Venezuelans in Peru through increased access to protection, mental health services, and livelihoods support. The program will prioritize assistance to women, adolescents, and survivors of human trafficking and gender-based violence.

**Amount and Source:** \$2.7 million – PRM

**Partner:** Norwegian Refugee Council

**Project:** Legal Services Project

**Description:** Provide legal assistance to Venezuelan migrants & refugees, particularly those who initiated services with NRC in Ecuador.

**Amount and Source:** \$193,400 – PRM

**Partner:** International Federation of the Red Cross

**Project:** IFRC support to local chapters

**Description:** Activity to support the institutional strengthening of local Red Cross chapters.

**Amount and Source:** \$200,000 – PRM

**Partner:** World Vision

**Project:** Reducing the Vulnerability of Venezuelan Migrants in Peru

**Description:** World Vision assisted migrants in the departments of Tumbes, Piura, Lambayeque, La Libertad and Lima. Activities included distributing “multi-purpose” cash to the most vulnerable so they could meet their basic needs. World Vision also supported the provision of hot meals through assistance to community kitchens serving free or low-cost meals to Venezuelan migrants. This included the provision of kitchen equipment, donation of food, and upgrades to kitchens and dining areas.

**Amount & Source:** \$6.2 million USAID/BHA.

## GOVERNMENT OF PERU PARTNERS

**Partner:** National Tax Authority (SUNAT)

**Project:** Direct Assistance to the Peruvian Government

**Description:** Personnel from International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) have trained over 200 GOP Immigration and Tax (SUNAT) officials to manage better incoming travelers, including Venezuelans, and modernize border security processes. IT equipment and vehicles were also donated.

**Amount & Source:** \$333,000 - U.S. Department of State and Customs and Border Patrol

**Partner:** Ministry of Health

**Description:** The U.S. Congress authorized the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to provide \$1.5 million in PEPFAR assistance for HIV/AIDS testing and anti-retroviral treatment to countries affected by the Venezuelan migration crisis. The Peruvian Ministry of Health received a donation of antiretroviral treatments in May 2019.

**Amount & Source:** \$333,870 - U.S. Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator

**Partner:** Peruvian Local Authorities

**Project:** N/A

**Description:** With humanitarian funds administered by the U.S. military, the U.S. Embassy has delivered in 2019 assistance to communities in need in Peru, which has often benefited Venezuelans. Initiatives include donating over \$110,000 in school materials for 16,000 students in Lima and 800 students in Madre de Dios as well as providing essential medical and school supplies to three schools in Cajamarca. Medical equipment to Hospital *Maria Auxiliadora* was also donated.

**Amount & Source:** \$138,000 - U.S. Department of Defense

## MULTILATERAL PARTNERS

**Partner:** World Food Program

**Project:** Food Assistance for Venezuelans in Lima and Callao

**Description:** This contribution to the World Food Program in Peru will provide food assistance to 45,000 Venezuelan migrants and refugees whose access to food has been strongly affected in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19. These actions complement the efforts of the Government of Peru. The World Food Program and its partners will use their experience in humanitarian logistics to activate cash transfers of S / 380 (approximately USD 111) per household.

**Amount & Source:** \$5 million - BHA

**Partner:** International Organization for Migration (IOM)

**Project:** Funding is for IOM's overall operations in Peru

**Description:** IOM is providing assistance to address a number of critical issues, including protection, shelter, and transportation for the most vulnerable migrants and training for government officials on humanitarian response. IOM is also supporting COVID-19 response efforts for refugees and host communities.

**Amount & Source:** \$13.3 million– PRM

**Partner:** UNICEF

**Project:** Humanitarian Action for Children: Latin American and the Caribbean

**Description:** This is a regional activity implemented in Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Brazil. The project seeks to ensure protection of children by facilitating access to services including health and nutrition, social protection, education as well as safe water, sanitation and hygiene. UNICEF is also supporting COVID-19 response efforts for refugees and host communities.

**Amount & Source:** \$3.1 million – PRM

**Partner:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**Project:** Funding is for UNHCR's overall operations in Peru

**Description:** UNHCR established a country office in Lima and provides assistance to the Government of Peru with the processing of asylum applications. UNHCR also provides humanitarian assistance, protection assistance, legal orientation for arriving Venezuelan migrants and refugee, vaccinations, and support for livelihoods.

**Amount & Source:** \$18 million- PRM

**Partner:** Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

**Project:** Strengthening the capacity of the local health sector to provide care to Venezuelan migrants in border areas.

**Description:** PAHO supports the regional health authorities in the Tumbes, Amazonas, Loreto, and Piura regions to strengthen their ability to detect, prevent and treat infectious diseases, particularly malaria, measles and diphtheria. Includes contracting temporary staff to increase the capacity of health facilities in the border areas and the donation of equipment and supplies.

**Amount & Source:** \$500,000 - USAID/BHA

**Partner:** International Labor Organization (ILO)

**Project:** Economic Integration of Venezuelan Migrants in Peru and Ecuador Under Decent Work Conditions

**Description:** This activity will engage and provide support to the public sector (ministries of labor and affiliated institutions), workers' organizations and the private sector to contribute to improved conditions for migrants' formal employment under decent work conditions. Includes support for structural reforms to facilitate migrants' access to formal employment; technical assistance to improve the quality of government labor insertion programs; and interventions to protect workers' rights and reduce work place exploitation.

**Amount & Source:** \$2.4 million– USAID