



HIGHLIGHTS

Historical commitment to protection

Peru is a State Party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees since 1964 and its 1967 Protocol since 1983. Peru acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless People and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in 2014.

Temporary Resident Permit Programme

In January 2017, the Government of Peru established a Temporary Resident Permit Programme allowing Venezuelans who legally entered the country by 31 December 2016 to be granted a one-year temporary residence permit.

The UNHCR Regional Office for Southern Latin America based in Buenos Aires covers and financially manages operations in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

Context information

- The domestic legal framework dealing with refugees is set out in the 2002 Refugee Law No. 27.891 “*Ley del Refugiado*” and enshrines high standards of protection, including the extended refugee definition in line with the 1984 Cartagena Declaration.
- The Refugee Law is further complemented by a number of decrees and administrative regulations dealing with specific issues, such as residence permits, documentation and extradition.
- Peru actively contributes to the consolidation of the Southern Cone as a “regional protection space”, through the adoption of the Brazil Declaration, the implementation of its Plan of Action (BPA), and the consolidation of the MERCOSUR National Refugee Commissions’ Forum.
- Peru grants nationality on the basis of the *ius solis* criteria which benefits also children of refugees and asylum seekers born in the country.
- Refugees and asylum seekers enjoy access to public education and have the right to work.



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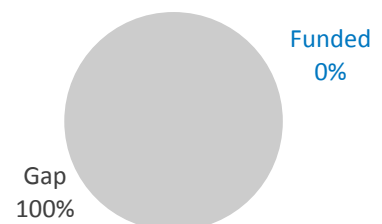


Population of concern **2,478**

Refugees	1570
Asylum Seekers (pending decisions)	908

Source: UNHCR Mid-year Statistical Report, June 2016

Funding Regional Office for Southern Latin America **USD 4.8 million**



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works in close coordination with Government counterparts, namely the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMPV) and the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR). UNHCR established a solid cooperation partnership with the Office of the Ombudsman in order to promote refugees rights and reinforce border monitoring activities.
- UNHCR is strengthening its cooperation with local governments of the region where the refugee population is settled in order to facilitate their access to social protection programmes and services in the framework of its Cities of Solidarity initiative.
- ENCIENTROS is UNHCR's implementing partner in Peru since 2016, carrying out operational projects aimed at providing basic humanitarian assistance, facilitating the process of local integration and promoting the respect of basic human rights of refugees and asylum seekers in the country. UNHCR and ENCIENTROS also work in cooperation with other organizations of the civil society and faith-based organizations that assist migrants and refugees in border areas.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection & Durable Solutions

- Provide technical support and advice to national authorities involved in the adoption of refugee/migration legislation and in the implementation of fair and efficient refugee status determination procedures. Capacity building activities are implemented for the reinforcement of the CEPR, its technical secretariat in order to ensure due process in admission, registration, eligibility interviews, RSD assessments and right to appeal.
- Support a Regional Border Protection Network that involves governmental agencies, national human rights institutions and NGOs working in the border areas of Bolivia, Chile and Peru to identify persons of concern to UNHCR, prevent their *refoulement* and support them through legal counselling, shelter and humanitarian assistance.
- Advocate for the facilitation of the naturalization procedure for refugees and provide the necessary information to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on this option.
- Promote actions aimed at identifying, preventing and responding to situations of SGBV affecting refugee women and children in coordination with national authorities (Emergency Centers for Women) and local partners. Conduct regular protection dialogues and empowerment activities with refugee women.
- Advocate for the adoption of a law for the protection of stateless people and the establishment of a stateless determination procedure in line with the pledges made by the Government of Peru (Brazil Plan of Action).

Humanitarian Assistance, Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Promote the involvement of the Government in facilitating local integration of refugees. CEPR has been progressively increasing its involvement in different aspects of local integration and assuming a key role in the coordination with other public entities and civil society stakeholders. ENCIENTROS, advocates for the inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in social protection schemes and identifies new stakeholders to foster economic integration initiatives.
- Provide, through ENCIENTROS, direct humanitarian assistance and shelter to asylum seekers and refugees in vulnerability situations or with particular needs.
- Provide technical training, grants and advise beneficiaries for the development or strengthening of small businesses and self-employment activities. Strengthen targeting of livelihoods interventions. UNHCR, the academia and ENCIENTROS are currently conducting a socio-economic assessment.
- Promote the strengthening of local governments' engagement in local integration issues.
- Advocate for the facilitation of access to health services for refugees and asylum seekers.

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