Situation

On 3 May, the government announced the gradual resumption of economic activities through a four-month period from May to August. This implementation has been delayed by the steady increase of COVID-19 confirmed cases and the extension of the state of emergency until 30 June. Even so, e-commerce and some technical services resumed on 25 May under strict health guidelines.

On 7 May, the Superintendence of Migration (SNM) authorized the online issuance of certificates to foreign citizens that had started procedures to obtain the carné de extranjería and the temporary stay permit (PTP) before the emergency. These certificates are valid during the emergency and ease the current mobility restrictions faced by undocumented refugees and migrants. On 28 May, the SNM launched the Agencia Virtual de Migraciones, and the Mesa de Partes Virtual de Migraciones online platforms that enable foreigners to change or update their migratory category and/or request the renewal of their residency permit.

On 11 May, the Ministry of Education (MINEDU) launched the online platform Matrícula2020 for public schooling. All children registered through the platform are granted access to the public education system, including refugees and migrants.

Response

The Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) hotline, Línea 100, received some 800 daily calls related to gender-based violence (GBV) since the start of the emergency in mid-March. This represents a 50 per cent increase on GBV cases and almost 60 per cent increase on child abuse compared to the same period last year. The GTRM is responding to the increase of violence against women and children through a series of tailored trainings to develop the capacity of frontline government and humanitarian actors. These workshops focus on expanding the know-how needed to assist vulnerable population remotely through partners’ hotlines, to protect refugees and migrants from sexual exploitation and abuse, provide psychosocial support to reduce the impact of human mobility and gender-based violence amid the emergency, and to address human trafficking and smuggling. These trainings reached some 150 public servants in relevant institutions.

Partners increased their psychosocial attention services through hotlines and other virtual platforms, including for survivors of GBV. Some 1,730 persons have benefited from psychosocial and socioemotional sessions. Moreover, 3,800 refugees and migrants were supported through case-by-case management, including some 300 unaccompanied children, and a further 1,300 received legal counsel.

In addition, 6,000 refugees and migrants received orientations, mostly through hotlines, focused on concerns over food insecurity and evictions.

In response to the increasing risks posed by limited or no access to livelihoods, partners scaled up efforts across CBI, including for winter support. Some 23,400 persons benefited from multisectoral CBI.

Over 300 vulnerable refugees and migrants were supported with alternative shelter and almost 7,000 received thermal blankets and winter kits. Some 600 persons received additional NFIs and over 900 hygiene kits for WASH support. Similarly, 8,530 persons were assisted with food kits and 1,360 with hot and cold meals.

To enable self-reliance and address the limited access to livelihoods, partners trained over 200 refugees and migrants to access decent work, including with entrepreneurship and self-employment skills. Scaling up these projects is key to enable socio-economic integration and to face the current and future economic challenges posed by the emergency.

Together with the MINEDU, GTRM partners developed content for distant learning and messaging over the Aprendo en Casa strategy. Partners also worked to make the Matrícula 2020 online platform more user-friendly for refugee and migrant families to register. Some 1,400 refugees, migrants and host community students were supported to access formal and informal education services.

The GTRM provided primary health assistance to some 330 vulnerable refugee and migrants and mental health sessions to another 630. Some 850 pregnant and lactating women received nutrition support and 200 children received nutritious supplementary kits.

* From 01/05 to 31/05 | **Source: FTS Website
**Coordination**

GTRM’s preparedness efforts have enabled its over 70 partners to coordinate a sectorial approach to the emergency response. The establishment of a centralized response matrix across sectors and several tailored trainings, enabled actors to share knowledge and information, strategize activity implementation, manage and allocate resources, and scale up essential CBI, basic-needs and protection efforts. During May, the GTRM reinforced its collaboration and partnerships with relevant governmental authorities namely the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI), the Ministry of Health (MINSA), the MINEDU, the MIMP and the SNM. Partners were able to jointly evaluate needs, create referral paths, avoid duplication of efforts, prioritize and tailor the response to the current emergency. At the request of the National Humanitarian Network, the GTRM is also supporting the national response strategy to the COVID-19 emergency.

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