



Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.

FACT SHEET: PERU



HIAS IN PERU

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Peru hosts more than 800,000 refugees and migrants from Venezuela, second only to Colombia in terms of numbers in the region. Despite the Government of Peru’s welcome of Venezuelans, the lack of sufficient social services has led to an increased risk of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse for Venezuelan women, adolescents, and children in particular.

COVID-19 has destabilized the lives of refugees and migrants across Latin America and the Caribbean, cutting off access to income and increasing vulnerability to violence. To respond to their heightened needs, HIAS Peru has modified its services by implementing remote support and developing other innovative solutions. HIAS Peru helps many groups including single women, women-headed households, survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), survivors of torture, older people, people with disabilities and serious medical conditions, and LGBTQ refugees.

HIAS PROGRAMS AND FOCUS

HIAS protects and supports refugees to build new lives and reunite with family members in safety and freedom. HIAS’ response in Peru helps refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants access dignified and sustainable livelihoods, leading to self-reliance and economic inclusion in their new communities. HIAS Peru helps individuals and families recover from the challenges of displacement, build resilience, and live in safety, protected from harm, violence, and discrimination.



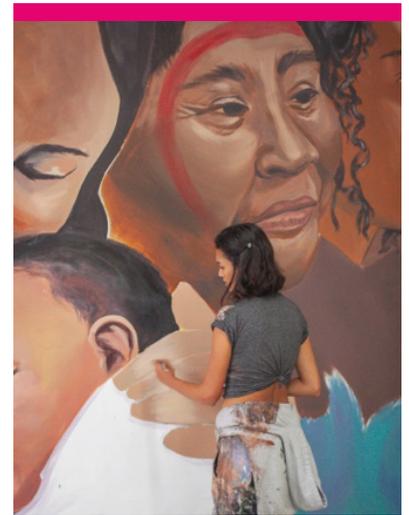
Photograph taken prior to March, 2020

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response

Women, girls, and LGBTQ individuals are disproportionately affected by forced displacement. HIAS’ GBV services are driven by the needs and the voices of survivors, and our GBV programming helps forcibly displaced women, girls, and LGBTQ individuals access human rights to pursue their potential, free from violence and gender-related oppression. HIAS Peru prioritizes survivors’ leadership when designing and implementing activities and provides individualized GBV case management, psychosocial services, support groups, risk reduction activities, and refers survivors to health and legal protection spaces that enable them to recover, heal, and thrive.

Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (CB-MHPSS)

HIAS' mental health programs train community members to recognize acute emotional distress in children and adults as a result of crisis, and how to respond with empathy, respect, and other basic helping skills. HIAS Peru identifies survivors of GBV and other vulnerable, at-risk migrants and provides individualized case management, psychological first aid, and targeted referrals for individuals in need of additional support. HIAS Peru organizes community wellness activities to increase overall well-being and resilience, and promote positive parenting and social connections. The Mobile Protection Team travels throughout Lima to reach the most vulnerable populations in hard-to-reach areas of Lima where migrants and refugees live. This flexible "pop up" approach allows for flexibility and provides acute attention for GBV survivors, individuals with severe health issues, unaccompanied children and adolescents, families living on the streets, and LGBTQ refugees at risk.



Economic Inclusion and Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA)

Access to dignified, sustainable, and safe livelihoods are at the core of HIAS' economic inclusion interventions. Our methodology enables refugees, vulnerable migrants, and host communities to find opportunities that will enhance their self-reliance, increase resilience, regain dignity, and provide ways to build independent and meaningful futures. HIAS Peru's economic inclusion program promotes the development of sustainable livelihoods by providing entrepreneurship and employment opportunities. The Graduation Model Approach HIAS Peru offers is a well-recognized best practice to alleviate poverty within 18 months. The program supports participants to become more food secure, enjoy stable and diversified incomes, increase their assets, better integrate into their communities, and develop a plan for the future. HIAS Peru provides children, adolescents, pregnant and/or lactating women and other vulnerable Venezuelan refugees, migrants, and host populations with CVA in the form of cash, bank transfers, and pre-paid cards.

HIAS in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

HIAS advocates for the protection of refugees, other forcibly displaced populations, and local host communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. As part of a comprehensive regional response to meet the urgent needs of these populations, including the millions of displaced Venezuelans, HIAS participates in several regional coordination platforms and partnerships which focus on protection, food security, GBV, and Cash and Voucher Assistance, including:

- REDLAC (IASC Regional Work Group Risk, Emergencies and Disasters)
- UNHCR/IOM Regional Platform for the Venezuela Situation Response (R4V)
- Interagency Group on Mixed Migration Flows (GIFMM) in Colombia
- Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (GTRM) in Ecuador and Peru

HIAS currently has programs in nine countries in LAC (Aruba, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela) and partners with a wide range of government agencies, UN entities (UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, UNV/VFT), the private sector (Airbnb, TATA Consultancy Services, and Manpower), and other NGOs and consortia, including Jesuit Refugee Service, Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council, Plan International, and Girls not Brides.

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