



SITUATION REPORT

VENEZUELAN REFUGEES IN PERÚ



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The worsening socio-economic and political situation in Venezuela continues to cause large-scale displacement of the local population. Recently, Perú has become one of the destinations for Venezuelans fleeing poverty, political oppression and violence in their country. According to the National Migration Institute, the number of Venezuelans in Peru more than tripled – going from 106,000 in December 2017 to 353,000 in the first half of 2018.

Despite the Peruvian government being more open to Venezuelans than other countries in the region, Venezuelan refugees still face a series of challenges and obstacles after their arrival. During the first months, access to food and shelter is a major obstacle since many have spent most of their money just to make the long trip to Perú, often walking for 15 or more days to reach the border.



RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response, through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Iglesia Luterana del Perú (The Lutheran Church of Perú or ILP), is supporting local humanitarian efforts to assist and advocate for Venezuelans in Perú. These efforts will include activities such as:

- 2,500 people receiving humanitarian assistance in four refugee reception centers.
- 7,500 refugees receiving counseling, legal support and an orientation about their rights, in person or through a virtual platform
- Identifying and providing the immediate needs of migrants currently receiving services at the congregations.
- Supporting spaces of internal reflection at the congregational level.
- Developing a campaign against xenophobia and the virtual information platform.
- Conducting research on the dimensions, characteristics, dynamics and impacts of Venezuelan immigration to Peru and sharing results.

