

### About IOM

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. Since September 19 of 2016, it became the United Nations migration agency.

With 166 member states, a further 8 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants. Headquartered in Geneva, IOM's structure is highly decentralized, enabling the Organization to acquire the capacity closer to where the needs are in order to effectively deliver an ever-increasing number of diverse projects at the request of its Member States and partners.

IOM's Field structure is composed of: 9 Regional Offices: Dakar, Nairobi, Cairo, Pretoria, San José, Buenos Aires, Bangkok, Brussels, Vienna; 2 Administrative Centers: Manila and Panama; 2 Special Liaison Offices: New York and Addis Ababa.

### IOM Mission in Peru

Peru has been an IOM Member State of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) since 1966. The Peruvian Government formally accepted the Constitution of IOM by Decree Law No. 17559, dated April 1, 1969.

Since then, IOM has offered technical assistance and advice to the Peruvian State in its different levels of government, and to other public entities and civil society organizations, on migration management, defense of human rights of migrants, and emergency response to natural disasters.



### Migration in Peru – Background –

International migration is becoming increasingly important for Peru, both as a country of origin, transit and destination. It is estimated that 3.5 million Peruvians migrated abroad, of which 2.7 million were in the last twenty-four years. Also, around 800,000 Peruvian households are the origin of this international migration; further, international migration directly or indirectly involves about 6 million Peruvians, if we consider four members per family.

In 2015, Peruvians abroad sent about US \$2.600 billion in remittances to Peru. From 1990 to 2014 in cumulative terms, the inflow of remittances to the Peruvian economy amounts to a figure of US \$32.2 billion and in 2014 remittances accounted for 1.3% of GDP.

In the last decade, the presence of foreigners in Peruvian society has increased by 793%, leading to a new dynamic of foreign immigration, closely linked to formal employment due to business growth and increased foreign direct investment. At present, about 100,000 foreigners living in the country; most of them coming from the United States, China, Argentina, Bolivia, Spain and Chile.

After 24 years, Peru has a new Migration Law, which regulations, once finalized, will promote orderly migration with protection of the most vulnerable, while seeking to strengthen security in the country, as well as attracting and facilitating business. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs chairs the "Intersectoral Working Committee for Migration Management" consisting of twenty public institutions and aimed at the design and implementation of policies and actions related to comprehensive migration management.

Finally, it should be noted that Peru participates actively in the various international forums on migration as well as the mechanisms of regional integration (MERCOSUR, CAN, APEC Alliance, CELAC, UNASUR) where the issue of migration management is becoming more important.



# Main Areas of Intervention

## 1 Migration Policy, Research and Border Management

IOM Peru provides technical assistance through its projects and activities to the Peruvian State through the design and implementation of policies, work plans and migration programs; developing several studies of interest to decision makers and supporting the work of the "Intersectoral Working Committee for Migration Management". The area also promotes strengthening and capacity building of government officials, as well as developing sensitization and dissemination campaigns in defense of migrant's rights and their families.

## 2 Counter-Trafficking

IOM Peru, works with the Peruvian government in the fight against trafficking in persons since 2003. Since then, several actions have been carried out around the axes of prevention, prosecution of crime and victim assistance. Among the most representative actions, IOM Peru, provided technical assistance to the National government for the elaboration of the National Plan Against Trafficking in Persons 2011-2016, and the Regional Plans for Madre de Dios, Ayacucho and Loreto, regions with a high incidence of crime. IOM participates of the Multisectoral Working Group against Trafficking in Persons, having promoted the installation of the TIP hotline, having conducted numerous training sessions for government officials, international organizations and civil society organizations. The mission has also developed multiple activities to raise awareness about crime through performing arts in schools in the region of Madre de Dios and Lima.

## 3 Labour Migration and Human Development

IOM Peru promotes a humane and orderly labor migration to favor the development of origin and/or destiny societies. Through joint efforts with the Ministry of Labour and Promotion of Employment, civil society and other institutions, IOM facilitates capacity building and exchange of experiences for the implementation of policies and programs for the benefit of migrant workers, promoting the regular migration channels as well as the reintegration of returning migrant workers.

## 4 Emergencies and Vulnerable Populations

Through technical assistance, training and research development in the field, IOM Peru accompanies the Peruvian government in finding solutions to mitigate the impact of natural disasters on vulnerable populations and improve the response to population displacements. The mission also works closely with vulnerable populations and Governmental authorities providing reconstruction materials, food supplies and sensitization workshops on CCCM and sensitizing on the suitability of proper shelter management and the risks of trafficking in persons in crisis situations.

## 5 Assistance to Migrants and Operations

This program has two objectives. On the one hand it seeks to facilitate the mobility of migrant workers, students, professionals and government officials through multiple IOM agreements with major airlines in the region and on the other hand seeking to provide assistance to vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking and smuggling, victims of domestic violence and returning migrants. Depending on each case, IOM Peru may provide housing, food, transportation, legal advice, medical care or reintegration support.

## 6 Technical Assistance and National Development projects

At the request of the Peruvian State this program provides technical and administrative support to the implementation of projects that aim to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the population and provide better infrastructure in the country, which helps reducing forced migration. The program carries out bidding processes, management of public resources, advising on the promotion of effective transparency and efficiency in project implementation. The program also strengthens the capacities of government counterparts in field of procurement and acquisitions.

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