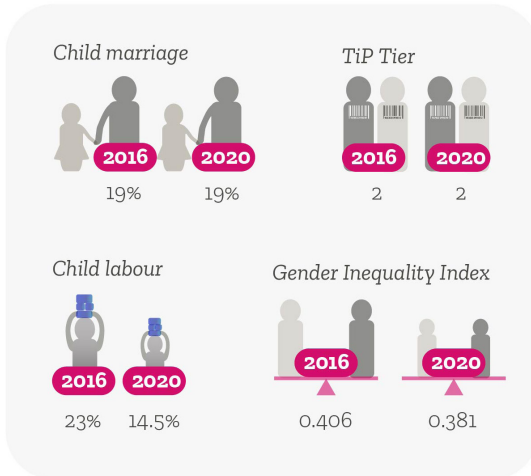


Peru

KEY NATIONAL INDICATORS IN 2016-2020



For a long time, Peru endured armed territorial disputes, coups, social unrest, internal conflicts as well as periods of stability and economic growth. In recent years, there was a slight increase in GDP per capita and an decrease of child labour, falling from 23% in 2016 to 14% in 2020. At the same time, the country faced many corruption scandals, even at national level. End of 2020, Peru's congress voted to remove President Martín Vizcarra in an impeachment trial over corruption allegations. Peruvians took to the streets to protest against the abrupt removal of the president, which led to clashes with the riot police in Lima and deaths of demonstrators, increased pressure on a fragmented Congress and the new government. On top of that, between 2016 and 2019, more than 700,000 Venezuelans fled the humanitarian crisis in their country and entered Peru.

The government's recent efforts to respond to trafficking and sexual exploitation of children include conviction of an increased number of traffickers, identification of victims and opening of a new shelter for trafficked victims. However, the government has reduced its anti-trafficking budget, and many ministries have reported a lack of adequate funding to fulfil their mandates, particularly victim protection.

FOCUS OF OUR WORK

To respond to the migrant crisis, the Down to Zero (DtZ) programme has mainly worked in Lima due the largest number of Venezuelan migrants there, including families and children living on the streets, the latter being at risk of sexual exploitation.

Budget 2016-2020

€ 446,169

MAIN RESULTS ON CHILDREN/YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

In Peru, DtZ has mobilised many children who are active within youth organisations that address sexual exploitation. An example is the Fly Free Movement, a space where young leaders presented the results of their work from the last five years to fight against sexual exploitation in travel and tourism. Another example of active youth is the Carabayllo group. As of February 2020, representatives of the group participated in the National Assembly of the Consultative Council for Girls, Boys and Adolescents (CCONNA) of the ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations. As a result

of this event, CCONNA decided to prioritise the topic of sexual exploitation. Between April and August 2020, a group of leaders from Carabayllo created and broadcasted a radio spot on Radio Comas – with outreach in Northern Lima – to prevent online sexual exploitation during the pandemic. Yet another group, the Adolescents in Action Creating Hope (AACE) advocated for the protection of the rights of children during the pandemic. In June 2020, AACE joined various children groups in Peru to launch a statement on the structural problems that girls and boys face in the Covid-19 context.

In Lima, children's groups are well empowered and organized, they are able to raise their voices. They mainly need support and technical assistance with the procedures to approach authorities and other external key actors as well as with developing "soft" skills such as leadership.