

Information Sheet



Implementing Agency

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Geographic Coverage

Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama



Since 2010, with support from the US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the Mesoamerica Program has worked to strengthen the capacities of governments and civil society to protect and assist migrants facing vulnerable situations in the Mesoamerican region.

Institutions

Foreign Affairs	Migration Directorates
Public Health	Women's Affairs
Public Security	Children's welfare
National Treasuries	National Civil Police

Beneficiaries

Local Agents

Shelters
Community and youth leaders
Youth organizations
Non governmental organizations

Migrants in vulnerable situations

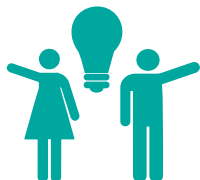
Elderly people
LGBTI migrants
Pregnant women
Children and adolescents
Migrants with health issues
Victims of trafficking

Partners

- Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)
- RCM Regional Network of Civil Society Organizations for Migration (RNCOM)
- Central American Integration System (SICA)
- Protection-oriented agencies and international organizations, especially:
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 - United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Governments of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama
- National Counter-trafficking Coalitions suitable in beneficiary countries
- Human rights-focused NGOs
- Regional and/or local youth associations or networks

What we do

Build Capacities



Promote the prevention of risks associated with irregular migration



Direct Assistance and Voluntary Return



Promote regional coordination and bilateral, national and local dialogues



Migration management in emergency contexts



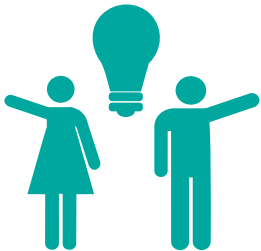
Build capacities

In all countries, we develop trainings and certificate courses for representatives of various state institutions and civil society organizations, in order to strengthen migration management and meet the needs of the most vulnerable migrants, especially unaccompanied children and adolescents, in various contexts, including crisis situations.

In-person Trainings:

Cross protection-oriented trainings and workshops include:

- Specialized Course on Child and Adolescent Migrants
- Workshop on psychosocial assistance for migrants and migrant shelters/centers
- Course on youth and migration
- Course on lesbian, gay, trans, bisexual or intersex (LGTBI) migrants
- Trafficking in persons: prevention, protection and persecution, including in crisis situations
- Workshops to address migration in the context of emergency protocols

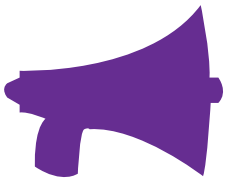


Online Trainings:

To support continued education, we offer online self-learning courses to anyone interested at our Migration Learning Platform. Informative courses and other more specialized courses are accessible to government representatives, civil society, students, academics, and the general public, on topics such as international law, human trafficking, migrant women, and assistance to migrant victims of human rights violations.

We promote the prevention of risks associated with irregular migration

We implement a community-based communication strategy to help prevent the risks of irregular migration, with a focus on children and adolescents, through the diffusion of messages vis-a-vis social networks and within communities about risks, rights and protection of migrants. We work in alliance with art collectives in disseminating messages of prevention.



We promote the opening of Specialized Information Hubs for migrants at strategic border points.

Migration management in emergency contexts



We implement a pilot Mobile Application for Migrants (Migrant App) proposed as a tool for safe and informed migration.

We promote regional coordination and bilateral, national and local dialogues

We support cross-border meetings to strengthen migration management and bilateral coordination at strategic borders.

We create spaces to facilitate communication between the central and local levels, and between authorities and civil society.

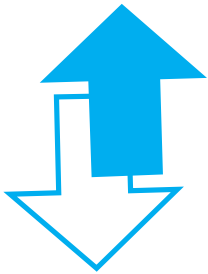


We propose guidelines and regional meetings focused on the exchange of best practices within the framework of the Regional Conference on Migration (CRM):

- Regional Action Guidelines for Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents in the Context of Migration
- Workshop on policies regarding the Reintegration of Migrants
- Workshop to build the capacity of consular officers to protect their own nationals affected by crises abroad

We promote the creation of response units for unaccompanied child migrants at key transit points.

Direct Assistance and Voluntary Return



We lend direct assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations, referred by State and non-state actors. Unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking, kidnapping or sexual violence, the elderly, migrants with health problems, among others, benefit from our assistance, whether during transit, voluntary return, or at destination points.

We support shelters that assist unaccompanied minors in the Northern Triangle and Southern Mexico.



Mesoamerica Program contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are a universal calling to the adoption of measures that can put an end to poverty, protect the planet, and guarantee that everyone is able to enjoy peace and prosperity.

The Mesoamerica Program contributes to the achievement of the following Sustainable Development Goals:



Our actions are based on the Migration Governance Framework (MiGoF) which has three main objectives:

- Advance in the socioeconomic well-being of migrants and society.
- Effectively address the mobility dimensions of crises.
- Ensure that migration takes place in a safe, orderly and dignified manner.



Participants in our community festival "InformArte en Movimiento".
Honduras. August, 2016

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