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Regional Conference on Migration Promotes Consular Protection for Migrant Workers

Panama – Fifty officials from the member countries of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) participated in a workshop on the protection of migrant workers. The participants oversee the protection of their compatriots abroad as well as labour mobility issues, as officers in consulates and

IOM, the UN Migration Agency, and the International Labour Organization (ILO) organized this regional training under the aegis of the RCM, to strengthen the skills and abilities of consular officials on this issue.

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ministries of foreign affairs or labour in their countries.



Mexico held a Forum on Protection of Migrants Before Emergencies

Mexico – The forum "Migration and Disasters in Mexico: Challenges and Perspectives" was held, convened by the National Center for Disaster Prevention (CENAPRED), the Immigration Policy Unit of the Ministry of the Interior (SEGOB) and IOM, the UN Migration Agency, with the aim of generating proposals on the inclusion of migrants in Comprehensive Risk Management.

The event allowed a dialogue between representatives of embassies, consulates, agencies of the United Nations System, state civil protection units and civil society organizations about their experiences in protecting migrants from situations of disasters caused by natural events. In addition, it allowed to delineate some priorities for the design of public policies aimed at the inclusion of migrants in response to this type of situations.

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1,502
new followers



64,319
people reached



4,419
interactions



More young people are aware about our prevention work: 30% of our followers are between ages 13 and 17 years old. The numbers have double since February.



These new followers are mainly from:
Nicaragua (792)
Guatemala (773)
El Salvador (644)

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Guatemala and Mexico establish new bilateral committee on migration

Guatemala – The United Nations' Migration Organization (IOM) supported a cross-border meeting

It is made up of municipal and state government institutions, civil society organizations,

between Guatemala (Petén Department) and Mexico (Tabasco and the North of Chiapas), which enabled the establishment of a bilateral committee on migration.

organizations of the Catholic Church, academic organizations, and international bodies tied to the governance of migration.

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Belize Opens First Information Hub on Migration

Belize - This information hub will provide information and referral services to migrants on a variety of migratory procedures and raise awareness in key communities about the risks of irregular migration and trafficking in persons. This is one of the +20 information hubs supported by IOM in the Mesoamerica region. The information hub is located at the CDF offices at 13th Garbutt Creek Street, Belmopan, Belize.

The latest data on migration indicates that emigrants as a percentage of the Belizean population stands at 15 per cent, with the United States as the main destination, while immigrants represent 15.3 per cent of the total population in country, mainly coming from Central America.

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IOM shared its expertise and experience on Psychological First Aid for Migrants

Costa Rica- As part of the third iteration of the “Course on Psychological First Aid for Migrants, Refugees, and Displaced Persons,” IOM gave a closing workshop through a [webinar](#) on the topic “Psychological First Aid for Migrants: Psychological intervention techniques for women who are victims of violence and

The course was organized for the third consecutive year by the Citizen’s Initiative for the Protection of a Culture of Dialogue and the Mora Institute in Mexico. The organizers and students invited the United Nations’ Organization for Migration (IOM) to deliver a specialized workshop to focus on women and children and on the use of specific techniques and

unaccompanied children and adolescents.”

tools for providing psychological first aid.

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IOM Mexico and the Federal Attorney's Office for the Protection of Children and Adolescents agree to strengthen action regarding migrant children

Mexico – IOM Mexico and the Federal Attorney's Office for the Protection of Children and Adolescents (PFPNNA) of the National System for Integral Family Development (DIF) have signed a cooperation agreement that will strengthen the institutional capacity of the Attorney's Office regarding migrant children.

“For IOM Mexico, the signing of this agreement is another opportunity to collaborate with the DIF. IOM Mexico will contribute to strengthening the knowledge of the trainers at the Attorney's Office through trainings; the public servants who take these courses will be able to implement their knowledge in their institution,” asserted Christopher Gascon, the Representative of the International Organization for Migration in

Mexico.

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