



WESTERN HEMISPHERE **PROGRAM**

Strengthening the capacities of governments and other key stakeholders in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean in order to manage migration in a humane and sustainable manner that considers migrant vulnerabilities.

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MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

- ▶ We support the development of policies, laws, strategies, and protocols to promote regular migration in the region, as well as the generation of data and information for evidence-based policy making.

The WHP also provides technical support for new channels for regular migration, enhances labour migration management, and supports governments to strengthen protection of migrants in vulnerable situations.



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ALLIANCES AND COOPERATION

- ▶ We strengthen regional, bilateral and local cooperation and dialogue on migration.

We also support regional migration strategies, action plans, and model legislations to ensure policy coherence and mainstreaming of migration.



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EMERGENCIES AND MIGRATION CRISES

- ▶ We develop tools and capacities for the preparedness and response to the human mobility dimensions of crises and emergencies.

We support institutions to include migration provisions into risk management plans to better prepare for and respond to migration crises, at the time we raise awareness about migration induced by climate change and environmental factors.



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COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ We conduct participative, evidence-based communication processes about regular migration, risks of irregular migration, and alternatives to it, based on the communication for development methodology. We strengthen tools, media and information channels, such as the Information Hubs and Migrantinfo.

We also seek to contribute to public discourse on migration concepts and the use of appropriate terminology to facilitate local integration of migrants and social cohesion.

COUNTRIES



Belize



Costa Rica



El Salvador



Guatemala



Grenada



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Panama



Suriname



The Dominican Republic

MORE THAN 1.000.000 BENEFICIARIES

- » Migrants and potencial migrants.
- » Host communities.
- » Local and national governments.
- » Judicial and legislative branches.
- » Private sector.
- » Civil society organizations.
- » Media.
- » Academia.

WHP'S MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- » Support to National Governments in the region in the development and updating of policies, laws, and protocols on migration.
- » Fostering regional dialogues through the RCM and the development of their strategic plan, and promoting partnerships through agreements such as the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with CARICOM, OECS, and CDMA in the Caribbean.
- » Over 15,000 migrants have received a regular migration status, thanks to WHP efforts to streamline processing times through Information Hubs and partnerships with National Governments.
- » Over 52,000 participants have been part of technical training that has contributed to building government capacities on migration governance.

MORE THAN 15 REGIONAL PARTNERS

The WHP has fostered regional dialogue, experience, exchanges and cooperation with key stakeholders:



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