

# MESOAMERICA PROGRAM



## OBJECTIVE

Contribute to the development and implementation of strategies in Mesoamerica that promote **REGULAR, ORDERLY AND SAFE MIGRATION**, ensuring the protection of the most vulnerable migrants.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



## WE WORK AT REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL WITH:

### INSTITUTIONS IN CHARGE OF:

- Foreign Affairs
- Governance
- Public Security
- Public Health
- Directorates of Migration
- Local governments
- National Civil Police
- Women
- Children
- Education
- Labor
- Justice
- Civil Protection



### CIVIL SOCIETY:

- Migrant Shelters
- Community and youth leaders
- Youth organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Human Rights Organizations.
- LGBTI Rights Organizations

# OUR FIVE PILLARS:

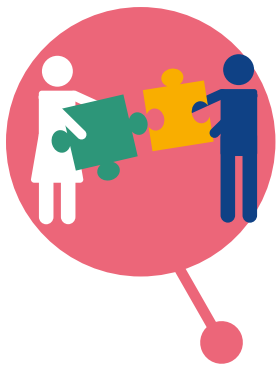
1. Capacity-building

2. Prevention of the risk of irregular migration

3. Direct assistance

4. Coordination and regional dialogue

5. Emergency migration management



From 2015 to 2017

**7,186** people participated in capacity-building courses.

**18,866** people participated in awareness-raising campaigns and follow us in the InformArte en Movimiento social media platform.

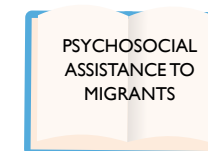
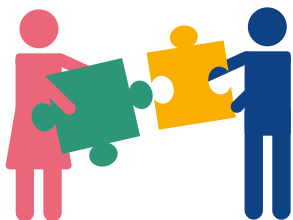
**335** vulnerable migrants received direct assistance.

## POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES (2018) : 15,000 PEOPLE

### 1. Building the capacities of officers of institutions related to migration management:



#### • Trainings:



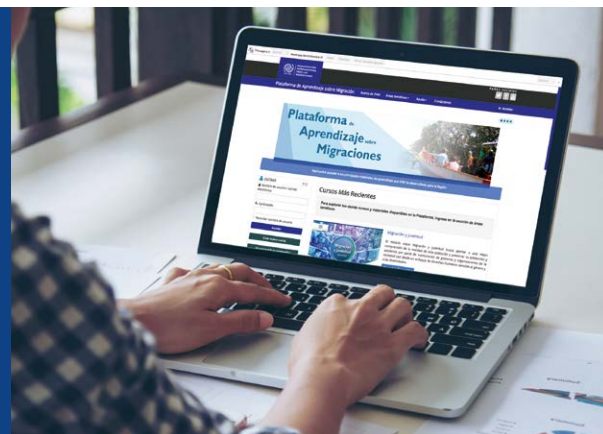
• Support for civil society organizations that work to prevent irregular migration, especially of youth.

### LEARNING ABOUT MIGRATION ONLINE THROUGH OUR E-PLATFORM.



- Virtual, short and interactive courses.
- Topics such as LGBTI migration, youth, psychosocial assistance, women, trafficking in persons, among others.
- Self-paced learning
- Upon completion, an IOM certificate is awarded.

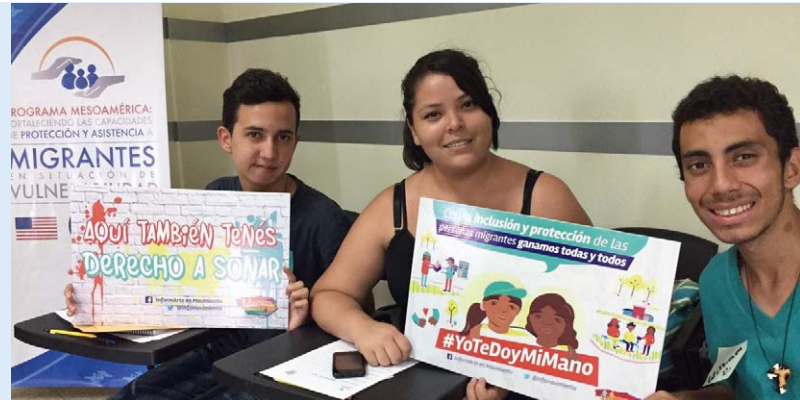
**Goal: 500 beneficiaries**



## 2. Information about regular migration options and the prevention of the risks related to irregular migration:



**InformArte en Movimiento** is the awareness-raising community strategy through which messages regarding key concepts, regular migration tips, prevention of the risks related to irregular migration are disseminated, especially to youth.



**In networks:** Facebook: InformArte en Movimiento

Twitter: @Infomovimiento

- Development of tools for schools and community organizations for the prevention of irregular migration in a sustainable way, including **more than 1,000 girls and boys at risk**.



- **Information hubs** that are mobile and close to border communities in order to implement coordinated and permanent prevention actions, and to inform about the alternatives to irregular migration in the municipalities and among community leaders.

**Goal: 5,000 people**

- **MigrantApp** is the first IOM application for the protection of migrants in Mesoamerica. It compiles in a single access point true, useful and trustworthy information about 1,500 centers that offer protection and assistance, sending remittances, emergency alerts, and more. It is available for free at the [Google Play](#) and [IOS](#) stores.

**Goal: 4,000 downloads**



## 3. Improve the capacity of state and civil society to provide direct assistance and voluntary return to vulnerable migrants:

- Promotion of standardized procedures and best practices to assist vulnerable migrants, including voluntary return.
- IOM Direct assistance to the most vulnerable.
- Strengthening of the capacities of shelters and institutional networks for the support of local communities.

## 4. Foster regional, bilateral, national and local dialogue and cooperation:

### ● In the framework of the Regional

#### Conference on Migration (RCM):

Foster dialogue about regular channels of labor migration and support a Plan of Action to fight migrant smuggling.

### ● REGIONAL:

Promote the exchange of best practices among migration information hubs.

### ● BILATERAL:

Cross-border meetings to develop border inter-institutional networks.

### ● NACIONAL/

**LOCAL:** Improve the communication between central and local levels.



## 5. Improve the capacities of governments to anticipate migration crises:

Support in the:

### ● Development of

capacities to anticipate migration crisis.

### ● Development of operational

tools to assist migrants during an emergency.

### ● Prevention and assistance

related to trafficking in persons during emergencies.

The Mesoamerica Program contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:



## OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS:



International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
The UN Migration Agency

WITH THE SUPPORT OF:

