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Mesoamerica Program Newsletter



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Judges and attorneys of Guatemala and Mexico built their capacities on trafficking in persons

Mexico. With the support of the United Nations Agency for Migration (IOM), through the Mesoamerica Program, the Office of Overseas

The workshop covered the topic of interviews and the preparation of testimonies of victims of high risk for oral trials, including victims of human

Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training of the Department of Justice (DOJ) of the United States trained judges and attorneys of Mexico and Guatemala on a variety of competences and interview techniques for cases of victims of trafficking in persons in the framework of the new system of criminal justice of Mexico.

trafficking. The workshop took place between the 5th and 7th of December of 2017, in Puebla, Mexico. The participants included judges and attorneys from the states of Aguascalientes, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Campeche, Chihuahua, Ciudad de México, Colima, Durango, Jalisco, Michoacán, Nayarit, Nuevo León, Puebla, San Luis Potosí, Tamaulipas y Zacatecas, as well as judges of the Judicial System of Guatemala.

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The Mesoamerica Program begins implementation in Belize for the first time

Belize. Belize is now part of the Mesoamerica Program, which is characterized by its comprehensive capacity-building component under a human rights approach for migration

Belize has one of the highest emigrants to population ratios reaching almost 18%, meaning an approximate of 66,000 migrants living mainly in the United States,

governance. During the past months, the United Nations Migration Agency (IOM) carried out a needs assessment study to identify the main priorities of stakeholders in Belize and tailor activities to them.

and to a much lesser extent in Britain and Canada. On the other hand, Belize hosts approximately 45,000 migrants mainly from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

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IOM and the Ministry of Public Education of Costa Rica signed a National Work Plan to foster education free of discrimination against migrants

San Jose, Costa Rica. The United Nations Agency for Migration (IOM), through the Mesoamerica Program, and the Ministry of Public Education (MEP), signed on the 31st of January, a National Working Plan for the year 2018, with the objective of strengthening the links and cooperation between both entities to complement efforts towards the priorities of the country, as well as to

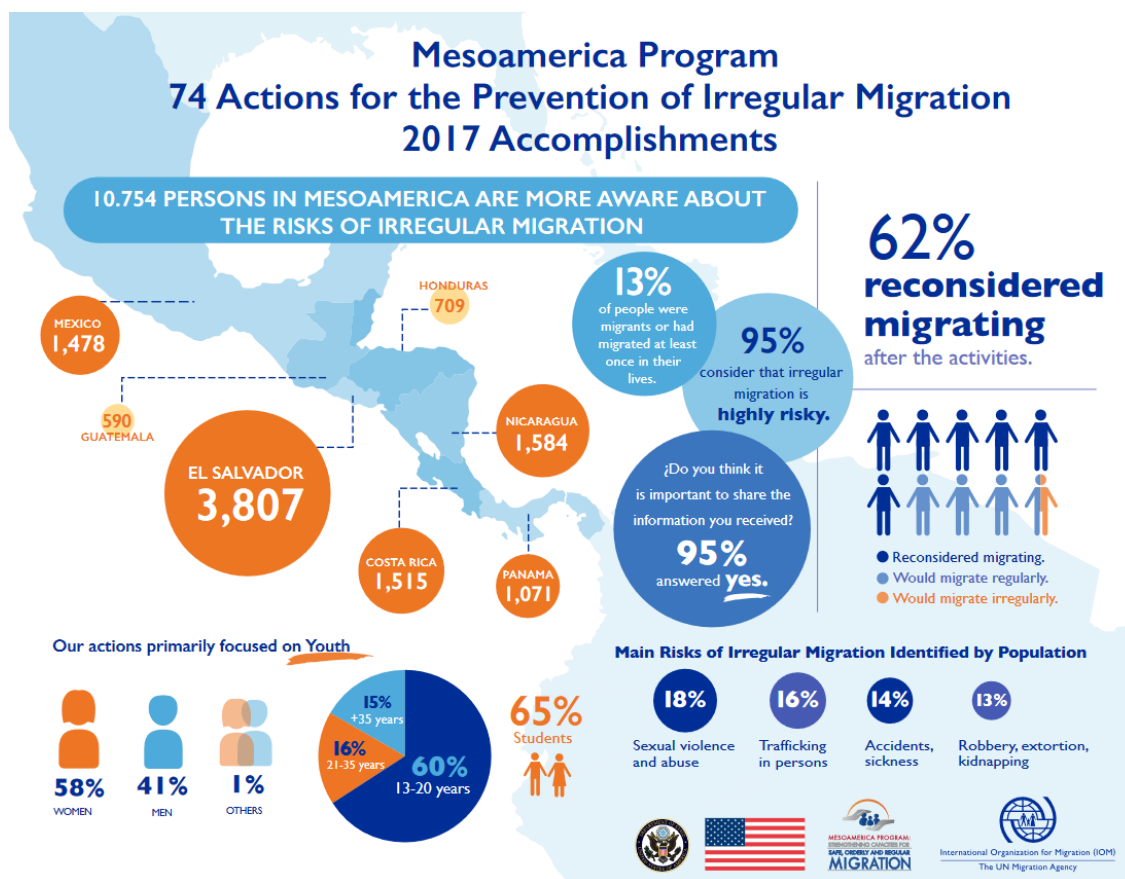
The Chief of Mission of IOM's National Office in Costa Rica, Roeland de Wilde, and the Minister of Education of Costa Rica, Ms. Sonia Marta Mora Escalante, participated as representatives of their institutions during the ceremony.

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promote the right to education of migrants.



Testimony: A school in Costa Rica that promotes the integration of migrants



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