



Since 2010, the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), has supported the Mesoamerica Program to protect and assist migrants in vulnerable situations in Mesoamerica, a region characterized by large migration flows, both internally and from outside the region.

General Information

- **Executing Agency:** International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- **Geographical Coverage:** Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama.
- **Beneficiaries:** Migration Directorates, Ministries of Public Security, National Civil Police, Ministries of Finance, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries and Institutions of Women’s Affairs, Ministries and national institutions to support the Welfare of Children, Ministries of Public Health, local authorities, community and youth leaders, civil society organizations, groups and individuals in vulnerable conditions.
- **Partners:** Governments of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama; Regional Conference on Migration (RCM); Regional Network of Civil Society Organizations for Migration (RROCM); Central American Integration System (SICA); Regional and/or local associations and youth networks;



“Migration and Youth” Workshop, El Salvador

Non-governmental organizations with a focus on human rights; International agencies and organizations dealing with protection, especially the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); National Coalitions Against Trafficking in Persons.

What Do We Do?

Strengthen Capacity...

In all countries, we develop trainings for officials of Migration Directorates, the National Police, Customs, Women and Children’s Institutes, Human Rights Ministries, etc., as well as civil society organizations that work with migrants at both central and local levels. Trainings focus on topics such as the protection of migrants, establishment of referral networks, case management mechanisms, and the prevention of human trafficking, with particular emphasis on unaccompanied and/or separated children.

We welcome you to our **Learning Platform on Migration (PAM)** where you can access the main learning materials that IOM has developed for the region.

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In order to strengthen continued learning, we have developed a virtual learning platform, which is accessible to government and civil society representatives, students, academics, and the general public throughout the region. The platform contains free tools and courses on subjects such as international law, human trafficking, migrant women, and assistance to migrants who have been victims of human rights violations.



Inauguration of an information and assistance center for migrants and refugees, Mexico

Prevent the risks of irregular migration...

We implement a community-based communication strategy to help prevent the risks of irregular migration and disseminate information about the rights and protection of migrants.



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

Provide direct assistance and support voluntary return...

- We provide direct assistance to migrants in vulnerable conditions, as identified by government and non-state actors, giving priority to victims of trafficking, kidnapping or sexual violence, and child, adolescent, and women migrants.
- We support shelters that assist unaccompanied child migrants in the Northern Triangle and Southern Mexico, giving special consideration to migrant girls in Honduras.

Promote regional coordination and bilateral, national and local dialogue...

- We promote cross-border meetings to strengthen migration management and bilateral coordination at strategic border locations.
- We work to strengthen communication between central and local levels.
- We facilitate regional workshops on managing cases of unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents.
- We facilitate regional training workshops on LGBTI and youth populations.
- We assist government working groups on unaccompanied and/or separated migrant children.
- We promote response units for unaccompanied migrant children at key transit points.

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