



HIGHLIGHTS

174,000

IDPs due to violence and criminality in 20 municipalities of Honduras between 2004 and 2014, identified through a Government-led profiling study supported by UNHCR.

8,100

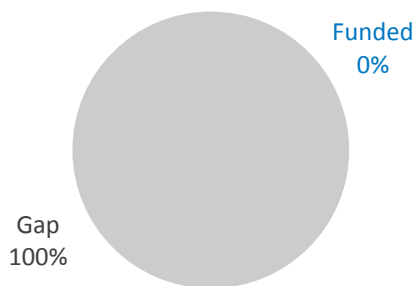
New asylum applications submitted by Honduran citizens in North and Central America countries in 2016 (Jan-Jun). 54% increase in NTCA applications in comparison with same period in 2015.

69,265

Hondurans returned from the United States and Mexico in 2016 (Jan-Dec). 13% were children and adolescents.

Funding – Regional Office Panama

USD 13.9 million requested



- UNHCR's Regional Office in Panama is implementing the Regional Protection and Solutions Strategy for the NTCA situation in close collaboration with partners.
- The Regional Office financially oversees UNHCR's operations in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, as well protection activities in Cuba, and Nicaragua.
- In 2016, UNHCR has significantly scaled up its operational capacity in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras in order to better respond to complex protection and programmatic needs.

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

9 national staff and 6 international staff

Offices:

- 1 National Office located in Tegucigalpa
- 1 Field Office located in San Pedro Sula

UNHCR Honduras: Presence as of November 2016



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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works in close coordination with the Government, civil society, UN agencies, regional bodies, and persons of concern.
- UNHCR leads the Protection Working Group at national level in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula with the participation of 15 NGOs, 9 UN agencies and 2 observers (ICRC and MSF), in order to strengthen the national protection system, improve technical capacity in protection, promote information management, reinforce advocacy at the local, regional and international levels and guarantee humanitarian access and protection for humanitarian actors. UNHCR has participated in the development of the new UNDAF 2017-2021 and has given visibility to internal displacement by violence as well as to the protection needs of Honduran returnees. UNHCR works with 15 implementing partners in the country.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Internal Displacement

- Technical assistance for the development and implementation of national legal frameworks and public policies for the protection of people displaced by violence.
- Effective presence in 14 high-risk areas in San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa to preserve humanitarian space and monitor protection needs and gaps through key allies.
- Strengthen community networks and infrastructure (community centres, health facilities and schools) to prevent forced displacement and mitigate the impact of violence.
- Provision of protection and humanitarian assistance that includes legal and psychosocial support, education, shelter, clothing and vocational training through the protection and assistance network with involvement of eight strategic counterparts (1,026 individuals identified and assisted in 2016).
- Technical and financial support to the National Commission for Human Rights (CONADEH) for the consolidation of the newly-created Forced Displacement Unit, which has been able to identify, legally assist and refer 300 IDPs in 28 municipalities in 2016.
- Coordination between the Protection Working Group and CIPPDV to guarantee preparedness for emergencies related to forced displacement and massive deportations.
- Technical assistance for the development of effective tools for the identification and registration of land and housing abandoned due to forced displacement in close coordination with the CIPPDV and the Honduran Association of Municipalities.
- Development of a protection strategy for the mitigation of risks in the educative sector within the Protection Group.

Returned persons with protection needs

- Improvement of reception conditions and establishment of identification, referral and protection guidelines in coordination with relevant entities that has led to the identification of 796 children and 111 adults in 2016.
- Development of protection and referral mechanisms in coordination with the CIPPDV and other relevant entities.
- Advocacy with key regional platforms for the identification and protection of Hondurans with protection needs.

Asylum seekers and refugees

- Strengthen of the technical capacity of the National Migration Institute on international protection through trainings.
- Improvement of reception conditions for irregular migrants, including the development and implementation of guidelines for the identification of persons with protection needs in order to guarantee effective access to asylum procedures.
- Conduct participatory assessment with refugees and asylum seekers for the identification of existing protection gaps and needs that have been included in the chapter on refugees in the Migration Law reform proposal. The identification has led to the constitution of a Committee of Refugees in order to improve their interlocution with relevant authorities. Strengthening of the technical capacity of the Eligibility Commission in RSD procedures through training and exchanges with strong Commissions from the region.
- Monitor border areas with relevant authorities and improvement of regional nets for the protection of persons with international protection needs.

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