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SAN PEDRO SULA

Internal displacement in Honduras takes place mainly in urban areas and among its main causes are mobility restrictions, extortion, forced recruitment, and gender-based violence. For this reason, UNHCR has a **presence** in the two urban areas with the greatest impact of forced displacement, the metropolitan areas of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula.

In the **Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS)**, UNHCR is strengthening the efforts in the prevention and response to the triggers of forced displacement, emphasizing protection by presence.

UNHCR, through the strengthening of local **organizational processes** upheld by the population, supports victims of internal displacement at times when violence has increased.

THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

The San Pedro Sula field office covers the entire northwestern part of the country, working directly in the departments of Atlántida, Cortes, Santa Bárbara and Yoro, in **20 high-risk urban and rural communities,** as well as the Corinto border with Guatemala. UNHCR stablished a presence in the Centers for Attention to Returned Migrants (CAMR) Omoa and Lima and the Center for Attention to Families and Minors (CANFM) Belén. The **main profile** of people we serve are internally displaced or at risk of displacement, returnees, and people in mixed movements in need of protection.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Field Office
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Staff:
20 National staff
4 International staff
57% women and **43%** men

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Response

UNHCR's response integrates regional protection mechanisms and community protection mechanisms at the national level. In addition, UNHCR works with monitoring of mixed movements, identification of people with international protection needs, strengthening of the humanitarian response, amongst several other actions to prevent, care and respond to forced displacement in Honduras.

PROTECT

Ensuring centrality of protection in the response to forced displacement

RETURN | UNHCR has a consolidated presence in the two CAMR and in the CANFM for direct identification and attention to cases of returnees with protection needs, serving 912 cases of 3,000 people in 2022 and strengthening the detection of these cases.

TRAINING | In order to strengthen the services provided by the state, UNHCR conducts training on the issues of forced displacement and case identification for government entities and the CAMRs and CANFM.

LEGAL PROTECTION | UNHCR provides technical assistance for the design and piloting of the Municipal Emergency Humanitarian Assistance Mechanism (MMAHE) of the Municipality of San Pedro Sula, which consolidates a path of prevention and response to internal displacement. This mechanism will play a crucial role in 2023 after the approval by the National Congress of the law for the prevention, care, and protection of internally displaced persons, although it is pending presidential sanction.

ASSIST

Ensure operational response capacity and lifetime support for the most vulnerable people during emergencies

HEALTH | UNHCR has financed infrastructure for six health clinics in communities from the north to the south of San Pedro Sula at high risk of displacement, seeking to improve community protection mechanisms, the availability of medicines for health emergencies, as well as for identification and referral of cases of people forced to flee or at risk of displacement.

RISK MITIGATION | UNHCR offers technical assistance to the Municipality of San Pedro Sula for the design of the Municipal Strategy of Art and Culture for risk mitigation in communities at high-risk of displacement due to violence. Part of the efforts include the adaptation of cultural spaces for social and community inclusion through artistic workshops, the reactivation of municipal libraries and tactical urbanism interventions.

The Tactical Urbanism strategy specifically seeks to promote the inclusion and rooting of the population in its public spaces and promote people's access to state services such as health, education, sports, art, and culture. Transforming public space into a key asset for the optimal functioning of communities.

COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION | UNHCR provides technical assistance to communities at high risk of displacement for the construction of community mechanisms for the identification and referral of cases with protection needs.

EMPOWER

Empower communities

LEADERSHIP | UNHCR offers technical assistance to promote dialogue and the participatory capacity of 87 leaders in the formulation of the recently adopted Municipal Art and Culture Policy for Social Inclusion.

COURSES | UNHCR developed a soft skills course in the form of training for leaders to be trained by other leaders of La Central Community, in the Rivera Hernandez high-risk sector. The leaders and members of the community are trained in skills such as computer, cooling, electricity, as a form of providing durable solutions for people at risk of internal displacement due to violence, and fight stigmatization of these communities.

LIVELIHOODS | UNHCR implemented a community livelihood pilot project through its partners Children International and Fe y Alegría, as a comprehensive intervention aimed at more than 30 youth and adults at the La Central Youth Community Center (CCJ) in Rivera Hernández. As part of the activities, a community startup was launched with the support of the private company HUSH for the creation of ecological detergents sold in local grocery stores whose income is reverted to the CCJ.

TRAINING | UNHCR provides technical assistance to strengthen the offer of technical-vocational training services in the territory and equipping Municipal Technical and Training Centers to guarantee the inclusion and employment of populations in vulnerable situations and at risk of internal displacement due to violence.

SOLVE

Include the people we serve in national/local services with support for local capacity building

TECHNICAL SUPPORT | UNHCR supports the authorities in the construction of Local Plans to respond to internal displacement, in coordination with the Inter Institutional Commission for the protection of Internally Displaced Persons by Violence (CIPPDV), in prioritized municipalities in the north of the country, including San Pedro Sula, Choloma and El Progreso.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE | UNHCR strengthens the state's response capacity to protection cases through funding infrastructure for the Office of the Municipal Emergency Humanitarian Assistance Mechanism for Internally Displaced Persons by Violence (MMAHE) and Casa Refugio for the care of survivors of gender violence.

CARE CENTER | UNHCR provides technical assistance for the design of an Integrated Attention Center that guarantees access to the municipality's social care system for the vulnerable population, including displaced persons and/or people at risk of displacement.

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