

Honduras

Honduras experiences **forced displacement** triggered by generalized violence, human rights violations, and environmental threats. It also has unprecedented **mixed movements flows**.

Forced displacement significantly **impacts** housing security, education continuity, and income stability while mixed movements **require** urgent shelter, and basic needs support.

UNHCR anticipates a **rise** in internally displaced numbers due to the **persistence** of forced displacement triggers, despite progress on legal protection mechanisms. Mixed movements are expected to reach historic highs.

Population figures

Internally Displaced 247,090

Other populations* 424,084

Refugees 311

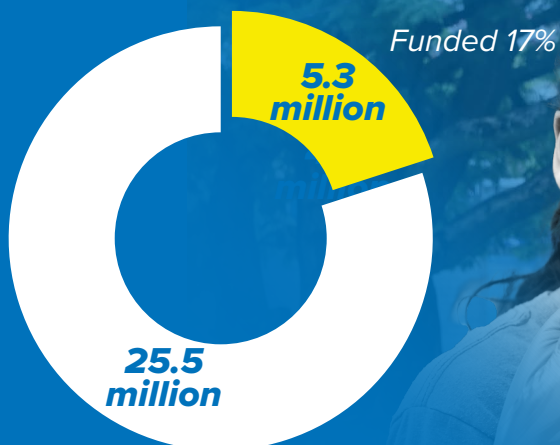
Asylum-seekers 207

Total
671,692

* Others include people at risk of displacement, people in mixed movements, returnees with international protection needs, and host communities.

Funding

USD 30.8 million
requested for the Honduras situation

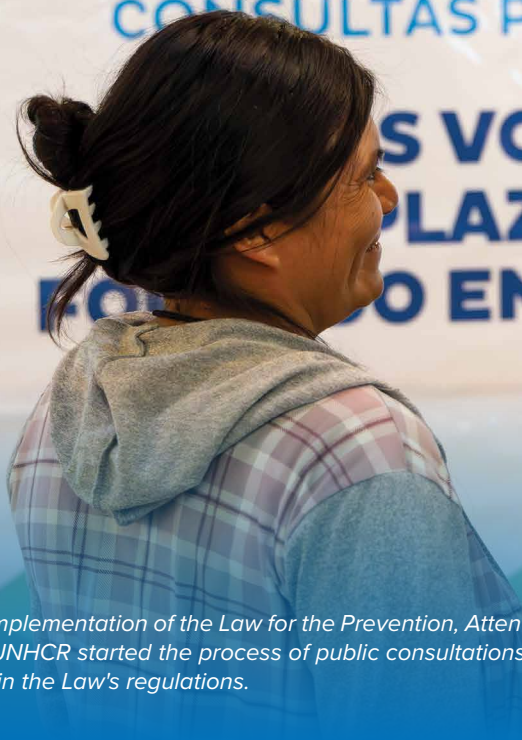


Unfunded 83%



TU VOZ ES IMPORTANTE

CONSULTAS PARTICIPATIVAS



To progress on the implementation of the Law for the Prevention, Attention and Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, national institutions with the support of UNHCR started the process of public consultations with the internally displaced population so that their experiences and needs are reflected in the Law's regulations.

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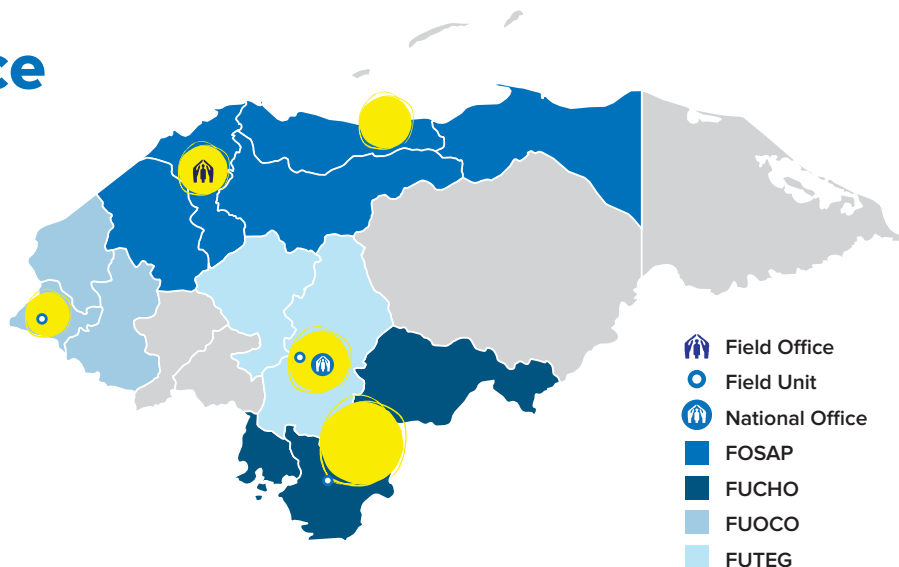
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

- 63 National Staff
- 40 International Staff

Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Tegucigalpa
- 1 Field Office in San Pedro Sula
- 3 Field Units in Choluteca, Ocotepeque y Tegucigalpa



Working with Partners

UNHCR is a partner with 22 government institutions and NGOs in Honduras. These partnerships have been essential in providing technical support to the government for the design and formulation of public policy, as well as implementing various protection and assistance programmes.

UNHCR also plays a catalytical role in coordinating efforts to address the complex crisis in Honduras, leading the Protection Cluster in collaboration with 40 organizations,

including NGOs, UN agencies, and the Red Cross movement. The Cluster is complemented by three local response groups in border areas.

UNHCR participates in regional initiatives like the MIRPS and the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan, aimed at supporting forcibly displaced populations across Latin America, enhancing national protection systems, and fostering community-based protection efforts.

Main Activities

In Honduras, UNHCR's main activities are centred on enhancing protection and providing support to those affected by forced displacement, including refugees, asylum-seekers, returnees, internally displaced persons, and people in mixed movements requiring international protection. These efforts aim to address the complex challenges faced by displaced populations through prevention, protection, emergency services, and facilitating durable solutions, inclusion, and integration, reflecting UNHCR's efforts to upholding the rights and well-being of people in vulnerable situations within the country's dynamic and challenging context.

Protection

UNHCR enhances the protection of people forcibly displaced and those at risk of displacement, including refugees, people in mixed movements, returnees, and asylum-seekers, through border monitoring, raising awareness, and strengthening government capacities. UNHCR is actively involved in supporting government actors in implementing the IDP Law, providing technical assistance in the reform of the Migration and Foreigners Law and enhancing the national legal framework to protect the rights of people forcibly displaced. This includes supporting the design of national response mechanisms and providing training and capacity building for public officials. Initiatives target vulnerable groups, especially children and youth, to ensure their rights, including the right to education, amidst threats of extortion and violence.

Community empowerment

Efforts to address the impact of violence in the most affected communities and promote community resilience are implemented through strategic partnerships and awareness programs. UNHCR's empowerment initiatives focus on reducing risks and vulnerabilities through sports, tactical urbanism, arts, and culture initiatives, as well as building self-protection capacity for community members, particularly

women and young people. UNHCR also assists communities to prepare and implement protection plans, aiming to design response routes for protection cases. UNHCR addresses barriers to education through strategic partnerships aimed at improving school infrastructure to mitigate risks and working with teachers to identify children at risk of displacement and forced recruitment, while strengthening their self-protection skills.

Child protection

UNHCR collaborates closely with the Secretariat for Children, Adolescence and Family (SENAF) to enhance case management and to ensure comprehensive care and protection for displaced and forcibly recruited children, including access to alternative care and psychosocial support. For children in need of international protection, UNHCR is engaging in advocacy efforts with judicial authorities to ensure that children under 18 years old are provided with safe and lawful pathways to seek safety when they face protection risks. To address the causes of children's displacement, UNHCR actively participates in coordinating efforts with the Network for Prevention of Forced Recruitment to implement legal and community-based interventions.

Prevention and response to gender-based violence

UNHCR supports the Secretariat of Women's Affairs (SEMujer) in drafting regulations for the recently adopted Law for the Protection of Women in the context of humanitarian crises, natural disasters, and emergencies. Additionally, UNHCR worked closely with the National Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretariat of Security to enhance their response to gender-based violence and protect women human rights defenders. UNHCR also assisted SEMujer and Ciudad Mujer in ensuring proper identification and protection of forcibly displaced women, as well as collaborated with LGBTIQ+ organizations to build



UNHCR and its partners work in high-risk communities in Honduras to address the causes of forced displacement and strengthening the social tissue by promoting safe spaces and durable solutions.

capacities for identifying, referring, and supporting individuals forced to flee due to sexual orientation and gender identity.

Water, Sanitation and Health

UNHCR delivers physical and mental health services to enhance the well-being of forcibly displaced people and distributes hygiene kits to those in need. These efforts are bolstered by partnerships focused on providing primary health care and psychosocial support to address both immediate and long-term health concerns. UNHCR distributes basic food supplies annually to some refugees as part of our support.

Shelter, cash and NFIs

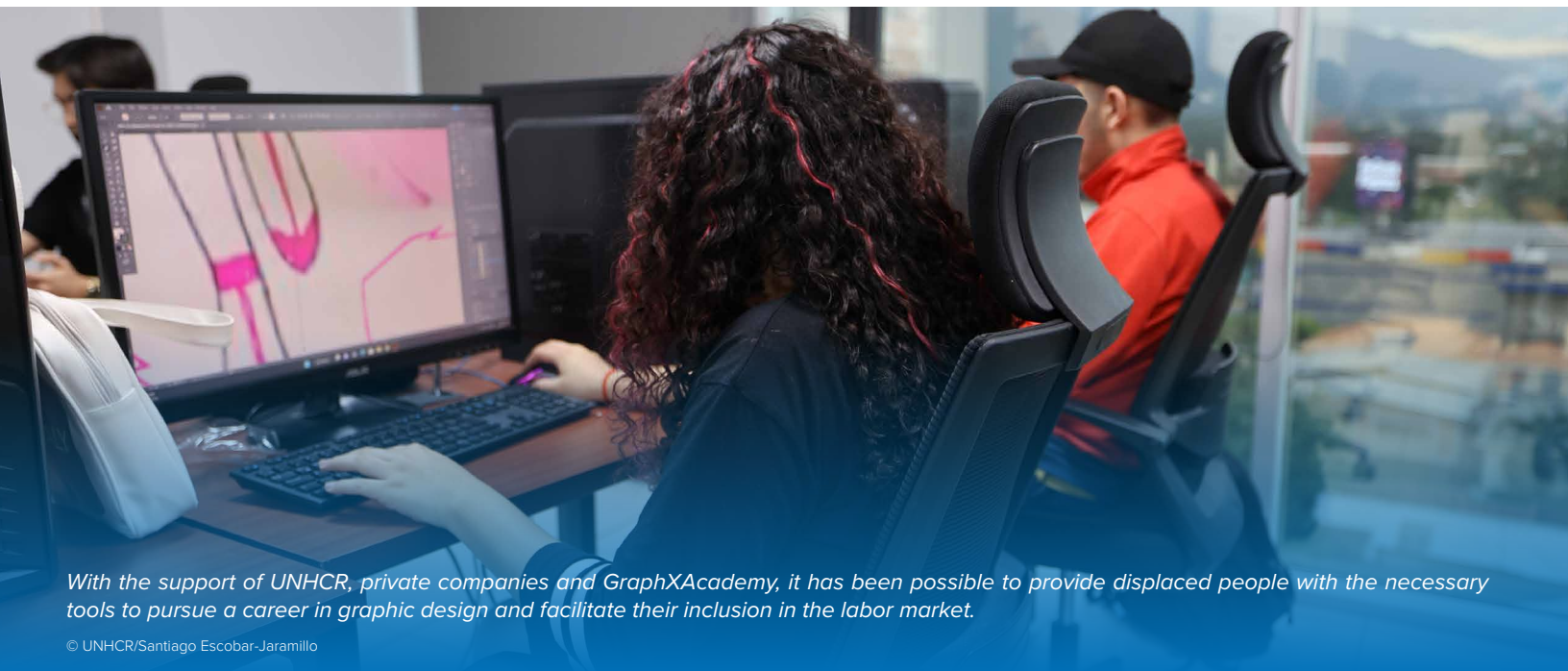
UNHCR provides essential shelter items, including mattresses and blankets, to improve living conditions in shelters and temporary accommodations. In addition, UNHCR supports some shelters financially to improve facilities for people in mixed movements, returnees with protection needs and internally displaced people. The distribution of hygiene products among communities and shelters helps improve sanitation and hygiene conditions. Additionally, cash assistance is delivered to families to help meeting their most basic needs.

Durable Solutions

UNHCR supports durable solutions facilitating education, livelihoods opportunities, and third-country solutions while ensuring the effective delivery of emergency services. UNHCR also works together with national institutions to improve access to housing, land, and property rights, enhancing public policy directed at securing these rights.

Livelihoods efforts are directed to fostering market-relevant training for adults to improve employability, re-insertion into formal education programmes, upgrading training offer in national training centres, skills certification, seed capital for entrepreneurs, internships to increase employability, support to social enterprises in high risk communities to promote sustainability, and cooperation with private sector, academia and development actors in line with whole of society approach to promote inclusion.

The main third-country solution supported in Honduras is the Protection Transfer Arrangement (PTA), a life-saving durable solution for internally displaced persons and persons at risk of forced displacement who are unable to find protection in the country. Other populations supported by this programme are refugees and asylum-seekers, mostly from Nicaragua, El Salvador and Venezuela, who remain at risk in their country of asylum.



With the support of UNHCR, private companies and GraphXAcademy, it has been possible to provide displaced people with the necessary tools to pursue a career in graphic design and facilitate their inclusion in the labor market.

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