Background & Methodology

- Mixed movement monitoring survey in Mexico regularly collects and analyzes data to identify violations of rights and protection risks for people on the move for the purpose of informing effective responses by UNHCR and its partners.
- During April 2024, 443 interviews were conducted consisting of 1,148 persons.
- Surveys were carried out in 16 locations across Mexico. The Northern region: Acuña, Juarez, Matamoros, Mexicali, Monterrey, Nogales, Piedras Negras, Reynosa, Saltillo, Tijuana, and Torreon. The Southern region: Palenque, Suchiate, Tenosique and Tapachula.
- The results presented are indicative and should not be interpreted as representative of the total population of refugees and migrants in Mexico.

Demographics

- 46% Girls and Women
- 54% Boys and Men
- 68% Adults
- 32% Children & Adolescents

Country of Origin

- Nationality
  - 43% South America
  - 43% North America
  - 34% Venezuela
  - 16% Others
  - 6% Guatemala
  - 6% El Salvador
  - 7% Cuba
  - 31% Honduras

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Group composition

- 40% groups with children
- 21% groups with children under 5yrs
- 42% lone adults

Reasons for leaving*

- Lack of employment / low income: 49%
- Victim of violence, threats and/or intimidation: 48%
- Fear due to violence/insecurity: 39%
- Lack of access to food: 19%
- Lack of access to medical services: 14%
- Lack of access to education: 8%
- Family reunification: 2%

*Multiple selection question

Risks upon return

- 52% of the interviewed individuals expressed facing a risk upon return to their country of origin due to threats, extortion, and/or persecution.
- 29% of the interviewed individuals expressed facing a risk upon return to their country of origin due to general violence, and/or discrimination.

Journey & Incidents during transit

- The route
  - 24% of the interviewed individuals reported living in a country other than their country of origin for more than 6 months. Main countries: Colombia, Perú, Chile & Ecuador.
  - 61% of the interviewed individuals described facing a protection incident in countries of transit prior to entering Mexico.

Main protection incidents during transit

- Theft: 38%
- Extortion: 23%
- Intimidation: 14%

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Asylum applications in Mexico for the second consecutive month were half of those figures in same months in 2023. In April 2024, COMAR received 6,521 asylum claims (11,293 in April 2023). This reduction in persons seeking asylum is taking place despite half of new arrivals continue to confirm that they fled their home countries because they were victims of violence, threats and/or intimidation.
Lack of documentation issued by the authorities continues to prevent persons on the move from accessing basic services, while increasing the risk of refoulement and security incidents. Interviews were carried out at the border city of Suchiate (62%) and other cities (38%) in the southern region.

In April 2024, COMAR received 6,310 new asylum applications, a decrease compared to numbers observed in March, and almost half the figure observed in April 2023 (11,425). 77% of these applications submitted during April were made in Southern Mexico. Main nationalities in the South were Honduras (53%), Cuba (17%) and El Salvador (9%).

Main protection incidents within Mexico
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Specific Protection Needs in Southern Mexico
UNHCR identifies specific protection needs through comprehensive protection interviews and case management follow-up conducted to asylum seekers and refugees registered with UNHCR for protection interventions and services. This allows to promptly identify all groups and individuals at heightened risk, and provide them with appropriate protection and assistance.

North

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Difficulties getting an appointment in CBP One

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