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404 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

935 GUATEMALANS AT-RISK

12,890 PEOPLE ASSISTED

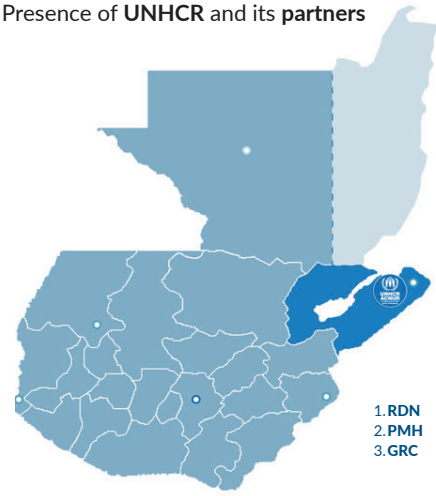
11,916 PEOPLE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE

5 CITIES OF SOLIDARITY

In 2024, UNHCR operated six field offices across Guatemala, including its field unit in Izabal, a department known for its Caribbean coastline and rich biodiversity, dedicated to safeguarding refugees, asylum-seekers, displaced Guatemalans, including returnees. Working with local authorities, NGOs, communities, and three partner organizations, UNHCR fosters local integration while ensuring access to essential services such as shelters, clean drinking water, hygiene kits, legal assistance, mental health support, pre-hospital care, and durable solutions.

Additionally, UNHCR promotes the labor inclusion of refugees, asylum-seekers, and returnees through events with the private sector, scholarship programs, and support for technical training initiatives. In Izabal, it collaborated with the Technical Institute for Training and Productivity (INTECAP) to deliver a course on local ecosystem protection, with internships provided by the National Council of Protected Areas (CONAP).

Presence of **UNHCR** and its **partners**



CITIES OF SOLIDARITY

In 2024, Izabal became the first department where all municipalities joined the Cities of Solidarity initiative, showing a strong commitment to ensure refugee integration and inclusion. Local efforts include violence prevention, legal aid, employment programs, and refugee engagement through the Cities of Solidarity Committee.

UNHCR provided an Ambulance Boat to improve emergency evacuations in Sarstun and provided training in Livingston, strengthening protection networks.

In Milinda, thanks to UNHCR's support and advocacy, local authorities obtained the accreditation of the Local Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (COLRED), working closely with the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED) and supporting Ak'Tenamit in emergency preparedness. Izabal continues to lead in solidarity and resilience.

614 TRAINED IN PREVENTION, MITIGATION & RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

755 TRAINED IN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION, ACCESS TO RIGHTS AND SERVICES, & UNHCR MANDATE

200 PERSONS INVOLVED IN PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE ACTIVITIES

275 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN EMPOWERMENT ACTIVITIES

Source: UNHCR Response Monitoring 2024. Data for Izabal.

*1. RDN | *Refugio de la Niñez* , 2. PMH | Human Mobility Pastoral, 3. GRC | Guatemalan Red Cross.
*The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

AK'TENAMIT

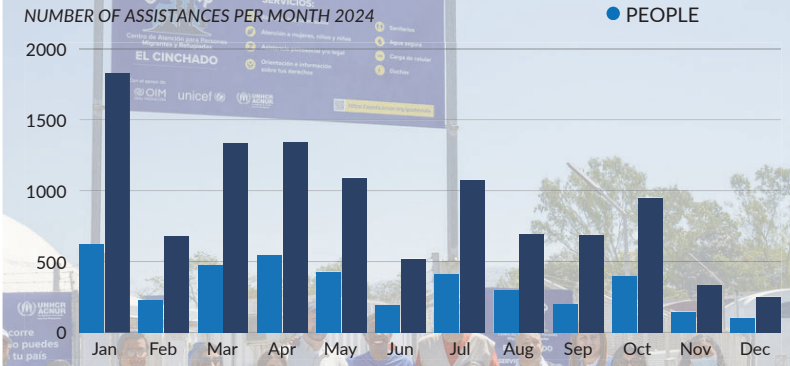
In 2024, UNHCR and the Ak'Tenamit Association launched a joint initiative to support their efforts in expanding education and preventing violence against women and girls. The program strengthens the capacities of students and teachers, promotes women's empowerment, engages men and boys in prevention efforts, and enhances responses to socio-environmental crises. By building Ak'Tenamit's capabilities, UNHCR advances its global goal of empowering local organizations for greater impact and long-term sustainability.

Visit of UNHCR to Ak'tenamit in Livingston. ©UNHCR/Gabriela Guerrero.

Signing of 3 cities of solidarity in Izabal, with the presence of government authorities, UNHCR representative and the Vice President as witness of honor. ©UNHCR/Víctor Sánchez Mejía.

CAPMiR EL CINCHADO

NUMBER OF ASSISTANCES PER MONTH 2024



4,049 PEOPLE ASSISTED

10,795 ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

36 UNACCOMPANIED/SEPARATED CHILDREN

CAPMiR El Cinchado. ©UNHCR/ Victor S.

Source: CAPMiR Monitoring 2024

The Reception Center for Refugees (CAPMiR) provide essential services, including pre-hospital care, hydration, hygiene kits, mental health support, and guidance on the asylum and protection system.

In 2024, five CAPMiR centers assisted 28,092 people, of whom 4,049 were served at the border CAPMiR El Cinchado in Izabal. Of the beneficiaries in Izabal, 49% were Hondurans.

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