HUEHUETENANGO

FIELD UNIT 2024

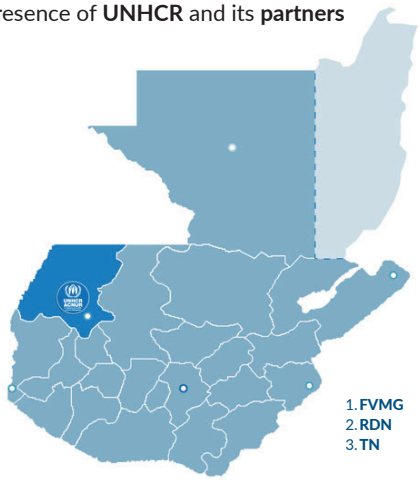
Workshop in Huehuetenango ©UNHCR/

369	659	4,177	3,809	2
REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS	GUATEMALANS AT-RISK	PEOPLE ASSISTED	PEOPLE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE	CITIES OF SOLIDARITY

In 2024, UNHCR operated six field offices across Guatemala, including its field unit in Huehuetenango, a highland department bordering Mexico with significant migration and returnee dynamics, dedicated to safeguarding refugees, asylum seekers, displaced Guatemalans, including returnees in the departments of Quiche and Huehuetenango. In collaboration with local authorities, NGOs, communities, and three partner organizations, UNHCR ensures access to essential services, including shelters, clean drinking water, hygiene kits, legal assistance, mental health support, pre-hospital care, and durable solutions.

Additionally, UNHCR promotes labor inclusion for refugees, asylum-seekers, and returnees through private-sector engagement, scholarship programs, and technical training initiatives. Information stands are held biweekly in collaboration with partner organizations. 770 individuals have been informed about UNHCR's services, asylum and refugee application processes, as well as the services offered by partner organizations.

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



CITIES OF SOLIDARITY

In 2024, the Government and Municipality of Huehuetenango strengthened their commitment to refugee integration through the Cities of Solidarity initiative, enhancing emergency response, protection, and community inclusion.

The Government played a key role in crisis support, working alongside UNHCR to provide emergency assistance, train officials, and establish the Departmental Commission for Attention to Migrants and Refugees (CODAMIR) to improve coordination efforts.

Meanwhile, the Municipality formalized its participation by creating migration services and launching the Municipal Migration Commission (COMUMI) to develop public policies that support migrants. Additionally, land allocation initiatives expanded healthcare access and empowered women, fostering long-term stability and inclusion.

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

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

2,597 PERSONS INVOLVED IN PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE ACTIVITIES

502 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN EMPOWERMENT ACTIVITIES

Source: UNHCR Response Monitoring 2024. Data for Huehuetenango.

*1. FVMG | World Vision Guatemala, 2. RDN | *Refugio de la Niñez* , 3. TN | *Tierra Nueva* .

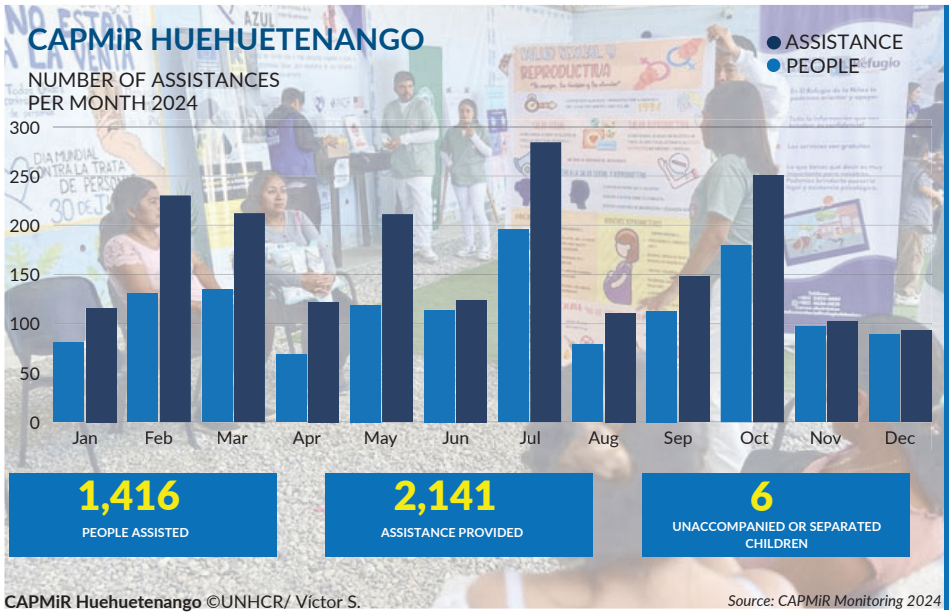
*The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING

UNHCR has empowered 132 women from host communities and refugee populations in La Democracia and Huehuetenango through transformative workshops focused on self-esteem, leadership, organization, and child protection, equipping them with essential skills, fostering resilience, and long-term empowerment. More than 100 officials and strategic partners from key institutions within local protection networks have received specialized training to effectively identify and address cases of violence against women and girls. By strengthening local response mechanisms, UNHCR enhances the protection systems. To further promote peaceful coexistence, UNHCR has spearheaded community engagement efforts that reinforce solidarity and facilitate refugee integrationimpacting over 4,400 individuals.

Mural at the Field Unit in Huehuetenango ©UNHCR/

Women's Empowerment Workshop in Huehuetenango ©UNHCR/



CAPMiR Huehuetenango ©UNHCR/ Víctor 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 **1,416** were served at the CAPMiR in Huehuetenango. Of the beneficiaries in Huehuetenango, 67% were Guatemalans.

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