



Guatemala's Wrap-up

Our impact last month

THANK YOU!



Thanks to the **generous support of our donors**, UNHCR can assist refugees, asylum-seekers, host communities, and others in need of international protection, reaching remote communities and providing life-saving assistance where it is most needed.

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WRAPPING UP 2022

UNHCR has scaled up its presence in Guatemala to respond to complex and dynamic flows of mixed movements, the COVID pandemic, and the positioning of Guatemala as a country of asylum. Currently, UNHCR has **6 field offices** that allow us to cover **15 of the 22 departments in the country**.

In 2022, UNHCR partnered with **13 non-governmental organizations** to implement projects and provide services for refugees, asylum-seekers, Guatemalans at risk, and individuals in transit. Furthermore, UNHCR also worked closely with other UN agencies and governmental institutions to protect the people we serve.

This year, thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, we assisted and provided protection services to:

774 refugees

1,473 asylum-seekers

+245,000 assistances provided

(such as psychosocial and pre-hospital care, legal counselling, basic humanitarian assistance, case referral to specialized services, temporary shelter, and other)

+82,000 people participating in activities to prevent gender-based violence

+8,900 people aided with in-kind assistance

+7,600 people trained in various subjects

(including international protection and promotion of human rights)

+\$1.2 million distributed in cash-assistance to over **2,700** beneficiaries

+1,300 individuals benefited from livelihoods interventions

THIS YEAR'S TOP MOMENTS

In 2022, UNHCR in Guatemala continued to provide vital information and protection services, humanitarian assistance, and support covering basic needs and livelihoods to refugees, asylum-seekers, Guatemalans at risk, and others in need of international protection.

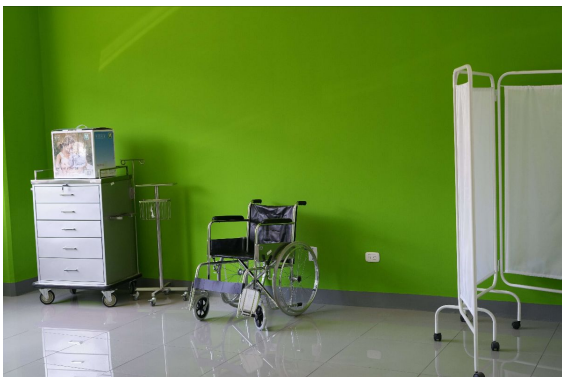
Here's a glimpse of 2022:



UNHCR inaugurated a [new field unit in Huehuetenango](#), increasing its field presence and supporting local governments and civil society organizations in creating protection mechanisms for refugees and Guatemalans at risk.



Along with UNICEF, IOM, and the Guatemalan Migration Institute, UNHCR inaugurated a [new Attention Center for Migrants and Refugees \(CAPMiR\)](#) in Agua Caliente, Esquipulas; and one in El Cinchado, Izabal near the border with Honduras. In addition, a new [mobile CAPMiR](#) was inaugurated in Villa Nueva, Guatemala. These centers offer information and guidance and programs provided for people on human mobility, including counseling, psychosocial services, pre-hospital care, and basic humanitarian assistance.



Together with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Municipality of Puerto Barrios, UNHCR inaugurated a [new Comprehensive Care Center for Women \(CAIM\)](#) in Puerto Barrios, Izabal. The Center is a local initiative to strengthen services for victims of violence, including psychosocial assistance, group therapies, and legal counseling.



In Flores, Peten, UNHCR alongside the Social Welfare Secretariat of the Presidency (SBS) and the Municipality, built a [Comprehensive Childcare Center \(CAI\)](#) to promote the integration of local women, asylum-seekers, and refugees into the labor market, facilitating access to childcare services.



UNHCR inaugurated a [new attention center](#) in Guatemala City, where asylum-seekers, refugees, and Guatemalans at risk receive information and assistance and can be referred to protection services accordingly.



UNHCR in Guatemala joined worldwide celebrations of [World Refugee Day \(WRD\)](#), highlighting the opportunity of [#StartingOverInGuate](#) through the right to seek safety, promoting awareness, and strengthening unity between the host communities and the refugee population. Commemorations for WRD included cultural and art fairs; a 4k family race; a bicycle tour, sports rallies, gastronomic festivals, and more!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2023?



TO IMPLEMENT ITS 2023 RESPONSE PLAN, UNHCR
GUATEMALA NEEDS **\$37.6 MILLION**

Violence, insecurity, the impact of climate change and deep-rooted inequalities in parts of Central America will force more people to flee, driving more displacement and mixed cross-border movements, including asylum-seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants.

UNHCR will continue to support countries of the sub-region to address the causes and impact of forced displacement. This entails **strengthening refugee protection frameworks** and expanding access to asylum systems and other legal stay arrangements, with specific focus on furthering **local integration prospects and other solutions**, including resettlement and complementary pathways.

UNHCR's interventions, aligned with the Humanitarian Response Plans in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, will prioritize **enhancing national protection systems and scaling up community-based protection** through increased field presence in prioritized communities affected by violence or at risk of displacement. Moreover, identification and **referral mechanisms** for people with protection needs will be expanded. This will entail closer **collaboration with civil society**, strengthening communities' prevention and protection response, and the promotion of State institutions' presence in targeted communities.

"We are accountable to people who have been forced to flee or who are stateless. We listen to their voices, we make their priorities our priorities, we work for them. Our plans aim to protect them and their rights, and -with the help of our donor partners- to help them rebuild their lives."

Filippo Grandi, UNHCR High Commissioner

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UNHCR's financial requirements for the Guatemala operation in 2022 (as of December 8th, 2022)

Funded: 21.34 million USD (50%)

Unfunded: 21.13 million USD (50%)

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