

Key Figures

58,000

Families abandon their homes in Honduras annually, being internally displaced due to the violence crisis in the country.

10,234

Honduran children returned in 2022 by July 19.

734

Returnees with protection needs were attended by UNHCR at Centres for Returned Migrants in San Pedro Sula and Omoa in June and July 2022.

505

Asylum-seekers, returnees, IDPs as well as Hondurans supported with cash assistance by UNHCR in June and July 2022.

42,661

Persons crossed into Honduras through regular and irregular border points in Choluteca and El Paraiso by July 2022, 46% Nicaraguans.

128

Persons in transit were assisted in Ocotepeque's Migrant Shelter in June 2022.

CONTEXT

IDPS | June and July saw an increase in forced displacement in Honduras. Six complaints of forced displacement have been received in at least one month. UNHCR is working to recover the protection environment in the affected communities with short-term participatory urban interventions in four high-risk areas, providing case management to the most vulnerable cases, as well as fomenting the discussions on the Forced Displacement with authorities and the international community.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK | UNHCR acknowledges Honduras willingness to create a legal and regulatory framework to respond to the needs of internally displaced persons, after the Congress brought the Forced Displacement Law to discussion again. UNHCR is preparing an extensive work of debate and discussion of the bill to increase awareness and foster its approval.

The difficulties generated by the administrative penalty against persons in mixed movements who enter irregularly increased the time the most vulnerable of them stay in Honduras. UNHCR is working on activities to assist and protect.

MIXED MOVEMENTS | The increase in individuals transiting through Honduras with an irregular status, in the year 2022, was notorious as of the second half of March, when registering, between March 14 and May 29, some 31,817 people from different countries. Observations from border monitoring activities by UNHCR and partners corroborate a steady increase in the number of persons crossing into Honduras.

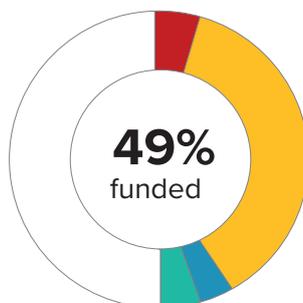
RETURNEES | Some 14,842 Hondurans were returned in June and July 2022, a 68% increase in comparison with the same period in 2021. Monitoring figures from Returned Migrant Assistance Center (CAMRs) estimate more than 19,302 persons returned in the same period.

ASYLUM-SEEKERS | Honduras was the sixth source country of new asylum applications in the world in 2021 (59,800), an increase of 13% in applications by this country in comparison with the previous year. 23,5% of all asylum applications received in Mexico by June 2022 were from Honduran nationals, being the top nationality to request asylum in Mexico so far this year. The rate of recognized Hondurans refugees in Mexico is 91%, in comparison with 60% recognised cases in general.

FUNDING

UNHCR is appealing for
USD 28.6 million

to support vulnerable people in need of protection in Honduras.



as of 3 August 2022

HIGHLIGHT

The Mayor of San Pedro Sula and UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding to continue joining efforts in the prevention of and response to forced displacement. During the event, UNHCR donated USD 60,000 in supplies to strengthen the emergency Humanitarian Assistance Mechanism for Internally Displaced Persons by Violence, the Technical Training Centre, and the Shelter House for GBV survivors in the municipality.



UNHCR Response

PROTECTION

- **CASE MANAGEMENT** | UNHCR directly attended 127 internally displaced persons or at risk of displacement in San Pedro Sula, providing information and referring to protection services such as psychological health and internal reinstatement.

UNHCR delivered weekly training sessions to the municipal official in charge of the San Pedro Sula Municipal Emergency Humanitarian Assistance Mechanism for Internally Displaced Persons by Violence. As a result, 14 displaced persons were attended and assisted by the Municipality.

- **PROTECTION TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT** | UNHCR interviewed 53 cases of a 136 people for the Protection Transfer Arrangement program and submitted 35 approved cases of 78 people to the United States and Canada.
- **CHILD PROTECTION** | UNHCR sponsored a new office for the local Directorate of Children, Adolescents and Family (DINAF) in collaboration with the Ocotepeque's Municipality, what included the construction of the infrastructure, furniture, and specialized staff, with the aim to improve access to child protection services.
- **ACCESS TO PROTECTION** | UNHCR has been working in the southern border with Nicaragua since 2020. In order to officialise and strengthen its work in this area, UNHCR inaugurated a Field Unit in Choluteca that covers the departments of Choluteca, El Paraíso and Valle.

UNHCR and World Vision have also established a Mobile Information System that is covering the southeast border of Honduras. The System provides information on international protection and the asylum system to persons that entry Honduran territory. It also identifies persons in need of international protection and conduct the appropriate referrals.

UNHCR, UN Women, Trocaire and the National Human Rights Commissioner (CONADEH) signed a Cooperation Agreement to protect more than 300 women human rights defenders and leaders who will be able to count on specialized care to reduce the risks they face when carrying out their work in five departments with high-levels of conflict.

- **LEGAL FRAMEWORK** | The Working Group for Migrant and Displaced Women, the Civil Society Group and UNHCR presented the "Toolbox" to strengthen prevention and response actions for women displaced by violence. Some 30 Honduran organizations were trained on its application, and the use of these toolkits reached approximately 350 women from April to June.
- **BASIC NEEDS** | UNHCR ensured first delivery of humanitarian assistance for 50 vulnerable in-transit women with protection risks, mainly in shelters providing support for mixed movements in El Paraiso and Choluteca departments, through the distribution of biosafety items for COVID-19 prevention.
- **ACCESS TO WATER** | UNHCR, together with Save the Children, delivered water tanks and training on water storage and sanitation for 400 families in risk of displacement and with difficult to no access to potable water. The communities are located in the Francisco Morazán Department.



LIVELIHOODS AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **TACTICAL URBANISM** | UNHCR developed four short-term participatory urban interventions in four high-risk areas of the Cortés Department that will benefit over 20,000 persons at risk of displacement through the installation of temporary urban furniture, outreach activities such as mural paintings to strengthen the provision and access to protection services, as well as to promote the appropriation of public spaces.
- **TRAININGS** | In San Pedro Sula's Department, with support from UNHCR, 16 persons of concern finalized trainings on financial education with certification from the International Labour Organization. In addition, 61 youth and adults that attended vocational training in electricity, air conditioning refrigeration and computer courses.
- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** | Until June, the Honduran Secretary of Human Rights, with support of UNHCR, identified and disbursed seed capital for livelihoods activities to 45 people forced to flee that are being implemented in the following months.



COORDINATION

- **CLUSTER** | The Protection Cluster, alongside with the local response group for the southern border, led an inter-cluster mission in June 2022 to the municipalities of Danlí and Trojes. Through a joint analysis, the inter-cluster drafted a Situation Report that compiles the set of needs, responses, gaps, and limitations in each of the sectors.

Honduras UN Resident Coordinator, IOM Chief of Mission and UNHCR Representative did a mission led by the protection cluster and local actors to the El Paraiso Department. Jesús Está Vivo shelter will continue to operate until December 31 after advocacy efforts made during the mission, ensuring the permanency of the only place providing shelter in Danlí, whose intended closure on July 1 would further deepen the dire shelter situation in the municipality.

- **MIRPS** | In the second quarter of 2022, UNHCR has been supporting the National Technical Team of the Honduras Human Rights Secretariat in revising and updating the country's commitments on IDPs under the MIRPS. In addition, UNHCR met with OAS Representative, Catherine Pognat, to promote the leadership of Honduras in the MIRPS and the commitments contained in the National Plan. Finally, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, reiterated UNHCR's commitment to supporting the Honduran government to advance the implementation of the MIRPS Pro-tempore Presidency 2022 Action Plan.

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