

TEGUCIGALPA

Internal displacement in Honduras takes place mainly in urban areas and among its main causes are mobility restrictions, extortion, forced recruitment, and gender-based violence. For this reason, UNHCR has a **presence** in the two urban areas with the greatest impact of forced displacement, the metropolitan areas of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula.

As part of the Comprehensive **Regional Framework for Protection and Solutions (MIRPS)**, UNHCR supports Honduras in the implementation of pledges made in relation to Cities of Solidarity and the protection of internally displaced people.

As violent incidents intensify in areas at high risk of forced displacement in the Central District, **UNHCR ensures that protection spaces** are not lost in these areas.

THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

UNHCR's field unit in Tegucigalpa covers the **Central District**, working in the cities of Comayaguela and Tegucigalpa, with an established presence in **24 urban and rural communities** at high risk of displacement due to violence. The main role of the State is strengthened in guaranteeing the protection and care of the people we serve in the region, as well as the coordination of actions with partners for this purpose. The main profile of people we serve directly or indirectly are **internally displaced persons** or people at risk of displacement and returnees.

With a greater concentration of people in mixed movements in Tegucigalpa since 2022, UNHCR is monitoring and helping to ensure that **reception conditions** meet minimum protection standards. Within these profiles, UNHCR especially attends to children and adolescents, the LGBTIQ+ population, teachers, people with disabilities, survivors of gender-based violence and the elderly. UNHCR continues and is increasing its involvement in the response to catastrophes connected to climate change.



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- Field Unit
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Staff:
2 National staff
1 International staff
34% women y 66% men

PARTNERS



Response

UNHCR's response integrates regional protection mechanisms and community protection mechanisms at the national level. In addition, UNHCR works with case management, strengthening of institutional frameworks and community-based protection activities, amongst several other actions to prevent, care and respond to forced displacement in Honduras.

PROTECT

Ensuring centrality of protection in the response to forced displacement

TRAINING | To strengthen services provided by the State, UNHCR conducts internal displacement and case identification trainings for government entities, as well as civil society and partners. More than 10,000 people have been reached so far this year.

CASE MANAGEMENT | UNHCR provides technical assistance to communities at high risk of displacement for the construction of community-based mechanisms for identifying and referring cases with protection needs to relevant available services.

MONITORING | UNHCR monitors the flows of people in mixed movements that pass through the Central District in their transit from the southeast border to their exit through the border points in the north of the country. In addition, UNHCR provides information and advice for people in need of international protection. In addition, UNHCR has improved its response capacity, recognizing that due to the use of the territory of Honduras, there might be a need for assistance to a massive group of population at any time.



ASSIST

Ensure operational response capacity and lifetime support for the most vulnerable people during emergencies

PROTECTION BY PRESENCE | UNHCR seeks to ensure presence in areas at high risk of internal displacement due to violence, strengthening participation mechanisms, in addition to providing complementary response to emergencies presented in the Central District.

HEALTH | UNHCR, together with its partners, provides psychosocial care through a care clinic in San Miguel, as well as in safe spaces established in schools and community youth centers.

WASH | To strengthen UNHCR's presence in high-risk communities, as well as ensure safe access to safe drinking water, water tanks, training in its use and sanitation are provided to prioritized communities. In 2022, 400 families have been reached. Likewise, during 2022, UNHCR also contributed to improving sanitation in at least a dozen homes through latrines.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE | In the Central District, UNHCR assists people impacted by the effects of disasters related to climate change. During the rainy season, in response to the landslides that occurred in the Guillén neighborhood in Tegucigalpa, UNHCR donated shelter kits to the local Municipality with mattresses, sheets, towels and other materials to support the more than 200 people who were staying in temporary shelters. In addition, six community spaces were strengthened with the provision of shelter kits for positioning in case of emergencies in the areas where UNHCR is present.

EMPOWER

Empower communities

LEADERSHIP | UNHCR offers technical assistance to promote dialogue, participation, and risk identification to 11 communities through workshops with community leaders. The technical capacities of leaders in 24 communities are also being strengthened in identifying cases of protection and referring them to UNHCR for subsequent assistance.

TRAINING | In coordination with the San Juan Bosco workshop school and the Vocational Training Institute (INFOP), young people and adults are being trained with computer, barbershop and mechanic workshops. Similarly, with Save the Children, leadership is being formed in fund management, muralism and photography.



SOLVE

Include the people we serve in national/local services with support for local capacity building

TECHNICAL SUPPORT | UNHCR supports the authorities in the construction of Local Response Plans to Internal Displacement, in coordination with the Inter Institutional Commission for the protection of Internally Displaced Persons by Violence (CIPPDV) in the Central District.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION | UNHCR together with Save The Children delivered in 2023 educational material, medical kits and a toolbox for socio-educational care to four educational centers in the Central District highly affected by violence and gang control. The deliveries benefit 600 students who will be participating in UNHCR community protection activities that will take place this year. Through these activities, UNHCR will reinforce the protection spaces in the school and the identification of protection cases.

SPORTS FOR PROTECTION | UNHCR and the National Commission for Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (CONDEPOR) joined forces in 2022 to promote sport as a mechanism for protection and social cohesion in six communities with a UNHCR presence in Tegucigalpa. The objective is to bring sports closer to the communities, energizing public spaces and recovering them through the community protection strategy, by holding sports days with trained instructors. In the first pilot phase, the participation of 215 young people in disciplines such as boxing, taekwondo, swimming, soccer and volleyball has been achieved.

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