



HIGHLIGHTS

22,675

New asylum applications submitted worldwide by Salvadoran citizens during 2015. **93%** increase in comparison with 2014.

52,198

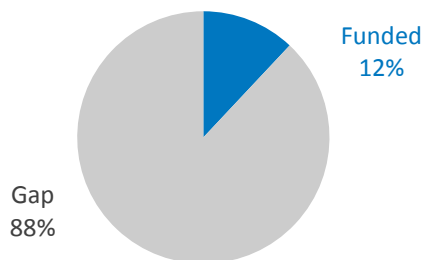
Salvadorans were returned from United States and Mexico in 2015. **14%** were children and adolescents.

IDP Profiling

Upon the government's request, UNHCR is providing technical and financial support for a profiling study of internal displacement due to violence in El Salvador.

Funding – Regional Office Panama

USD 16.9 million requested



- UNHCR's Regional Office in Panama is implementing the Regional Protection and Solutions Strategy for the NTCA situation in close collaboration with partners.
- The Regional Office financially oversees UNHCR's operations in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, as well protection activities in Cuba, and Nicaragua.
- UNHCR plans to significantly scale up its operational capacity in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras in order to better respond to complex protection and programmatic needs.

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

2 national staff and 3 international staff

Offices:

1 national office located in San Salvador

UNHCR El Salvador: Operational Map May 2016



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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works in close coordination with governments, civil society, UN agencies, regional bodies, and persons of concern. The agency also works closely with the United Nations Development Group in Latin America and the Caribbean, alongside UN Resident Coordinators, to ensure UN coordination on protection issues in the region.
- UNHCR's presence so far has been limited to the capital city of San Salvador, with monitoring missions to other parts of the country. This is due to the fact that the office has only recently increased its capacity (both human resources and strategic alliances with partners). Consequently, a gradual expansion to implement community based actions in coordination with Caritas, World Vision, Save the Children, CRISTOSAL and IDHUCA is foreseen in 2016. Projects will be implemented in the following areas:
 - a) Child protection for returnees with protection needs
 - b) assistance and protection to IDPs with national coverage for identification of cases
 - c) Assistance to refugees and asylum seekers including access to protection in border areas

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- UNHCR is working with partners who provide legal assistance, orientation and psycho-social support to cases at heightened risk as well as with the national Ombudsman Office (PDDH) to set up the necessary protection mechanisms in country.
- Technical assistance to state authorities for the development of protocols and guidelines for BIDs and BIAs at the national and departmental level to help identify protection needs, and assess child rights violations. UNHCR also is currently strengthening the community-based protection mechanisms for returned children with protection needs in the departments of Usulután and San Miguel, through two projects in partnership with Save the Children and World Vision.
- Assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, including legal orientation and counselling, support to obtain individual documentation, humanitarian assistance and local integration solutions. Technical assistance to the National Refugee Commission on the National Refugee Law reform.
- Upon the government's request, UNHCR will provide technical support for a profiling study on internal forced displacement in the country. The main objective of the study is to obtain reliable and agreed-upon information about the magnitude and trends of internal displacement due to violence and organized crime in El Salvador. The information will enable the government to design and implement an adequate institutional response for the protection, assistance and durable solutions of IDPs. As part of this initiative, UNHCR will also facilitate trainings on internal displacement principles, protection needs and responses.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR's partner is providing emergency and safe shelter and humanitarian assistance to returnees and/or internally displaced persons considered to be at extreme risk.

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