



El Salvador

Key Figures

COVID-19

(By 30 September 2021)



104,348 confirmed cases



3,234 accumulated deaths



7,525,604 people vaccinated

COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION



127 community outreach volunteers have been identified and trained.

FUNDING



87% of UNHCR's financial requirements for El Salvador received by 28 September 2021.

Highlights

- **UNHCR and COMCAVIS TRANS inaugurated Casa Refugio Karla Avelar**, which aims to provide a safe and dignified shelter for Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer persons in a situation of forced displacement in El Salvador.
- **UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor's Office of San Miguel**, with the objective of strengthening municipal alliances and implementing actions that favor the protection of the rights of displaced persons and persons at risk of violence.
- **The first stage of the SURF 4 Peace project started by strengthening groups of Youth Units of the Ombudsperson's Office in the departments of La Libertad, San Salvador, and San Miguel.** A total of 17 youth leaders are learning about forced recruitment, internal displacement, and the national IDP law, with the objective of promoting prevention and response strategies for adolescents and young people in situations or at risk of forced internal displacement through actions based on sports and awareness of rights.



- **UNHCR gave training sessions on international protection, child protection and Best Interest Procedures, and Sexual and Gender Diversity to members of institutions working at the reception center (GAMI), to strengthen technical capacity to identify and respond to deportees with protection needs.** Including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labor, National Directorate of Attention to Victims and Forced Migration (DNAVMF), National Institute for Women's Development (ISDEMU), National Council for Children and Adolescents (CONNA), Salvadoran Institute for the Comprehensive Development of Children and Adolescents (ISNA) and Office of the Prosecutor (PGR).

Protection



In September, UNHCR registered **336 persons of concern**, **167** were internally displaced persons (IDPs), **96** IDP-like and **60** others of concern. The registered persons reached out to UNHCR through the call center or visited UNHCR's Support Space in San Salvador (Espacio de apoyo "a tu lado"). In total, 422 specific protection needs were identified, the most common were specific legal and physical protection needs, serious medical conditions, and sexual and gender-based violence. The services provided were direct attention and case management, referral to psychosocial support, mental and physical health services, legal counselling, and inclusion in projects for livelihoods generation and self-sufficiency promotion.



UNHCR trained **24 public servants from the municipal mayor's office of La Libertad** on international protection, the national protection framework, and the profiling exercise from 2018 in order to lay the foundation for developing local referral pathways for cases of forced displacement.



UNHCR held a workshop in coordination with the local government of Soyapango and the Salvadoran Red Cross related to the construction of the local referral pathway for internally displaced persons, with the participation of 15 representatives of local authorities.

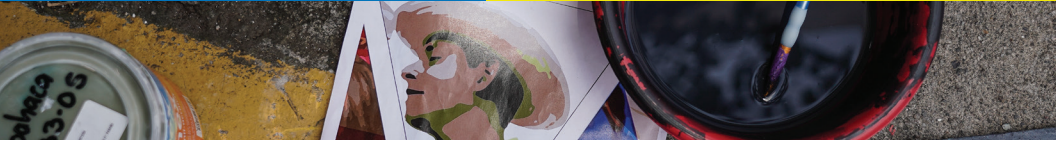




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Shelter

- UNHCR and partner Save the Children finished the renovation of two child friendly spaces for the National Council for Children and Adolescents (CONNA) in Sensuntepeque and San Salvador. These spaces will be used to provide legal, psychological, and humanitarian assistance to children displaced by violence or in danger of being displaced.
- UNHCR in coordination with Plan International finished the renovation of three schools in San Miguel and La Union departments as part of the project “Protection networks and durable solutions for deported populations with protection needs, internally displaced persons and people at risk of displacement”.

Funding

- UNHCR is appealing for USD 21.6 million to provide comprehensive solutions to forcibly displaced persons in El Salvador. The best way to support UNHCR’s appeal is through unearmarked contributions. Such flexible funding at global level will be key in allowing a timely response to the evolving needs wherever required.

Government and Inter-agency Coordination

- The United Nations Country Team signed the Cooperation Framework with the Government of El Salvador for the period 2022-2026. UNHCR actively participated in both internal and external discussions as well as technical team meetings and participatory consultations, allowing for the inclusion of refugees, internally displaced persons, and deportees in the narrative of priorities and outcomes. Furthermore, reference is made to the PDI, SICA, MIRPS and the Global Compact on Refugees in the chapter on synergies between results of the Cooperation framework.

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