



The Western Hemisphere Program's overall goal is to support governments and other key stakeholders in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean in improving migration governance and capacities to facilitate safe, orderly, and regular migration while reducing migrant vulnerabilities.

Financed by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the Western Hemisphere Program is implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the following countries:



The Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



Costa Rica



El Salvador



Guatemala



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Panama



Suriname



The Dominican Republic



WHP's efforts contribute to the achievement of international and regional commitments, including:



WHP OUTCOMES

Progress towards WHP's main objective is made through achieving results in four interconnected outcome areas:

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT



Supporting the development of evidence-based policies, laws, strategies, protocols, and practices to promote regular migration in the region.

PARTNERSHIPS

Advancing regional, bilateral, and national cooperation and dialogue on migration issues.



MIGRATION CRISIS RESPONSE



Supporting institutions and key stakeholders to prepare for and respond to migration flows related emergencies and crises, as well as movements of people due to climate change and protection of those affected.

COMMUNICATIONS

Promoting pathways for regular migration and alternatives to irregular migration through participatory, evidence-based communication initiatives and campaigns, as well as advocating for a balanced narrative on migration.



WHAT MAKES WHP UNIQUE?

- WHP has **unprecedented depth**, having strategically engaged and over time built strong relationships with:



close to **150** various national government agencies¹;



close to **50** provincial and municipal governments in seven countries;



close to **70** local communities in six countries, all situated on key regional migratory routes;



more than **90** civil society organizations, academic institutions, and private sector entities;



major **UN** Agencies and international organizations active in the region, and



close to a **dozen** regional fora promoting regional dialogue, cooperation, alignment, and integration.

- The Program has demonstrated **exceptional flexibility** in responding to dynamic circumstances and new national and regional priorities or adapting and evolving to leverage its impact in a changing political environment.
- WHP **leverages the regional perspective** to achieve progress at the local, national, bilateral, and multilateral levels.
- WHP's special emphasis on evidence-based solutions has fundamentally contributed to make IOM **the largest repository of unique data and knowledge** on migration in the region.
- A defining feature of WHP has always been its direct line to migrants and communities through the key outcome area focused on **communication**. It was the first program in the region to use the Communication for Development (C4D) capacity-building and social-behavioral change approach.



¹) Ministries of Governance (Directorates/Institutes of Migration); Labor; Foreign Affairs (Consular Sections); Planning; Public Security (National Civil Police); Defense; National Disaster Risk Management Systems, Civil Protection and National Emergency Commissions; Education; Child Welfare and Youth; Public Health; Women Affairs; National Assemblies.