



OVERVIEW

IOM began its operations in Mexico in 2004. [The Organization's work](#) is oriented in the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM works closely with all levels of government, civil society, academia, other United Nations (UN) agencies, international organizations, the private sector and directly with migrants and affected communities.

The organization's Strategic Plan for 2024-2028 establishes three institutional priorities: (1) saving lives and protecting people on the move; (2) driving solutions to displacement; (3) and facilitating pathways for regular migration. IOM supports and monitors the implementation of national and regional commitments on migration and migration-related issues, including the:



- [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration \(GCM\).](#)
- [2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.](#)
- [Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection.](#)

IOM Mexico has nearly 300 staff members and a presence in 10 cities in north, south, and central Mexico. IOM [assists hundreds of thousands of migrants, including irregular migrants in transit, returnees, internally displaced persons \(IDPs\), and other beneficiaries](#) each year.



In January 2021, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Mexico established the National [UN Network on Migration \(UNMN\)](#). IOM is the Technical Secretariat and Coordinator of the Network, which is currently composed of 15 agencies and the Resident Coordinator's Office. IOM also co-coordinates with UNHCR the Interagency Group on Human Mobility.



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INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES



Saving lives and protecting people on the move



Driving solutions to displacement



Facilitating pathways for regular migration

IOM'S AREAS OF WORK IN MEXICO



Labor Migration and Inclusion

IOM strives to protect migrant workers and optimize the benefits of labor migration in Mexico. Key interventions include policy and technical guidance for labor migration programs; facilitating access to employment for migrants; combatting labour exploitation; facilitating information for employers and migrants; and promoting ethical recruitment according to international standards.

IOM facilitates migrants' inclusion in economic, psychological, and social areas; empowerment of host communities; and social cohesion.



Protection

Trafficking and Smuggling, Missing Migrants and IDPs

To support the protection of migrants, including displaced populations, IOM contributes to strengthening institutional capacities including consular protection, coordination on missing migrants, data protection and prevention and response to gender-based violence, as well as sexual exploitation and abuse. IOM also provides legal assistance to migrants, including access to legal identity, disseminates information campaigns to prevent crimes and fraud, offers options for assisted voluntary return and supports the identification of vulnerable cases in migration detention centers.



Health and Education

IOM strives for healthy migrants in healthy communities. The Organization promotes access to health programs and services (including mental health, psychosocial support and prenatal care), while strengthening the capacities of public health systems to provide care to mobile and displaced populations.

Education is a fundamental right irrespective of a person's migration status. IOM supports migrant children and adults to access formal education, including vocational training.



Humanitarian Response and Recovery

IOM responds to humanitarian emergencies, disasters, epidemics, and other crises by providing critical humanitarian assistance - including food, shelter, non-food items (NFI), water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); infrastructural improvements in shelters; information and other multisectoral support. IOM supports over 180 shelters throughout the country.



Data Insight and Policy Coordination

IOM supports the development of public policies, research, and assessments; technical assistance on laws and regulations; multi-stakeholder dialogue; and other actions to strengthen migration management and governance in Mexico.

This includes the strengthening of institutional capacities for safe, orderly, and humane migration, and the search for alternatives to detention, among other topics.



Migration, Environment, and Climate Change (MECC)

IOM strengthens knowledge and inter-institutional coordination on MECC through capacity building, the analysis of existing gaps in public policies and legal frameworks and data collection related to migration in contexts of disasters, environmental degradation, and the adverse effects of climate change.

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