

Project Terms of Reference



The Central America Migration Team will examine the drivers of migration – the factors that push people to abandon their homeland and that pull them to the United States – and analyze how the policies and programs of the United States, regional governments (El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala), and their partners could better address those causes.

KEY QUESTIONS

- What factors *push* populations to migrate to the United States? What factors *pull* them?
- What roles do economic forces, demographic and environmental changes play in the current migration trend from the North Triangle and Mexico?
- What is the impact of the state of the social fabric, the growth of transnational and homegrown violent groups, and the role of immigrant communities in the U.S. on migrant flows?
- How are the United States, Central American governments, and Mexico addressing the migration problem, and what primary gaps exist in current migration policy?
- What role does Mexico play in the migration flow? How has Mexico responded to the crisis?
- How well does local civil society help to mitigate the migrant flow, and how can they be empowered to do more?
- What is the private sector stake in the migration crisis and how can they interact on the issue?

GOAL

To produce actionable recommendations for the U.S., Central American and Mexican governments, NGOs, and the private sector to address the migration problem.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

In addition to researching published materials, we will consult with the broadest range of government and non-government experts – in the U.S., Mexico and Central America - that our limited time and resources permit. These include the USG (including State and DHS) and Embassies (if possible); regional governments; academic and NGO experts here and in the region; and organizations involved in processing arriving migrants.

PRODUCTS

We would like to hear what product(s) would best serve your needs – analytical research summaries, PowerPoint presentation, or oral briefing.

OTHER CLIENTS

You are our principal client. While fully protecting our conversations with you, we would like to offer briefings on our key findings to other clients.