

Esquipulas (Field Unit)

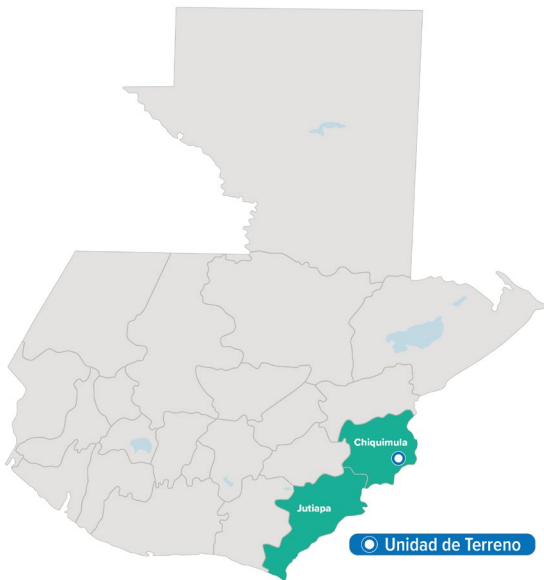
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Guatemala has a **dynamic context of human mobility** as it is a country of origin, transit, destination and return of people with different profiles and needs con. In addition, it has positioned itself as a destination country, welcoming more and more **refugees and asylum-seekers**.

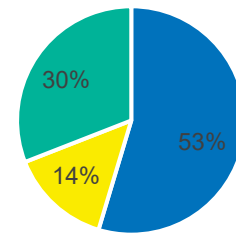
In **response to these flows of people in mixed movements**, UNHCR has six field offices in the departments of:

Peten, San Marcos, Izabal, Guatemala, Huehuetenango, and Chiquimula. In the latter, **the unit is located in the municipality of Esquipulas** covering Chiquimula and Jutiapa.

These departments are **main transit areas** for migrants and refugees, sharing borders with Honduras and El Salvador. As of July 2022, more than **26,625 people were assisted by UNHCR** and its partners in both departments.



Assistance Provided



- Orientation and information
- Trainings on prevention of gender-based violence
- Shelters (temporary accommodation)

26,625	People assisted by UNHCR and its partners in the area.
5,310	People informed about the right to seek asylum.
235	Refugees (15) and asylum-seekers (220) in Jutiapa and Chiquimula
32	People participating in livelihoods programs for entrepreneurship and employability.



Informative fair in Jutiapa for World Refugee Day.
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UNHCR's activities in Chiquimula and Jutiapa in 2022



- Within the framework of World Refugee Day, UNHCR and its partners held informative fairs on the right to seek protection attended by over 500 people. In addition, more than 146 people from partner organizations, education institutions, and authorities have been trained in international protection.
- Together with the Ocotepeque Field Office in Honduras, UNHCR is leading a bi-national network of key actors from Esquipulas (Guatemala) and Ocotepeque (Honduras) to strengthen the response to mixed movements of people passing through the Guatemala-Honduras border.



- The Attention Center for Migrants and Refugees – CAPMiR- in Agua Caliente was inaugurated in June 2022. The Center provides orientation, information, and humanitarian assistance services to people from mixed movements, refugees, and the Guatemalan community of the municipality of Esquipulas. CAPMiR is part of a strategic alliance with the Guatemalan Migration Institute and has the support of IOM, UNICEF, and UNHCR.



Attention Center for Migrants and Refugees (CAPMiR) in Agua Caliente, Esquipulas. ©UNHCR/Víctor Sánchez/2022

- UNHCR placed 4 charging stations for mobile devices at strategic locations along the migration route, facilitating access to connectivity and information for migrants and refugees.



- In June 2022, UNHCR inaugurated the Valle de Jesús village health post, a project financed within the framework of the Solidarity Cities Initiative together with the Municipality of Esquipulas. The health post has a waiting room, nursing station, clinic, pharmacy, typing room, and health services. It will benefit 1,450 Guatemalan people and persons of concern to UNHCR from the communities of Valle de Jesús, Cuesta del Pedrero, Malcotal, and Malcotalito.



- Together with Clowns Without Borders, UNHCR held activities on integration and peaceful coexistence in three host and transit communities in Chiquimula and Jutiapa, with the participation of more than 200 people. In addition, hygiene kits for the prevention of COVID were delivered.

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UNHCR's financial requirements for the Guatemala operation in 2022 (as of 3 August 2022)

Funded: 17.3 million USD (41%)

Unfunded: 25.1 million USD (59%)

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