

KEY FIGURES

\$30M

DONATION FROM MEXICO TO EL SALVADOR FOR REFORESTATION PROJECTS AND JOBS

20,000

JOBS PROJECTED TO BE CREATED IN EL SALVADOR

Sources:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico)

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11,436

CASES OF DENGUE REPORTED THROUGHOUT HONDURAS SO FAR IN 2019

4,522

CASES OF DENGUE REPORTED THROUGHOUT EL SALVADOR SO FAR IN 2019

Sources:
Ministry of Health (Honduras)
Ministry of Health (El Salvador)

CENTRAL AMERICA: **MIGRATION RESPONSE**

On 19 June, Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard met with UN Secretary-General António Guterres, requesting the designation of a special envoy to coordinate the work of 14 UN agencies in Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala to tackle migration.

Mexico is already working with the UN on a Comprehensive Development Plan to tackle the root causes of migration, a plan drafted together with the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

The plan will include some 30 public policy recommendations to bolster growth and employment in the region, thereby easing pressure on people to leave their homelands.

As part of Mexico's Comprehensive Development Plan, Mexico and El Salvador signed a cooperation agreement on 20 June. Part of the agreement includes a US\$30 million donation from Mexico to El Salvador for reforestation initiatives that project to translate into 20,000 jobs

The lack of economic opportunities is often cited by migrants as one of the primary reasons for their migration.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said that there are similar arrangements in the works with Guatemala and Honduras.

CENTRAL AMERICA: **VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES**

HONDURAS

The Honduran Government declared an emergency for dengue in 12 departments on 14 June. Of the more than 11,000 cases reported, 4,041 (35.3 per cent) have been confirmed as severe dengue. There are 68 deaths suspected to be due to dengue, with 39 laboratory-confirmed. At least 70 per cent of confirmed deaths are children under 10.

The Ministry of Health will invest US\$980,000 towards purchasing supplies, medicines, cleaning and fumigation. The Government also activated the National Risk Management System to support the Ministry of Health in actions related to prevention and attention.

EL SALVADOR

The Ministry of Health warned of potential outbreaks of dengue, chikungunya and zika in 236 of El Salvador's 262 municipalities. To date, the Ministry reports 289 Zika cases (72 per cent more than 2018), 204 chikungunya cases (32 per cent more than 2018) and 4,522 dengue cases, 2,380 cases more than in 2018. There are 20 confirmed cases of severe dengue and 1,073 hospitalizations so far in 2019.

According to PAHO/WHO, Honduras accounts for 77.5% of severe dengue cases in Latin America & the Caribbean

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PROTESTS RECORDED ACROSS HONDURAS SINCE 20 JUNE

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ARRESTS MADE DURING PROTESTS IN HONDURAS

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INJURIES REPORTED DURING PROTESTS IN HONDURAS

Sources:

Escuela Universidad Hospital (Honduras)
National Police (Honduras)

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43,000

VENEZUELAN CROSSED FROM ECUADOR TO PERU BETWEEN 10-18 JUNE

22,500

VENEZUELAN WHO REQUESTED ASYLUM AT THE BORDER BETWEEN 10-18 JUNE

Sources:

Refugee and Migrant Working Group (Peru)

HONDURAS: PROTESTS

Protests rocked Honduras on 20 June following a strike by national police special forces units over working conditions and labor rights. These protests come after weeks of protests prompted by congressional reforms to the health and education sectors that sparked widespread protests, reforms that have since been repealed.

This fresh wave of protests broke out in Honduras' primary cities and have so far led to 19 injuries and 21 arrests in the capital of Tegucigalpa. Authorities have recorded at least 30 protests nationwide, along with three deaths. Protesters have blocked highways across the country, looted shops and businesses and engaged in confrontations with public armed forces.

Authorities suspended school activities at the primary, secondary and higher education levels in most of the main cities in Honduras.

Since 17 June, the transportation sector was also protesting, blocking important roads and impeding the transit of fuel supply vehicles throughout Honduras.

Authorities have reached an agreement with the transport sector to allow fuel supply vehicles through to the country's main cities.

SOUTH AMERICA: INCREASED MIGRATION FLOWS

With the Peruvian Government's visa requirement for Venezuelans taking effect on 15 June, the flow of Venezuelan migrants and refugees seeking to cross from Ecuador into Peru increased substantially; more than 40,000 Venezuelans entered Peru from Ecuador between 10-18 June, reaching a peak of 8,100 people on 14 June.

Peruvian and Ecuadorian authorities, UN agencies, international organizations and NGOs present at the Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF) in Tumbes, Peru, scaled up response with a contingency plan that was deactivated on 19 June, when flows returned to the normal average of 1,500-1,800 daily entries.

At least 25% of Venezuelans who entered Peru from Ecuador between 10-18 June were boys, girls and adolescents.



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PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HEAVY RAINFALL ACROSS ECUADOR SINCE 17 JUNE

155

PEOPLE EVACUATED ACROSS ECUADOR DUE TO HEAVY RAINFALL

Sources:

National Risk Emergency Management Service (Ecuador)

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548

CASES OF GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME REPORTED IN 2019

341

CASES REPORTED IN 2018

Sources:

Ministry of Health (Peru)

ECUADOR: SEVERE WEATHER

According to the National Risk and Emergency Management Service (SNGRE), various parts of Ecuador are under medium-to-high risk due to heavy rainfall over northern and eastern Ecuador that has triggered overflowing rivers and landslides.

Authorities have reported at least 52 weather-related incidents since 17 June, including flooding, collapsed structures, landslides and sinkholes. The effects of the heavy rainfall have affected some 155 homes, destroying two homes and four bridges.

Provincial level emergency operations centers (EOC) in Napo and Tungurahua have been activated, as have cantonal level EOCs in Agua Santa, San Luis Patate and Sucumbíos. Response activities are currently being managed with local resources and capacities.

Weather services in Ecuador forecast continued rainfall through 24-25 June for the western coast, Andean highlands, and Amazonian region.

PERU: GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME

On 15 June, the Ministry of Health declared a health emergency for the departments of Junin, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Lima and Piura for 90 days, following an unusual increase in cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Per statements from the Ministry of Health, there have been 548 cases of Guillain-Barré so far in 2019, an increase from the 341 cases that were reported in Peru in all of 2018.

Guillain-Barré syndrome is a rare non-contagious disease triggered by a bacterial or viral infection that damages the peripheral nervous system and causes muscle weakness and pain.