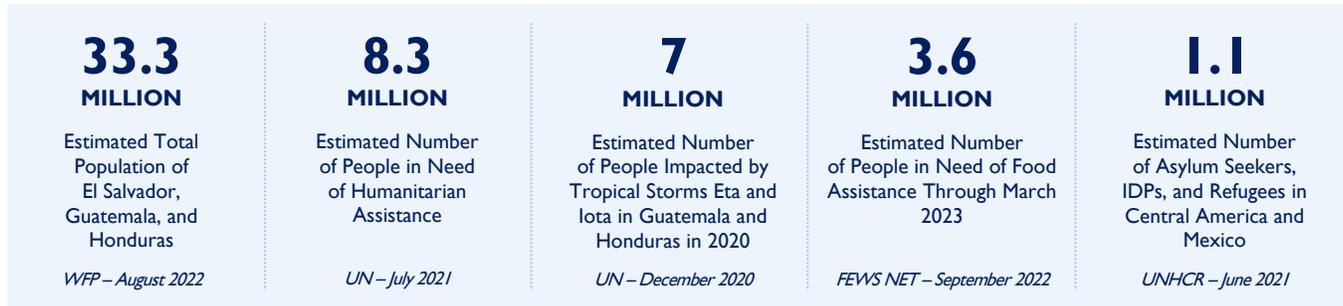


El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras – Regional Response

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SITUATION AT A GLANCE



- Heavy rainfall during the month of September has caused flooding and landslides throughout northern Central America, adversely affecting millions of people, according to the UN.
- Up to 3.6 million people across El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras are projected to face Crisis—IPC 3—or worse levels of acute food insecurity between September 2022 and March 2023, according to FEWS NET.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

For the El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras Regional Response in FY 2022¹

USAID/BHA¹ \$88,661,811

State/PRM² \$200,290,152

For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 7

Total³ \$295,586,727

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

² U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

³ USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA). Funding figures include approximately \$88.7 million in emergency funding and more than \$6.6 million in standalone early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) funding.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Heavy Rain and Flooding Affects Millions in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras

Heavy rainfall throughout northern Central America—comprising El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras—caused flooding and landslides during September, negatively affecting more than 3.8 million people in Guatemala alone as of September 26, according to the UN. Additionally, flooding in Honduras had affected more than 31,000 people as of September 26, resulting in at least 12 fatalities and displacing more than 14,000 people, the Government of Honduras reports. In El Salvador, flooding and landslides had resulted in at least seven deaths as of September 22, according to international media.

Due to the impacts of heavy rain and flooding in Honduras, U.S. Ambassador to Honduras Laura F. Dogu issued a declaration of humanitarian need/disaster declaration (DHN/DD) on September 28. In response, USAID/BHA partner World Vision is providing more than 550 households in Honduras' Cortés and Yoro departments with multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to enable households' purchase of critical food and hygiene supplies. World Vision also established four child-friendly spaces in Cortés and Yoro to provide appropriate support activities such as art therapy and community play groups. With USAID/BHA support, Global Communities has also provided more than 240 households in Honduras' Copán and Valle departments with MPCA. Additionally, USAID/BHA partner the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is providing more than 1,300 flood-affected households in Cortés and Yoro with food vouchers.

Up to 3.6 Million People Face Crisis or Worse Levels of Acute Food Insecurity in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras

Up to 3.6 million people are projected to face Crisis—IPC 3—or worse levels of acute food insecurity from September 2022 to March 2023 in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras due primarily to damages to agricultural land from recent flooding, previous crop losses, and rising prices driven in part by the Government of the Russian Federation (GoRF) invasion of Ukraine, according to the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET).¹ Prices for staple foods—including beans, maize, and rice—have risen significantly throughout northern Central America compared with 2021, FEWS NET reports. However, due to the end of the March-to-August lean season—the period between planting and harvesting that can result in limited food availability and depleted food stocks—and increased seasonal labor opportunities during the September-to-November *postrera* harvest season, the number of people expected to face Crisis or worse levels of acute food insecurity through March 2023 is projected to decrease slightly compared with FEWS NET's June-to-December 2022 projections.

In response to ongoing food insecurity throughout northern Central America, USAID/BHA partners continue to provide emergency food assistance along with support for agriculture and livelihood restoration activities to people in need. USAID/BHA partner the UN World Food Program (WFP) provided cash transfers for food to nearly 53,000 people in El Salvador's Ahuachapán, Cabañas, La Paz, La Unión, Morazán, and San Miguel departments from July to September. In Honduras, WFP provided cash transfers for food to more than 94,000 people throughout Cortés, Santa Bárbara, and Yoro departments from June to September. Additionally, WFP is supporting agriculture and livelihood recovery activities in Honduras by distributing agricultural equipment to farming households and installing irrigation systems in community agricultural plots to improve crop yields.

In Guatemala, USAID/BHA partner Acción contra el Hambre/Spain (ACH/Spain) provided more than 1,700 households with MPCA between July and September. USAID/BHA is also supporting Save the Children Federation (SCF) to provide 2,600 households in the country with black and fava bean seeds and cash to

¹ The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a multi-partner initiative that developed a standardized scale to classify the severity and magnitude of food insecurity. The IPC scale, which is comparable across countries and time, ranges from Minimal—IPC 1—to Famine—IPC 5—for acute food insecurity.

purchase agricultural tools. SCF is also providing trainings on improved agricultural growing practices, including on raising chickens as livestock, ensuring that households have access to protein-rich foods.

With USAID/BHA support, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is providing more than 4,700 households in El Salvador with cash assistance for food. CRS is also working with vulnerable households to strengthen community savings and loans groups, supporting agricultural activities and small business grants to improve livelihood opportunities.

State/PRM Announces More Than \$199 Million in Additional Funding for Central America

U.S. Department of State Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights Uzra Zeya announced more than \$199 million in additional State/PRM humanitarian assistance in Central America and Mexico at a high-level event on the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework—an initiative focused on preventing causes of migration, improving protection outcomes for migrants, and providing durable solutions for displaced people—hosted alongside the UN General Assembly on September 21. The governments of Canada and the United States co-hosted the high-level event in partnership with the Government of Honduras. This additional funding will support State/PRM partners to continue providing humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants throughout Central America.

USG Partners Provide Protection Support Throughout Northern Central America

Populations across northern Central America face enduring protection challenges and risks, including domestic violence, gender-based violence (GBV), human trafficking, and forced recruitment into organized criminal groups, with more than 4.5 million people in need of protection services according to the August 2021–December 2022 Humanitarian Response Plans for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. In response, USAID/BHA partner CARE is conducting protection activities in Guatemala and Honduras, focused on raising awareness of and preventing GBV. CARE trains case managers, community and local government leaders, and health care providers to improve prevention, identification of, and response to cases of GBV. Between July and September, more than 500 people accessed GBV response services supported by CARE in Guatemala and Honduras.

In El Salvador, USAID/BHA partner Alight is providing case management services to GBV survivors, offering drop-in psychosocial support (PSS) sessions, and training community activists focused on promoting gender equality. Additionally, Alight is providing 600 hygiene kits to women and girls in need of assistance, including female-headed households, GBV survivors, new mothers, and women displaced by natural disasters.

With USAID/BHA support, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided cash assistance to support protection outcomes to more than 1,400 people and child protection services to more than 145 minors throughout El Salvador and Honduras from July to mid-September. Case management services included providing beneficiaries with information on how to access basic services, PSS sessions, and referrals to specialized protection services. Additionally, NRC held workshops with nearly 80 parents and caregivers in El Salvador and Honduras on GBV prevention and response during the same time period.

State/PRM partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is also working to provide protection assistance to populations in need in Honduras. UNHCR provided 790 vulnerable women in shelters in Honduras' capital city of Tegucigalpa with coronavirus disease (COVID-19) prevention supplies, health and PSS services, and women's health kits between June and September. Additionally, UNHCR trained 85 youth on coping skills and the risks of generalized violence, and provided PSS services in dedicated safe spaces for communities at risk of violence and forced displacement.

KEY FIGURES



\$21.8 Million

In dedicated USAID/BHA
FY 2022 support for
food assistance
operations



\$13.6 Million

In dedicated
USAID/BHA FY 2022
support for
protection programming

U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

FOOD SECURITY

To address acute food insecurity exacerbated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, recurrent drought, flooding, and hurricanes in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, USAID/BHA supports the delivery of cash transfers for food to mitigate food consumption gaps and malnutrition among food-insecure households during the lean season. USAID/BHA continues to provide emergency food assistance to address increased needs across northern Central America by improving food consumption and increasing dietary diversity, while simultaneously strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities that rely heavily on agricultural production.

PROTECTION

State/PRM partner UNHCR works with governments across Central America to implement each government's commitments under the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework—known in Spanish as MIRPS—to address forced displacement in the region. UNHCR's efforts include enhancing government capacities to conduct protection screenings, receiving and processing asylum claims, and responding to protection concerns among internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other at-risk communities. In addition, State/PRM has supported the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNHCR, and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) across Central America to support livelihood, shelter, and other assistance to asylum seekers, IDPs, refugees, and vulnerable migrants, including children, GBV survivors, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) individuals, and people with disabilities. UNHCR also leads the Protection Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian protection activities, comprising UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders—in countries throughout the region, supporting coordination and providing leadership to respond to forced displacement within each country.

With State/PRM funding, UNHCR is working with the Government of El Salvador to train staff to identify and refer people in need of protection services. State/PRM also supports UNICEF's efforts throughout the region to strengthen child welfare services for asylee, refugee, and other vulnerable children.

USAID/BHA's protection partners in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras provide case management and referral services, learning and recreational opportunities, and PSS services for children, women, and LGBTQI+ populations at high risk of exploitation, GBV, and other forms of abuse. USAID/BHA partners also assist populations in El Salvador and Honduras who have become increasingly vulnerable to child protection concerns and GBV due to displacement and organized criminal group activity and flooding.



\$13.6 Million

In dedicated USAID/BHA
FY 2022 agriculture
support

AGRICULTURE

USAID/BHA partners support smallholder farmers and other agriculture-dependent households in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. With USAID/BHA support, humanitarian partners are providing critical agricultural assistance to farmers to ensure appropriate and timely inputs for planting and growing seasons to mitigate worsening food insecurity in the region. Partners provide farming tools, fertilizer, livestock feed, pesticides, poultry, seeds, and veterinary services to rural households.

USAID/BHA partners complement these agricultural inputs by providing training on climate-smart farming practices such as diversification of crops, drip irrigation, and soil management to increase crop production and build resilience to future climate shocks. Throughout northern Central America, households also receive training on how to keep chickens and increase chicken egg production as a source of protein and additional income. USAID/BHA-funded agricultural programming also strengthens livelihood opportunities and market access for rural households and helps to improve nutritional outcomes through increased availability of nutritious local foods.



\$8 Million

In dedicated USAID/BHA
FY 2022 support for
ERMS programming

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS

USAID/BHA partners implement economic recovery and market systems (ERMS) interventions to restore livelihoods, increase financial resilience, and mitigate the impact of future shocks on vulnerable households. Program activities include establishing community savings and loans groups and restarting and expanding income-generating activities. In some communities, USAID/BHA partners also hold financial literacy courses to promote savings and increase awareness of and access to financial services.



\$3.6 Million

In dedicated USAID/BHA
FY 2022 support for
shelter and settlements
programming

SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS

USAID/BHA supports implementing partners to help storm-affected households in Guatemala and Honduras repair and rehabilitate damaged structures. Activities include distributing shelter materials to vulnerable individuals to support repairs. Moreover, USAID/BHA partners are providing technical assistance and materials to improve emergency shelters and build transitional shelters, while improving urban settlements to mitigate communities' vulnerability to earthquakes, floods, and landslides.

CONTEXT IN BRIEF

- Consecutive years of drought, damage caused by Hurricanes Eta and Iota, flooding, and the socioeconomic effects of COVID-19 have adversely affected thousands of subsistence farmers and exacerbated food insecurity in rural and urban communities in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Meanwhile, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, poor health infrastructure, high population density, and insufficient availability of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services have challenged efforts to control the spread of the disease, while food, health, nutrition, and protection needs have risen across the three countries.
- Hurricanes Eta and Iota, which passed over Guatemala and Honduras in November 2020, resulted in widespread damage and destruction, exacerbating humanitarian needs and vulnerabilities in the region.
- In addition to the impacts of COVID-19 and Hurricanes Eta and Iota, the GoRF invasion of Ukraine has exacerbated food insecurity around the world, impacting populations throughout northern Central America.
- On February 26, 2021, U.S. Ambassador William W. Popp issued a disaster declaration for Guatemala; on March 8, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Colleen A. Hoey issued a disaster declaration for Honduras; and on March 15, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Brendan O’Brien issued a disaster declaration for El Salvador. The USG issued all three disaster declarations for FY 2021 in response to severe food insecurity resulting from the adverse socioeconomic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, recurrent drought, and violence-induced displacement. The U.S. Government re-issued disaster declarations for Honduras on January 21, 2022, and El Salvador and Guatemala on January 26, 2022, in response to the severe humanitarian needs that persist throughout the three countries.
- On September 28, 2022, U.S. Ambassador Laura F. Dogu issued an additional DHN/DD for Honduras in response to the humanitarian impacts of recent flooding throughout the country.

**USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL
RESPONSE IN FY 2022**

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
EL SALVADOR			
USAID/BHA			
Alight	Protection	San Salvador	\$500,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture, Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS), Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA), WASH	Ahuachapán, Morazán, Santa Ana, Sonsonate	\$5,729,859
IRC	MPCA, Protection	San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Usulután	\$2,000,000
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	ERMS, Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$1,295,156
WFP	Agriculture, Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Ahuachapán, Cabañas, Morazán, La Paz, San Miguel, La Unión, Usulután	\$8,500,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN EL SALVADOR			\$18,025,015
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$9,200,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$2,800,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN EL SALVADOR			\$12,000,000
GUATEMALA			
USAID/BHA			
Acción contra el Hambre/Spain (ACH/Spain)	ERMS, MPCA	Huehuetenango	\$2,049,338
CARE	ERMS, Protection	Alta Verapaz, Huehuetenango, Izabal, Quetzaltenango, Quiché, San Marcos, Totonicapán	\$2,000,000
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Alta Verapaz, Chiquimula, Izabal	\$7,000,000
Global Communities	ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements	Huehuetenango	\$5,800,000
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Huehuetenango, Chimaltenango, Guatemala	\$2,588,604
NRC	ERMS, Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$1,284,640
Save the Children Federation (SCF)	Agriculture, MPCA, WASH	Quiché	\$3,500,000
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Alta Verapaz, Escuintla, Guatemala	\$800,000
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Izabal, Jalapa, Jutiapa, Santa Rosa, Sololá	\$4,400,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, Protection, WASH	San Marcos, Totonicapán	\$3,500,000
	Program Support		\$5,600
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN GUATEMALA			\$32,928,182
STATE/PRM			
SCF	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,600,000
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$18,100,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$4,500,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN GUATEMALA			\$24,200,000

HONDURAS			
USAID/BHA			
ACH/Spain	ERMS, MPCA	Cortes, Santa Barbara	\$1,086,022
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Agriculture, ERMS, Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	Choluteca, El Paraíso, Francisco Morazán, Valle	\$6,000,000
CARE	ERMS, Protection	Cortes, Francisco Morazan, Yoro	\$1,200,000
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Cortés, Intibucá, La Paz, Santa Bárbara	\$6,500,000
Global Communities	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Choluteca, Copán, Ocotepeque, El Paraíso, La Paz, Ocotepeque, Valle	\$3,000,000
GOAL	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Atlántida, Colón, Gracias a Dios, Yoro	\$3,000,000
HIAS	ERMS, Protection	Cortés	\$1,000,000
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Atlantida, Cortes, Francisco Morazan	\$1,900,000
NRC	ERMS, Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$1,903,110
UNICEF	Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Francisco Marazan, Yoro	\$1,500,000
WFP	Agriculture, ERMS, Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	Francisco Morazán, La Paz, Valle	\$7,000,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Protection, WASH	Choluteca, Copán, Cortés, Olancho, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$3,600,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN HONDURAS			\$37,689,132
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$11,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$4,200,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN HONDURAS			\$15,900,000
BELIZE			
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$2,800,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN BELIZE			\$4,300,000
COSTA RICA			
STATE/PRM			
HIAS	ERMS	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
PADF	Protection	Countrywide	\$2,217,000
UNHCR	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Countrywide	\$12,200,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$2,600,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COSTA RICA			\$18,517,000
MEXICO			
STATE/PRM			
Asylum Access	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,491,282
HIAS	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,491,500
IOM	MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$28,106,035

UNHCR	Education, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$46,000,000
UNICEF	Education, ERMS, Protection, WASH, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$15,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN MEXICO			\$92,088,817
PANAMA			
STATE/PRM			
PADF	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
UNHCR	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Countrywide	\$10,483,825
UNICEF	Education, Health, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PANAMA			\$16,483,825
REGIONAL			
USAID/BHA			
	Program Support		\$19,482
TOTAL USAID/BHA REGIONAL FUNDING			\$19,482
STATE/PRM			
ICRC	Education, Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$10,200,000
IOM	Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
UNHCR	ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$260,510
UNICEF	HCIMA, DRRPP	Countrywide	\$1,340,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM REGIONAL FUNDING			\$16,800,510
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2022			\$88,661,811
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2022			\$200,290,152
TOTAL USG EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2022			\$288,951,963

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced emergency funding as of September 30, 2022 and excludes USAID/BHA ER4 funding.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as staff time, transportation routes, and warehouse space); can be transferred quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-affected region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://www.cidi.org)
 - ReliefWeb: [reliefweb.int](https://www.reliefweb.int)

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