USAID’s contribution of $2.5 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) program “Northern Triangle Information Management Initiative” aims to strengthen the capacity to manage, collect, analyze and share migration information to support humanitarian action and the protection of vulnerable populations in the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. USAID contributed to the IOM program in coordination with other donors, and with migration authorities in each country to utilize data and analysis to improve the quality of reception, assistance and other required support services for migrants in the Northern Triangle.

This IOM initiative uses primary and secondary information to build and train effective data collection teams to obtain more reliable and timely statistics on migration and internal displacement, engaging with governments and with civil society organizations that have good knowledge of local communities and their settings. IOM will work with the three countries to enhance the understanding of human mobility, displacement, migration and return. USAID’s contribution to the IOM program will help develop emergency tracking (shelters, reception centers), group/site assessments (household and community profiling), returnees tracking (reception centers, ports of entry), and analysis of the socio-economic impact of remittances.

IOM’s Northern Triangle Migration Initiative consists of two components:

a. Development of a regional open-source data collection management and information sharing protocol by working with Northern Triangle migration authorities to track, map and monitor migratory and internal displacement flows. IOM will improve the governments’ capacities to register, process, analyze and communicate information on returning migrants, and will help governments to generate reliable information on migration, and thus improve the reception, assistance, and reintegration of returning and potential migrants.

b. Conducting regularized analysis and dialogue between migration authorities and institutional partners to generate recommendations of actions to support repatriated migrants and internally displaced populations, and to address the root causes for migration and displacement. This IOM program supports regional government initiatives by providing information to help identify trends and risks, to enable informed decision-making in the protection of vulnerable migrants, especially children and teenagers, and to develop regional data on migration trends and target populations, ensuring reliable impact evaluations.

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