

## Panama

February 2020 - September 2022

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Objective:** contribute to the reduction of push factors of irregular migration from Central America, increase citizens' rootedness in their home countries, and contribute to safe, orderly, and regular migration.

**Beneficiaries:** migrants, returned migrants, their families, and communities.

**Geographical coverage:** Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama.

**Program duration:** 2020-2026



**OUTCOME 1.** Enhanced mechanisms to ensure sustainability of post-arrival, emergency assistance, and effective referral systems for people on the move.



**OUTCOME 2.** Sustainable (re)integration is facilitated at the individual, community, and structural levels.



**OUTCOME 3.** Stronger data management and analysis capabilities help national and local governments and key stakeholders adopt evidence-based policies on human mobility.



**OUTCOME 4.** National and regional dialogues on human mobility to share experiences and good practices.

### Total investment

**USD 57.7 million**  
in the region

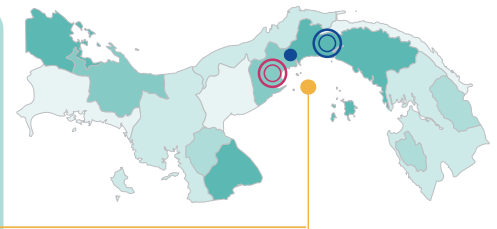
**USD 2.3 million**  
in Panama

### GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

#### Provinces benefited with program activities

Province	District	Jurisdiction
Panama	Panama Centro	Las Mañanitas
	San Miguelito	Omar Torrijos
	San Miguelito	Amelia Denis de Icaza
Western Panama	La Chorrera	Herrera
	La Chorrera	Barrio Colón Barrio Balboa

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### MAIN RESULTS



**More than 7,000 migrants and community members** supported with integration services, including regularization processes, psychosocial assistance, referrals, job skills and entrepreneurship.



**2 civil society organizations** supported to provide **integration services** to migrants, including information on migration procedures, case monitoring and access to institutional services.



**More than 130 representatives of government, municipalities, and civil society organizations** trained on migration, (re) integration, data protection and gender.



**Support to the Ministry of Health** to respond to the psychosocial needs of migrants and community members through a technical norm and mobile health services.



**1 study to identify psychosocial care needs of migrants** developed and implemented in 3 districts: Panama, San Miguelito and La Chorrera.



**An interdisciplinary team provides support** through economic integration activities and psychosocial assistance to migrants and community members.



**A team of legal experts supports migrants** in their process of regularization in the country.



**More than 3 million people reached** through the campaign against discrimination and xenophobia "Somos Lo Mismo".

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND TARGETS



**More than 3,000 migrants and community members** to be assisted with **integration services**, including regularization processes, psychosocial assistance, referrals, job skills and entrepreneurship.



**More than 200 migrants and community members** to be assisted through the establishment of an emergency fund to respond to unexpected human mobility flows.



**Nearly 100 migrants** will be assisted through **seed funding programs** to promote their economic integration.



**2 civil society organizations** will continue providing **integration services** for migrants, including, information on migration procedures, case monitoring and access to institutional services.



**6 private sector engagements** will contribute to the economic integration of migrants.



**Support to a government information system** on migration to analyze human mobility trends and respond to the needs of migrants.

## IOM'S APPROACH TO MIGRANT INTEGRATION

### MIGRANT INTEGRATION

IOM views integration as an essential component of effective and comprehensive migration management to **promote social inclusion and good relations across diverse groups**, thereby contributing towards diverse yet inclusive and cohesive societies.

While **integration is highly contextual and varies across countries**, IOM recognizes that successful integration is a dynamic and multi-directional process that **involves mutual adaptation** of migrants and of the host society, **based on principles of protection of fundamental rights, respect, tolerance and non-discrimination**.

It is a **multi-dimensional issue** that covers migrant's inclusion in economic, psychological, social, linguistic, navigational, and civic spheres, as well as empowering host communities and other local actors to receive and engage with migrants.<sup>1</sup>

The **integration index** is an IOM **multidimensional tool** designed for host countries of migrants to measure the integration impact on psychosocial, economic, social, cultural, political and linguistic dimensions, including intentions to migrate and live in another country within the next 12 months. IOM will start the application of the index in **Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama in 2023**.

1. <https://www.iom.int/migrant-integration-and-social-cohesion>.



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