



2023 IMPACT REPORT

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Front cover photo: Venezuelan indigenous Warao woman and child. Warao live in small communities bordering Venezuela, in the far north of Guyana's Amazon forest. With medicine and food scarce at home, thousands of Warao have left their home in the Orinoco Delta River in Venezuela to cross the border looking for better opportunities in Guyana. ©IOM 2023 / Gema Cortes

Back cover photo: Mahmoud and one of his sons in front of their temporary tent in Türkiye, hoping that they will soon be able to return home to Syria. ©IOM 2023

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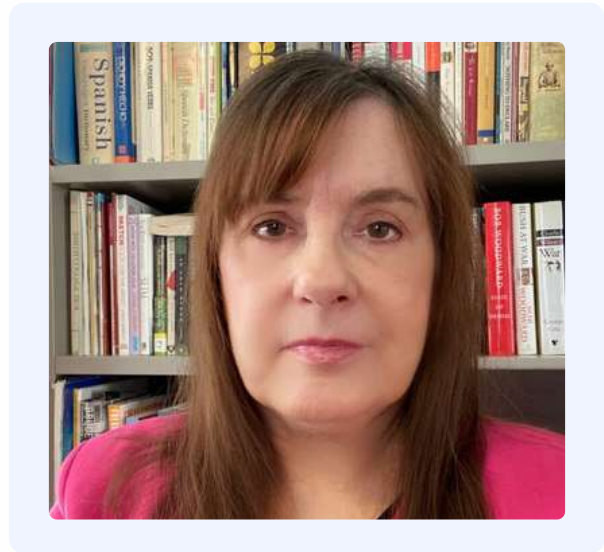
Message from the Chair of the Board

It is with great pride and a profound sense of responsibility that I address you as the chair of USA for IOM. Reflecting on our achievements over the past year, I am very grateful for the support from individuals, corporations, and foundations across the United States. Their contributions have been pivotal in enabling vulnerable migrants to not just survive, but thrive in their new environments.

Our dedication to excellence guides us towards being recognized as a leading nonprofit organization. This commitment extends to ensuring transparency, accountability, and effective governance to ensure the sustainability and continued positive impact of our work.

Looking to 2024, we're excited to welcome new board members who bring a wealth of diverse perspectives and expertise, essential for the unique challenges and opportunities faced by nonprofit organizations.

Diversity in our board not only ensures a broad range of insights and experiences that align with our mission, but also enriches the decision-making process, fosters innovation, enhances our strategic planning, and ensures we effectively impact the communities we serve.



We are committed to continuing to explore the most meaningful and effective ways to collaborate with IOM, especially as Director General Amy Pope assumes leadership and moves forward on several exciting new developments.

We anticipate that these new partnerships and board members will inject fresh energy and perspectives into our mission, mirroring our growing influence and the increasing relevance of our work in today's dynamic environment.

I extend my sincere thanks to each one of you for your continued support and partnership. Your belief in our mission enables us to make a lasting difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Sheldon
Chair of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors

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Impact Highlights

The generosity of donors in the United States in 2023 enabled USA for IOM to fill urgent gaps in funding and programming needs.

OVERARCHING

NEARLY **\$1M** raised in 2023 through private sector, foundations and individual donors.

Collaborated with **more than 15 IOM offices and missions** around action, strategy and awareness raising to mobilize global support for migration initiatives.

More than **10 partnerships** with private sector and non-profit partners, both new and ongoing.



600+ new individual donors partnered with USA for IOM in 2023



OVER **\$700,000** contributed to fund operations in more than 10 IOM mission countries.



BENEFICIARIES IMPACTED

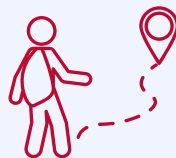
NEARLY **500,000**

beneficiaries impacted, with the largest number in Ukraine

235 microentrepreneurs and small business owners, including Venezuelan migrants and host community members in Peru and Ecuador, received mentoring, business training and support.



86 vulnerable migrants, at risk of or victims of trafficking, received assistance to meet their urgent needs, including repatriation travel.



20+ minors from Central America were reunited with their families in the United States.

Our Impact



“ USA for IOM’s partnerships with IOM missions facilitates our global programming, enabling the funds that we receive to have far reaching impact in crisis response and for migrants in need worldwide.”

 Project implementation

 Collaboration

Maria Moreno
CEO, USA for IOM

Building Bridges, Changing Lives: The 2023 Impact Report

It is my privilege to share the remarkable strides we've made together in 2023. This year, we've seen firsthand the powerful impact of our collective efforts on the lives of migrants around the globe, all made possible by our compassionate community of donors, partners, and supporters.

Our mission is to shed light on migration issues and mobilize support that brings tangible improvements to the lives of migrants. This year, thanks to the generosity of individual donors, foundations, and corporations, we've been able to extend our reach, touching hundreds of thousands of lives across the globe.

Our success is fundamentally rooted in the generous contributions we've received. Thanks to the altruism of our corporate sponsors, the contributions of foundations and donor-advised funds partners, and the heartfelt donations from individual donors, we've been able to drive forward a wide array of impactful projects. These initiatives, spanning essential areas like health, mental health, psychosocial support, and research, as well as efforts to protect the most vulnerable migrants, reflect our deep commitment to creating meaningful change.



Our visibility and awareness-raising efforts have also grown, bringing more opportunities to raise the topic of migration thanks to strategic partnerships with media outlets, collaborations with influential stakeholders, and the leveraging of digital platforms to reach a wider audience. We have engaged in a variety of campaigns, educational programs, and public awareness events, each designed to highlight the critical issues facing migrants and the invaluable contributions they make to our communities.

Looking toward 2024, we are inspired to broaden our impact and deepen the ties that make our mission possible.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Maria Moreno
CEO

Global Response and Project Highlights





Support for Conflict-Affected Persons in Ukraine



6,300
INDIVIDUALS

received mental health and psychosocial support

Water systems were strengthened to ensure access to safe water for approximately



400,000
INDIVIDUALS

7 MOBILE CLINICS 

deployed to remote areas with limited access to medical facilities

More than 460,000 people received multisectoral support thanks to a generous contribution in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars, aimed at supporting USA for IOM Ukraine's response appeal to provide emergency response in Ukraine (July 2022 – March 2023). Thanks to this support, IOM was able to provide lifesaving assistance to the most vulnerable populations in Ukraine, enabling them to cope better with health needs and psychological distress caused by the ongoing war.

The comprehensive intervention included the provision of essential health services; access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene; mental health and psychosocial support. Furthermore, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse raised awareness, supported the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance, and brought attention to safe, confidential misconduct reporting mechanisms.



These activities supported the immediate needs of war-affected populations in Ukraine, while also supporting sustainable results through capacity-building initiatives, which promote long-term impact on the community and strengthen existing structures and local service provision.



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The war in Ukraine has caused widespread destruction and massive displacement. Collective action is essential to respond to the complex humanitarian and development needs and support reconstruction.

Partnerships developed through USA for IOM have provided essential support as we rebuild and restore lives, and revitalize communities, including through ties with the Ukrainian diaspora.”

Alessia Schiavon
Chief of Mission, IOM Ukraine





Lifesaving Support for Conflict-Affected Persons in Ukraine

A project funded by **Meta** with a donation of \$150,000 for general operating support in response to the ongoing conflict, provided life-saving assistance for conflict-affected peoples in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Support for more than 3,500 people affected by the conflict included Emergency Livelihood Support and Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance. The Meta donation provided more than 800 beneficiaries with opportunities to prioritize their needs and make necessary spending decisions.



Remote Work Opportunities Support Conflict-Affected Individuals in Ukraine

As many Ukrainians lost their jobs because of quickly changing conflict dynamics, IOM facilitated access to remote work by establishing a partnership with the **UpWork** platform. IOM trained and mentored 69 war-affected persons with the basic skills needed to find online job opportunities. Eighteen of these people were trained and mentored thanks to **Meta**. Demand for this program was high, and to meet the need, IOM was able to make subsequent webinars available online and accessible for all who expressed interest.



In February 2023, IOM conducted a diaspora outreach campaign to support Ukrainian freelancers. The campaign, entitled “**Hire those who never gave up**”, targeted the Ukrainian diaspora in the United States and Canada with a call to hire Ukrainian freelancers. The campaign reached 150,000 people.



Emergency livelihood activities aim to reduce the impact of the war on community and personal well-being. The Meta project had a sustainable, positive impact on wellness, as the capacity of vulnerable individuals was improved through cash interventions, job-preparedness training and mentorship.

Promoting Innovative Approaches to Access Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine

In areas affected by ground operations and missile attacks in Ukraine, public infrastructure and residential buildings have been severely damaged. To help restore decent housing conditions, IOM facilitated access to construction materials to enable war-affected people to repair their homes.

IOM worked with local building material suppliers to introduce the innovative voucher modality. Following assessments of damaged homes, in collaboration with government and local authorities, the project assisted 125 households in Mykolaivska and Sumska oblasts with vouchers for shelter repair materials and tools that they redeemed in-store and on-line. The process enabled beneficiaries to access the exact materials they needed.

This cost-efficient approach is currently being replicated as part of other individual shelter support interventions, based on the best practices and lessons learned.

IOM supported households throughout the process, with the aim to meet needs in oblasts heavily affected by the conflict where people require immediate assistance.



“*After there was an explosion in our neighbor’s yard, all our windows were blown out due to the shock wave. With the vouchers we received we were able to order new prefabricated windows from the store. These windows were then delivered and installed in our houses which made it accessible, especially for us pensioners.*”

Male beneficiary from Sumska oblast



Global Assistance Fund

More than 80 migrants at risk of violence, exploitation, and abuse received protection support and assistance through the IOM Global Assistance Fund thanks to a grant received by USA for IOM (July 2022 – June 2023). Support was provided to victims of trafficking in multiple countries, including people displaced by the conflicts in Ukraine and Sudan. In Ghana a skills training was held with 25 women survivors of trafficking to promote their well-being and self-sufficiency.

Funds to support those affected by the February 2023 earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria were provided to IOM’s Global Assistance Fund, in order to support the most vulnerable who are at risk of trafficking. Addition funds were provided to IOM Ecuador to provide personalized immediate protection and sustainable direct assistance to migrants in vulnerable circumstances.

IOM’s Global Assistance Fund (GAF) is an emergency fund that offers personalized immediate protection and sustainable direct assistance to migrants in vulnerable circumstances across the globe. In November 2023, CEO Maria Moreno signed USA for IOM’s renewed commitment to GAF, together with Mr. Yitna Getachew, Head of IOM Protection Division.



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Consistent support from USA for IOM has enabled the Global Assistance Fund to provide protection and essential support to vulnerable migrants worldwide.”

Mr. Yitna Getachew,
Head of IOM Protection Division

Batik and tie dye training builds vocational skills of trafficking survivors in Ghana

A batik tie-dye training for trafficking survivors supported 25 women from Ghana and Nigeria to promote their well-being and self-sufficiency.

“Today, I came to learn how to make batik tie-dye. They’ve taught us plenty of things about the mixing process. I know that it is good to be attentive when learning these skills because this may help me in my future. I’ve very grateful,” said a participant.

Held in June 2023 at a government women’s shelter in Accra, the training was made possible through the support of IOM’s **Global Assistance Fund** and USA for IOM, and was organized by IOM Ghana in collaboration with the Government of Ghana’s Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection’s Human Trafficking Secretariat.

“This form of business skills development and handiwork training will help these women to develop alternative means to support themselves so that when they go back home, they have an additional set of job skills. If one is not working, they can utilize the other to build a new means of income,” said Edem Semordzi, IOM Ghana Reintegration Assistant.

The purpose of the training was to empower the women through creativity and art, and ensure that when the survivors reintegrate back

into their communities, they have vocational knowledge to support themselves. This training adds to the services offered to victims of trafficking, which including referrals, psychosocial assistance, counselling, shelter, and resources for reintegration through micro business development.

“

When I’m doing this, I just feel happy. I know that all these things I am learning are going to help me. My favorite part of the tie-dye was the process of mixing the starch, dipping the fabrics into the starch, and then adding the colors. I love the different colors I get from it,”

Trafficking Survivor

Positive feedback was received from all partners, and from participants, who appreciated the assistance to support their recovery, and who look forward to putting their new skills into practice.



Entrepreneurship in Movement

MORE THAN

3,860

migrants have gained employment or started a business in their new host community thanks to **Citi Foundation's support to USA for IOM.**



SO FAR

1,372

have been trained in critical business skills.

ENTREPRENEURS 

SO FAR

337

have been financed to create or improve their businesses.

ENTREPRENEURS



The Entrepreneurship in Movement program supports Venezuelan migrants and host community members to grow their skills and businesses. Between September 2022 and June 2023, the third phase of the program served more than 235 participants in Peru and Ecuador who received financial training and seed capital.

The program monitors new business startups of microentrepreneurs and small business owners, strengthening beneficiaries' ventures and building socio-economic resilience in host communities.

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The Citi Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the USA for IOM Entrepreneurship program and its commitment to transforming the lives of migrants and host communities across the Americas. From offering financial training to supporting new ventures, its impact on individuals and communities is far reaching and sure to leave a lasting mark.”

Charlotte Gauthier,
Program Officer, Citi Foundation

Citi Foundation



This USA for IOM program, supported since 2019 by the **Citi Foundation**, currently in its fourth phase, aims to expand sustainable livelihoods for migrants, refugees, and their host communities across the Americas.

Entrepreneurship in Movement was born out of the necessity to include the innovative and strategic capacity of private sector entities, especially the Citi Foundation, to partner with IOM to expand the inter-agency response to support migrants and refugees from Venezuela. The Venezuela crisis has seen the collapse of the economy, public services, along with widespread violence and lack of food, water and medicine cause a mass exodus, the largest in Latin American history, surpassing 7 million displaced people.

Entrepreneurship in Movement program components include:

- Business skills training
- Seed funding
- Job training
- Labor market studies
- Space for collaboration with the private sector
- Awareness-raising events



“My growth has been exponential, both personally and professionally. We take the opportunity to polish and enhance our skills until they shine.”

Entrepreneurship in Movement training participant



Through Entrepreneurship in Movement, Citi Foundation’s collaboration with USA for IOM is rebuilding livelihoods and fostering dignity for thousands of people, giving Venezuelan migrants and refugees the agency to drive positive socioeconomic change in their host communities. USA for IOM is grateful to the Citi Foundation for its cornerstone investment in the Entrepreneurship in Movement program.

Health Assistance to Victims of Trafficking

Focused on support to vulnerable Venezuelan migrants in the Dominican Republic, the Health Assistance to Victims of Trafficking project supports enhanced government and civil society assistance for victims of trafficking.

Through USA for IOM's collaboration with IOM Dominican Republic and national counterparts, the project aims to improve service capacity and raise awareness. The project is funded by GlobalGiving.

The project conducted a study to identify referral mechanisms between the government and civil society organizations, to improve the response and provision of specialized services for victims of violence.

Comprehensive assistance was provided to 38 migrant women survivors of violence and human trafficking, offering psychological, psychiatric, and health services, including medications, and vouchers for the purchase of food and hygiene items.

The project contributed to strengthening prevention in the area of human trafficking through:



Two workshops on prevention of human trafficking, reached 62 university students of cinema and communication.



Development of a guide for secondary teachers, focused on visual arts, to address human trafficking.



Production of an educational video on human trafficking, including stories of survivors.



GlobalGiving

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With the valuable support of USA for IOM, we have strengthened our efforts in the prevention and protection of women survivors of trafficking. This joint project has enabled us to intensify our mission in combating this crime in the country and expand our message.”

Josue Gastelbondo,
Chief of Mission, IOM Dominican Republic



The activities culminated with the visit of **Jessy Terrero**, Filmmaker, Director and Executive Producer and CEO of Cinema Giants who has gained international fame for his movies and music videos, and has worked with such superstars as J.Lo, 50 Cent, Enrique Iglesias, and Bad Bunny, among others. Jessy joined a performance of the Dominican-Venezuelan Binational Symphony

Orchestra, promoting integration through music. Additionally, Jessy visited the Migration Orientation Hub in Sambil, Santo Domingo, where he spent time speaking with entrepreneur migrant mothers, appreciating their hand-made products and encouraging their business pursuits.

Central American Minor Parolee Program

Through consistent support from the **Shapiro Foundation** since 2019, IOM has facilitated the movement of 1,652 beneficiaries of the Central American Minors program from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras who are fleeing conflict, insecurity, and economic crisis to reunite with their families in the US. These minors were previously approved for travel to the United States under the US Citizenship and Immigration Services' Central American Minors Parole Program.



“ IOM is proud to uphold safer, more orderly and regular migration as a positive experience for all. Support from the Shapiro Foundation has enabled us to carry out these aims - by facilitating family reunification while ensuring protection for young people.”

Mari Christy,
Head of Operations, Americas & the Caribbean



This work takes place through a grant to IOM El Salvador, thanks to funds from USA for IOM, to provide support and transportation for beneficiaries of the Central American Minors program. Between March and August 2023, the project facilitated the reunification of 21 Central American beneficiaries with their families in the US.

National Border Management Capacities in Moldova

The war in Ukraine triggered an unprecedented movement of conflict-affected people in Europe, including into the Republic of Moldova. This influx of vulnerable displaced people requires coordinated response from humanitarian and development actors for assistance and protection.

Open Society Foundations' funds to USA for IOM enabled IOM in Moldova to undertake a project to enhance border management capacities with biometric documentation processing and registration equipment. This technology supports national authorities to maintain reliable mechanisms to facilitate the protection of vulnerable groups.

“*Through IOM's coordination with national authorities in Moldova, together with USA for IOM, we are pleased to further enhance service provision and protection for the most vulnerable and conflict-affected populations.*”

Lars Johan Lönnback,
IOM Moldova's Chief of Mission



To enable Moldova's General Inspectorate of Migration to rapidly process document authenticity verification, through this project, IOM procured and handed over nine state-of-the-art biometric data enrollment workstations. These devices ensure that the data generated meets international standards, and speeds the registration process for refugees and Third Country Nationals.

The devices will be installed in all regional offices of the General Inspectorate of Migration, according to operational needs.

The equipment supports national migration authorities to modernize border management tools, enhance protection mechanisms, and facilitate access to basic services.

Earthquake Response in Türkiye and Syria

Two devastating earthquakes struck the southern area of Türkiye and northwest Syria on February 6, 2023. The first earthquake, of 7.7 magnitude, was one of the strongest to hit the area in more than 100 years. The earthquakes took tens of thousands of lives and affected millions of people; hundreds of thousands were left homeless.



IOM provides emergency support to survivors of the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.



To support populations affected by the earthquakes, USA for IOM was proud to receive individual donors and employee giving programs to support the response in Türkiye and Syria. The generosity of these donations enabled USA for IOM to contribute to the IOM response, which provided life-saving assistance.

Recognizing the protection needs of vulnerable migrants affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, USA for IOM funds continue our commitment through IOM's Global Assistance Fund, an emergency fund to offers personalized immediate protection assistance.

Migration Research, Analysis and Policy

Grant to IOM HQ to support the World Migration Report funded by Meta Platforms

The World Migration Report, IOM's flagship publication, is the Organization's key contribution to advance an evidence-based understanding of migration issues, informing migration policies and programs.

A generous donation from Meta supports the production and dissemination of the World Migration Report series, to ensure the report continues to be produced according to the highest quality standards and continuously improve the report's accessibility, reach and impact.



Advancing towards the implementation of the first Local Migration Governance Indicators in the U.S.

The Local Migration Governance Indicators process has successfully been implemented with more than 60 local authorities in Central and South America, covering the main migration corridors and enabling cities in the Americas to exchange challenges and best practices in the field of migration governance.

To gain a more comprehensive understanding of the migration dynamics and devise holistic solutions, IOM aims to roll out Local Migration Governance Indicators assessments in the United States, extending the migration governance assessments to transit and destination cities throughout the entirety of migrants' journeys.

To raise awareness and build trust with relevant partners, and approach prospective cities to establish partnerships and identify resources, in 2023 the following steps were undertaken:



Initiated development of an outreach and fundraising strategy to identify potential city candidates and funding sources.



Held meetings with several cities and key U.S. city networks to raise awareness about the process and how it can benefit cities in the U.S.



Identified opportunities for collaboration and potential next steps

Expanding Awareness and Understanding of Migration

Co-sponsorship of multiple high-level events involving private sector partners, the donor community, and academia, expanded USA for IOM awareness raising to additional audiences. Events included round tables on Ukraine, Afghanistan and Mexico, presenting the insights of IOM Chiefs of Mission, and through diaspora engagement and youth dialogues.



Global Migration Film Festival in Washington, D.C.

January 25 - The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) in Washington, D.C. presented *Buoyancy*, a film inspired by actual events, relating the story of a 14-year-old Cambodian boy, a victim of human trafficking enslaved on a fishing trawler. The film's director, Rodd Rathjen, joined a panel moderated by USA for IOM Board Director Anne Richard to discuss raising awareness of critical migration issues through cinema. USA for IOM co-sponsored the Global Migration Film Festival in partnership with IOM Washington.



Diaspora Engagement and Harmonizing Labour Migration Policies in East and Horn of Africa



March 21 - Participants appreciated a photo exhibition on stories of entrepreneurship and challenges faced in the East and Horn of Africa, introduced by Maria Moreno at an event on Africa diaspora engagement held in Washington DC. The event was organized by the IOM Washington Diaspora Engagement Unit, and the IOM Regional Office for the East and Horn of Africa and attended by the Ambassadors of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Somalia to the USA.

African Diaspora Investment Symposium



March 22-24 - As a sponsor of the African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS), held in Silicon Valley, California, USA for IOM supported to highlight the unique role migrants play in social and economic progress. ADIS is a space to build bridges and discuss pressing issues related to Africa and the Diaspora. The USA for IOM and IOM Washington team traveled to the African Diaspora Investment Symposium to share stories of entrepreneurship and challenges faced in the East and Horn of Africa.

APRIL

First Cities Summit of the Americas

April 26-28 - The first-ever Cities Summit of the Americas, held in Denver, Colorado convened leaders and representatives from across the Western Hemisphere to engage on challenges and opportunities for regional cooperation. USA for IOM sponsored the panel: *"The Role of Local Governments in the Reception and Integration of Migrants and Refugees in Cities Across the Americas."*

USA for IOM CEO Maria Moreno provided opening remarks at the session *"Urbanpreneurs: Supporting Youth Innovation Driving Transformation in Urban Settings,"* organized by Young Americas Business Trust (YABT). The Cities Summit was a valuable opportunity to engage with key stakeholders, including government agencies, UN partners, academia, and the private sector.



Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, visited YABT's Emerging Entrepreneurs Village during the Cities Summit, where USA for IOM launched the next phase of the Entrepreneurship in Movement program.



Global Classrooms Model UN Conference

April 28 - The impact of climate change on migration was a key topic of discussion at the spring Global Classrooms Model UN Conference, held at the U.S. Department of State. USA for IOM's Board Member Luca Dall'Oglio delivered remarks and advised the young IOM Committee as they deliberated. USA for IOM is a proud sponsor of Global Classrooms DC, the model UN education program of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area where students can strengthen valuable skills such as public speaking, negotiation, research, analysis, and writing.



MAY

State of Migration in Mexico



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As we work to promote orderly, safe, and dignified migration, the continued development of partnerships is essential to establish common goals to create opportunities, develop practical solutions to migration challenges, and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need.”

Dana Graber Ladek,
IOM Mexico Chief of Mission

May 11 - IOM Mexico Chief of Mission Dana Graber Ladek spoke with private sector partners and practitioners about the state of migration in Mexico at a briefing in Washington, DC. They discussed the key needs of migrants including job placement, healthcare, training capacities and legal services, and how the private sector can support the response. IOM's work in Mexico has been in the spotlight due to the dynamics of migration policy and the impact on migration flows in Latin America. IOM Mexico annually assists hundreds of thousands of migrants, including irregular migrants in transit, returnees, and internally displaced persons.

Youth Dialogue on Migration, Development and Integration

June 16 - The Youth Dialogue on Migration, Development and Integration brought together nearly 70 participants, mainly young leaders and entrepreneurs, both in person at San Ignacio de Loyola University (USIL) in Lima, Peru, and virtually from other countries in the region.

Luciano Arroio, Operations and Partnership Coordinator, represented USA for IOM on a panel: "Resilience and Inclusive Societies: Creating Opportunities for Participation and Entrepreneurship for Migrant and Refugee Youth."



Participants exchanged on their work to empower communities, migrants and hosts alike. They gathered into working groups to develop policy recommendations to address challenges faced by migrant youth, which were shared during the dialogue by young Venezuelans chosen as spokespersons. Recommendations were presented at the Youth Dialogue of the Americas, in the framework of the 53rd OAS General Assembly in June.

The Dialogue was organized by the Young Americas Business Trust, the National Office of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Peru, IOM Peru Country Office, and USA for IOM, and hosted at the San Ignacio de Loyola University.



Partnerships for Progress: Pioneering Solutions in Migration with IOM Director General Amy Pope and Global Private Sector Leaders

July 12 – USA for IOM and IOM Washington hosted a Private Sector Roundtable on the Future of Migration with IOM Director General-Elect Amy Pope, gathering partners from the private sector to speak about the current state of migration and means to jointly address migration challenges. Private sector partners recognized the importance of ethical recruitment, scale-up of successful innovations, and the value that migrants add to the economy.



Participants engaged with Director General-Elect Amy Pope in discussion on joint areas of work to enhance the benefits of migration on both a global and local scale, through:

Building Migration Pathways

Safe Labor Migration

Data for Decision-making



“
Migration will be a way for the private sector to continue to innovate, to continue to spur economic development.

Building partnerships is ultimately key to success.”

Amy E. Pope,
IOM Director General

Unlocking the Potential of Human Mobility through Public-Private Partnerships

September 18-20 - During the Concordia Annual Summit, USA for IOM hosted a productive conversation about the impact of public-private sector partnerships in Latin America. Speakers IOM Director General Amy Pope, Millicom (Tigo) CEO Mauricio Ramos, and USA for IOM Board Member Bobbi Wegner explored how public-private partnerships can play an important role as agents of change, empowering communities and supporting innovation.



Together with key partners, USA for IOM Community Engagement Committee Board Members and IOM staff hosted the Roundtable on Climate Migration. Participants discussed innovative approaches and solutions to face climate migration and support affected communities through the support of the private sector.



IOM's Role and the Humanitarian Outlook in Afghanistan



“On the day of the first earthquake we were already loading trucks with non-food items and tents to the most affected areas. One of the added values of IOM is our presence across the country, that we can mobilize response very quickly. Despite the challenges, staff are working day and night to provide assistance.”

Maria Moita
IOM Afghanistan Chief of Mission

November 1 - USA for IOM gathered partners and practitioners in Washington D.C. and on-line for an informative conversation with IOM Afghanistan Chief of Mission Maria Moita, moderated by Anne Richard, USA for IOM Board Member. They discussed the complex crisis that Afghanistan is facing, driven by escalating food insecurity, constrained livelihood opportunities, as well as conflict-driven displacement, and most recently the major earthquakes that struck in June 2022 and October 2023. USA for IOM supports fundraising for ongoing programming, which supports relief operations in Afghanistan in response to mounting, complex humanitarian needs.

Global Migration Film Festival in El Paso, Texas

November 17 - The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) held in El Paso, Texas presented the movie, *“Home is Somewhere Else,”* written and directed by Carlos Hagerman and Jorge Villalobos. The film tells three stories of young people sharing their fears and hopes of living in the United States, told through animation and featuring the actual voices of the migrants behind the stories. The GMFF took place in El Paso, Texas, at the Philanthropy Theater / The Plaza Theater.



After the screening, there was a dialogue with film director Jorge Villalobos and IOM Mexico Chief of Mission Dana Graber Ladek on the significance of empathetic narratives about migrants. The event gathered students, community members and practitioners, creating an opportunity to discuss migrant narratives, raising awareness through film, shedding light on the challenges faced by migrants.



PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival empowers young filmmakers to challenge perceptions on migration

December 15 - The PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival, a collaborative initiative between the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and IOM, stands out as a beacon of hope and creativity, empowering young filmmakers globally to delve into pressing issues including migration, diversity, social inclusion, and combating xenophobia.

The PLURAL+ recognition ceremony, held at UN Headquarters in New York, highlighted the remarkable works of young directors from around the world, selected from hundreds of submissions by a panel of professional judges, which resonated with authenticity and artistic flair.

We were honored to have Jessy Terrero, Director and Executive Producer of Cinema Giants, share his journey and insights. His reflection at the USA for IOM reception, celebrating the 15th edition of the festival, emphasized the transformative power of representation in media.



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These films are not merely cinematic creations, these are powerful narratives that ignite conversations, foster empathy and challenge our perceptions of the world.”

Ugochi Daniels
IOM Deputy Director General



“Art is the language of connection,” reflected Jessy Terrero, who served as an International Jury member, inviting PLURAL+ recipients to continue using art and challenge stereotypes.

Partner with Us: Strengthening Support for Migration Initiatives

Join us in supporting and advocating for the respect and dignity of all people on the move. Our work encompasses a range of migration programs including emergency response, humanitarian assistance, and capacity building across the globe. We invite you to join our efforts to ensure safe, orderly, and humane migration for all.

How you can partner with us:

1. Direct Contributions

Make a direct impact by contributing through our website or using Donor-Advised Funds. Donations support critical programs such as emergency relief and services directly benefiting migrants worldwide. This avenue offers a straightforward and flexible way to support, allowing for both one-time and recurring contributions tailored to your philanthropic goals.

2. Collaborative Initiatives with U.S. Foundations

We collaborate with U.S. Foundations to design and implement initiatives that directly support people on the move. By leveraging IOM's deep understanding of migration issues, Foundations can ensure that their contributions have a meaningful impact addressing complex migration challenges. Working together, we can create customized solutions that leverage U.S. Foundations' expertise and resources, amplifying the impact of our collective efforts.

3. Corporate Partnerships: In-Kind Support and Beyond

Corporations play a crucial role in our mission, providing in-kind support, expertise, and resources that extend our reach and enable us to strengthen our programs worldwide. Engage your corporation in a meaningful partnership that aligns with your CSR goals and makes a tangible difference in the lives of migrants.

4. Engaging Employee Giving

Empower your employees to contribute to a cause that matters by facilitating employee giving programs. Partner with USA for IOM to foster a culture of philanthropy and social responsibility within your organization, making a collective impact on global migration challenges.

Every partnership and contribution brings us closer to achieving our vision of humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all.

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Remembering James N. Purcell Jr.



This report was being developed as we mourn the loss of Mr. James N. Purcell Jr. He was a former Chairman of the Board of USA for IOM, who was actively involved in the leadership of USA for IOM for more than three decades.

He served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Refugee Affairs from 1983 to 1986, and then as Director General of IOM (1988 - 1998). Recognized as a mentor, leader, humanitarian legend and advocate for migrants until his last days, he will be sincerely missed.

Mr. Purcell dedicated his career to championing the United States Refugee Admissions Program as well as multilateral cooperation on migration issues across the globe.

He took immense pride in USA for IOM's growth in leveraging the value of the U.S. private sector, and capturing the American people's interest in humanitarian affairs, and IOM's mission to uphold the dignity and rights of migrants worldwide.



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Civilization's new test is whether we can help free the world's conscience and regain a sense of moral outrage, purpose, and resolve to face our responsibilities directly and to act.

As caring members of the international community, we must determine our appropriate and equitable roles in solving systemic dysfunctions that bring people to the brink of despair - and help those we can."

James N. Purcell Jr.
We're in Danger! Who Will Help Us?
Refugees and Migrants: A Test of Civilization (2019)

Our mission at USA for IOM is twofold: we aim to advocate and raise awareness about migration issues, reinforcing a deeper understanding and commitment towards the welfare and rights of migrants. And further, to mobilize resources and foster partnerships that strengthen humanitarian assistance and development efforts for migrants. This dual approach guides our every action, driving our initiatives towards impactful and sustainable outcomes.



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