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Strangers in a strange land: Migrants and disasters in the U.S.



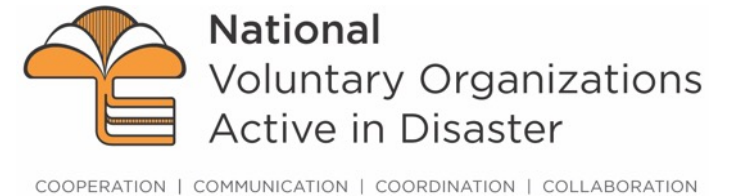
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Land Acknowledgment

“Acknowledgment is a simple, powerful way of showing respect and a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people’s history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth.”

<https://usdac.us/nativeland>

CDP’s Land Acknowledgment is inspired by Dawn Knickerbocker, Native Americans in Philanthropy.



AT THE END OF THE WEBINAR, GRANTMAKERS WILL:

- Improve their understanding of the refugee, migrant and asylum seeker pipeline.
- Increase awareness of funding opportunities in sending and receiving communities.
- Learn how disasters differentially impact migrant workers.

Overview

- **46.1 million immigrants** in the U.S.
- **13.9% of the U.S. population**, similar proportion to 100 years ago.
- Those seeking asylum in 2023 are fleeing **complex humanitarian emergencies**, including Venezuela, the war in Ukraine, the Northern Triangle of Central America and Haiti.

Definitions

- **Refugee** is a person who has fled their own country because they are at risk of serious human rights violations and persecution there.
- **Asylum seeker** is a person who has left their country and is seeking protection from persecution and serious human rights violations in another country, but who hasn't yet been legally recognized as a refugee and is waiting to receive a decision on their asylum claim.
- **Migrant** is "someone who is moving from place to place (within his or her country or across borders), usually for economic reasons such as seasonal work."

By the Numbers

- **Encounters over the years**

- Fiscal Year 2023 - 3.2 million
- 2022 - 2.76 million
- 2021 - 1.96 million
- 2020 - 700,000

- **In 2023:**

- The largest number of asylum seekers came from Mexico at just under 736,000.
- 2,061,723 million single adults.
- 993,947 individuals in a family unit.
- 137,992 unaccompanied minors and 7,482 accompanied minors.

- **Green cards**

- Since 2007, the US has issued 1 million green cards annually.
- One-fifth in California.

Speakers

Thank you to our guests for joining us today.

#CDP4Recovery



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Legal Rights & Entitlements of migrants

- A **right to apply for asylum** regardless of manner of entry.
- **Cannot legally work**
- **Ineligible** for any publicly-funded programs
- **On their own**
- In TX & FL, subject to busing to other parts of the country





GOOD JOBS PRINCIPLES

WE WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES

RECRUITMENT & HIRING

Formal, transparent recruitment and hiring with standards to protect workers and high road employers

SKILL & CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Trainings, certifications, and on-ramps for advancement as demand rises

JOB SECURITY & WORKING CONDITIONS

Repeat contracting, turning episodic work into long-term jobs, and guaranteed industry-wide standards

EMPOWERMENT & REPRESENTATION

Worker voice, leadership, and co-enforcement of high-road standards

PAY

Minimum standards for pay and zero-tolerance non-payment of wages.

ICF's Border Funds (HRs and Migration)

Since 2017, over \$4 Million granted to 30+ organizations protecting the rights and dignity of people on the move, particularly at the California-Baja California Border

Several Funds including the **ICF Border Fund** – Donor Advised Funds, and Agency Funds (fiscal sponsorship), seek to:

Improve resources and protections for refugees and vulnerable migrants at the US-Mexico border

Foster healthy, inclusive relationships between host communities and newly arrived individuals

Support long-term capacity of the nonprofit ecosystem in Mexico supporting displaced people

ICF's Border Fund- a pooled fund for ongoing grantmaking and technical assistance, seeks to ensure access to:

1. Shelter, food and basic needs
2. Preventative and mental health
3. Legal services and advocacy
4. Education for children & adults
5. Welcoming & Inclusion





Outdated
refugee &
asylum system

1951 Refugee Convention & 1967 Protocol

- Non-refoulement,
- Impetus – displacement caused by war, conflicts & persecution

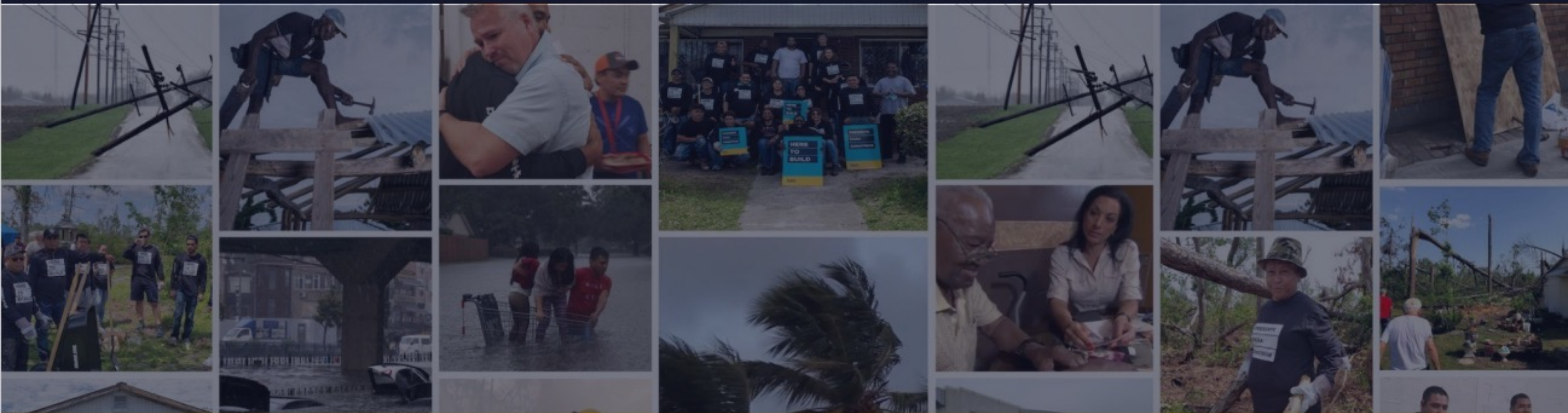
Refugee (outside of host country) v. asylee (inside host country)

- Persecution on account of race, national origin, political opinion, religion, membership of particular social group
- Home country unable or unwilling to protect
- Internal relocation impossible

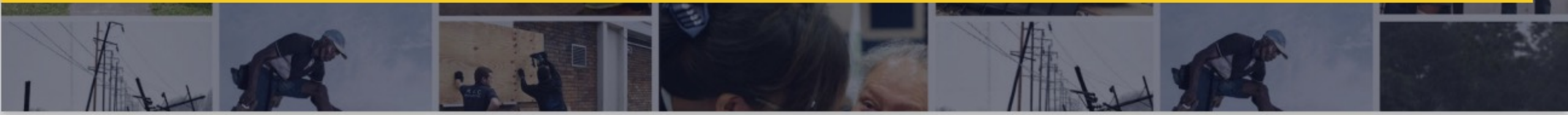
RESILIENCE FORCE

CLIMATE RELATED DISASTERS IN 2022

\$100+ BILLION



BUILDING CLIMATE CAREERS, A CLEAN ECONOMY, AND A RESILIENT NATION



ICF's Central America Portfolio

Since 2017, over \$7 Million granted to 50+ organizations in 6 countries*

Ensure Economic Development & Food Security within communities experiencing forced displacement.

Scale and strengthen Sustainable Agriculture models that are profitable and ensure the ecological integrity and health of local communities.

Increase direct access to Sexual & Reproductive Health services, particularly for young women and girls.

Increase access to quality Education, Health and Basic Services.

5 Active Funds including the **Central America Grants Fund** – pooled funding from individual + institutional donors for ongoing grantmaking

Co-powering Local Civil Society:
Trust-Based Philanthropy
Flexible funding
Build Resilience
Leverage new funds

Jessica is an entrepreneur and extensionist graduate of FUNDESYRAM's program in the Apaneca Bisosphere, El Salvador, where she operates a profitable organic farm and trains other women community members in sustainable agroecology practices.



*Excluding grants for environmental conservation work in Panama and Belize

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We work across borders to connect people, ideas and investments in the transformative power of community

Founded in 1990
 FY2023 – granted \$13.6M
Nimble, flexible and Weekly grant cycle

Strategic Pillars include Human Rights & Migration: **US-Mexico Border and Central America Portfolios**

Based in San Diego - Community Foundation model focused on Latin America, primarily Mexico and Central America





NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

Learn about the laws for people seeking asylum.

Recognize that our economy would collapse without migrant workers.

Address the original crises to reduce migration.

Expert Resources



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