

How we give youth a new start at home

Each year, hundreds of thousands of adults and children from Guatemala and Mexico attempt to migrate to the United States, driven by poverty, instability, and violence. Unfortunately, under current U.S. immigration law, many are quickly returned to their home country. But we believe that a better life is still possible—especially for children and young adults. Through compassionate individualized support, our **Camino a Casa** repatriation program helps youth achieve their goals and build a brighter future at home.



*After 16-year-old Juan's father fell ill, he attempted to immigrate to the U.S. to support his family but was quickly returned to Guatemala. With the help of **Camino a Casa**, however, he has found work and enrolled in college classes to pursue a career in social work, as well as received a laptop to help him complete his studies.*

We help youth find the hope to start again in their home country.

In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of youth and young adults returned to Central America after attempting to immigrate to the United States. When they return to their home countries, however, they face many challenges: trauma and significant mental health issues due to the difficult, often dangerous journey to the U.S.; a lack of job prospects to support themselves and their families; little to no opportunity for economic growth; difficulty returning to or accessing education; lack of access to internet and other essential technologies, and more. Often, they find themselves in a situation worse than the one they left.

That's why we created Camino a Casa: to restore a sense of hope at home.

We help set young people up for success and to contribute to their communities.

Operating in multiple cities, the Camino a Casa program provides support to youth in Guatemala and Mexico for up to 12 months to ensure they have truly started down the path to success. In conjunction with local partners, we offer comprehensive support, as well as supplementary income and connections to community resources.

Each participant in the program receives an individualized service plan that focuses on their specific goals, including:

- family reunification
- transportation to communities
- mental health and family counseling services
- educational support
- vocational training
- financial literacy
- referral to medical assistance
- referral to legal services

Camino a Casa depends on compassionate institutions and individuals to ensure Guatemalan and Mexican youth can have a brighter, more hopeful future in their home countries.

Where We Work

Global Refuge provides services for children and youth throughout Guatemala, with plans to expand to Mexico.

Outcomes

- Improved health and safety
- Financial stability and literacy
- Education and vocational training
- Independent living skills
- Mentorship and community support

plans for expansion
in Mexico

current service
areas in Guatemala



300

beneficiaries served per year
in Guatemala through case
management and clinical services



300

clients served in Guatemala
through training, education,
and certificate programs per year



14-24

age range of participants

“It’s been a great help ... not everybody would give you the chance to pursue your dreams and continue your education.”

Juan, 16, who is receiving career and educational support from the Global Refuge Camino a Casa program in Guatemala

Global Refuge is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. We have been a leader in resettlement for 85 years, dedicated to supporting immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees through advocacy, care, and empowerment to restore a sense of home.