



Migrant & Refugee Health Crisis in Latin America

Situation Report #4

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Project HOPE is improving access to urgently needed health; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and protection services for migrants and refugees transiting through Colombia, Ecuador, and Honduras.

Response Overview

Mid-2024 estimates from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) show 18.6 million forcibly displaced people in Latin America and the Caribbean, with 10.9 million — roughly 59% — in Colombia, Ecuador, and Honduras.



Key Updates

- Project HOPE is supporting the **health, WASH, and protection** needs of migrants and local host communities in **Colombia, Ecuador, and Honduras**
- Local teams at **25 site locations** are providing urgent health and humanitarian services in **areas hosting large numbers of migrants** and/or high volumes of migratory transit
- Project HOPE's health teams are conducting **medical and psychological** outpatient consultations at **20 health facilities and mobile clinics**
- Essential infrastructure **rehabilitation and repair projects** have been completed at **16 site locations**
- **WASH kits** (hygiene, dignity and birth kits) are being distributed to participants our team has identified as being in a vulnerable position

These numbers are largely driven by migratory flows from Venezuela. Since 2014, more than 7.7 million Venezuelans, about a quarter of the population, have left the country. This rapid, ongoing change in population has shifted the demand for health and other essential services in communities hosting large migrant populations and communities near transit routes. The Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V) recently conducted a needs assessment that showed that 4.2 million Venezuelans in the region face difficulties accessing essential services and have unmet health and humanitarian needs.

In addition, the region is currently bracing for potential increases in the flow of migrants from Venezuela in the wake of the country's disputed election and the subsequent political and economic fallout. Humanitarian organizations like Project HOPE expect that this dynamic will further heighten humanitarian needs and increase the demand for essential services in communities that are already hosting migrant populations and those near transit routes.

Project HOPE is currently responding to the health crisis facing forced migrants in Latin America in three countries that host large numbers of migrants and experience high-flow migratory transit. Response activities in Colombia, Ecuador, and Honduras focus on providing health care — paired with urgently needed protection and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services — to both migrants and host community members.

Our teams on the ground have noted marked increases in the number of migrants arriving from Venezuela in the last two months and are working to respond to the increased health and humanitarian needs. Project HOPE's regional response to the health crisis is powered by support from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

During January to October 2024, Project HOPE reached **52,587** migrants and host community members in the region through the following activities:

- Supported **25** site locations — including health centers, shelters, transit centers, and mobile clinics — with health services, WASH repairs, rehabilitation projects, and/or equipment deliveries
- Provided health services to migrant and host community members at **20** health facilities and mobile clinics
- Continued to engage a team of **35** health workers
- Provided **30,795** outpatient medical consultations (including gynecological, primary care, psychological, and vaccination consultations)
- Provided pharmaceutical medications to **23,965** patients
- Reached **19,768** people with health promotion and community outreach
- Completed WASH rehabilitation projects at **16** migrant support site locations
- Distributed WASH kits (hygiene, dignity, and birth kits) to **25,184** people

Colombia

Country Updates

Colombia hosts nearly 3 million Venezuelan refugees and forced migrants, more than any other country in the world. Approximately 2.4 million Venezuelan migrants have Temporary Protection Status in Colombia and have been able to regularize their stay. In addition, due to its geography, Colombia continues to be a major transit country for both Venezuelans and displaced people of other nationalities. The latest information suggests a recent uptick in migrant arrivals from Venezuela, with R4V reporting a 24% increase in migrants from Venezuela passing through Colombia from 2023 to 2024.



A migrant family in Colombia standing with a Project HOPE health worker after a medical consultation and kit distribution. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.

As the flow of migration continues into and through Colombia, basic services are strained at the same time as the country also faces its own challenges, including criminal group activity. In addition, a state of disaster was declared on November 10 across the country due to heavy rainfall causing flooding, landslides, and damage across 27 of the country's 32 departments. The northwestern Choco Department, on the border with Panama, is one of the most affected areas.

In the northeastern department of Norte de Santander, which shares a border with Tachira State in Venezuela and is where Project HOPE's team is located, the Interagency Group on Mixed Migration Flows (GIFMM), a humanitarian coordination in platform, has provided information on humanitarian response coverage. Protection response coverage is reaching 42% of affected areas in the department and health response coverage is reaching 27%, indicating a need for expanded services.

Humanitarian organizations are also concerned about the progressive closure of the Berlin service point, which provided guidance and service referrals for migrants in transit. Its closure reduces connection opportunities and has the potential to exacerbate humanitarian needs and cause delays in care seeking among migrants, which could lead to an increase in negative health outcomes and increased needs for emergency care.

Program Updates

Project HOPE continues response operations in Norte de Santander Department, responding to the urgent needs of migrant populations in the municipalities of Cúcuta and Villa del Rosario. The team is also responding to the needs of migrants and host community members affected by ongoing armed conflict and in the municipality of Convención in the Catatumbo Region.

Our team is also continuing to strengthen existing partnerships with three Hospital Social Enterprises of the State (ESEs) to facilitate the provision of health services to the unregularized migrant population and host community members that have fallen outside of the health system. In October, health, protection and WASH services reached 10,630 people, with a total of 20,284 people reached since the beginning of 2024.

In **Colombia**, Project HOPE operates in three municipalities in **Norte de Santander Department**:

- Villa del Rosario
- Cúcuta
- Convención



Project HOPE teams provide support at **six health facilities** and **one shelter** in Colombia.

Project HOPE's **response activities** in Colombia include:

- Medical staff surge support
- Pharmaceutical, medical supply, and equipment deliveries
- Medical consultations
- Psychological consultations
- Community health education
- WASH kit distributions
- WASH facility repairs and rehabilitation

Health Activities

Medical Staff Surge Support

Fifteen health workers (three gynecologists, five general practitioners, and seven auxiliary nurses) continue to provide primary care and gynecological consultations through agreements with the three hospital ESEs. Additional Project HOPE ground teams, including a psychologist, a community promoter, and two site coordinators, continue to conduct additional health support efforts. Project HOPE is coordinating the rotation of these health workers to six health facilities and one shelter to augment existing health personnel and strengthen access for migrants and refugees at supported locations across Convención, Villa del Rosario, and Cúcuta.

Pharmaceuticals, Medical Supplies and Equipment:

Project HOPE continues to work to ensure Hospital ESEs have the medicines, medical supplies and equipment they need. At this time, Hospital ESEs are continuing their distribution plans to ensure that their facilities are stocked according to consumption rates. In October, Project HOPE delivered medicines to supported ESE emergency rooms to support this level of care, with a total of 1,085 patients receiving medications.

Medical Consultations

In October, medical consultations continued at six health facilities and one shelter location, Centro de Atención de Migrantes (CATM), across the three targeted municipalities, Convención, Cúcuta, and Villa del Rosario. The team provided 1,526 medical consultations, including 454 obstetric/gynecological and 1,072 primary health consultations. Health brigades were also carried out at the health facility-level in villages to provide effective health service outreach.

Table 1: Medical Consultations in Colombia by Location and Type, October 2024

Municipality/Facility	Type of Location	Primary Health Consultations	OB-GYN Consultations	Total
Convención		402	116	518
IPS Convención	Health facility	174	116	290
Puesto de Salud la Trinidad	Health facility	228	-	228
Cúcuta		430	338	768
UBA Comuneros	Health facility	196	163	359
UBA Puente Barco Leones	Health facility	234	175	409
Villa del Rosario		240	-	240
CATM	Shelter	14	-	14
Las Margaritas	Health facility	113	-	113
PS La Parada	Health facility	113	-	113
Total	6 health facilities and 1 shelter	1,072	454	1,526

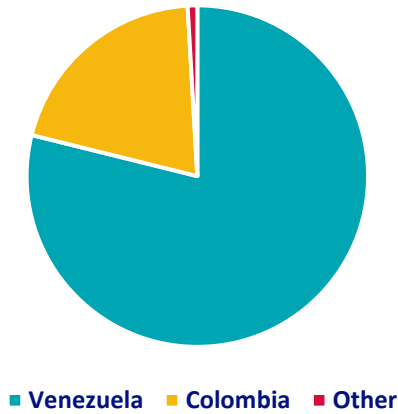
The vast majority of patients our team reaches are women and children. Women and girls form almost 80% of patients and children under 18 years form more than 25%.

Common illnesses and conditions include common colds, headaches, intestinal parasitosis, hypertension, migraines, urinary tract infections, discomfort and fatigue,

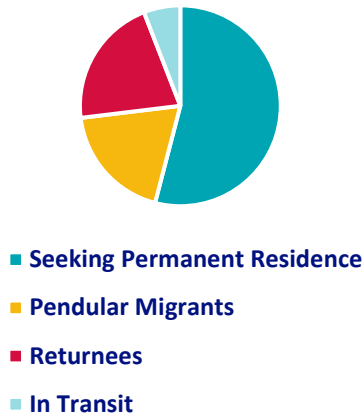
gastritis, pelvic and perineal pain, vaginitis, amenorrhea, excessive and frequent menstruation, skin conditions, and musculoskeletal pain.

Of the patients reached, 78% were Venezuelan, around 20% were Colombian and less than 1% had other countries of origin. The largest share of the patient population is comprised of migrants seeking permanent residence in Colombia, at almost 54%. A further 19% are pendular migrants, 21% are returnees, and less than 6% are in transit.

Graph 1: Country of Origin of Patients in Colombia



Graph 2: Migrant Status of Patients in Colombia



Community Health Education

Project HOPE continued community health education activities in the municipalities of Villa del Rosario and Cúcuta during October. Community health activities were completed within 19 neighborhoods in supported health facility catchment areas and with a high presence of migrant, refugee, and returnee populations at these sessions. Activities focused on informing the community on Project HOPE’s available health services, access to medical appointments, and participant rights and responsibilities. Key health and psychosocial care messages were also provided. In October, our team reached 4,291 people through these activities.

Protection Activities

Psychological Consultations

Project HOPE’s psychologist continued to provide psychological first aid and support at two locations in Villa del Rosario, CATM, and Centro Integral Las Margaritas during September. Project HOPE refers patients who demonstrate a need for psychological support from the other health unit locations to its psychologist in Villa del Rosario. Dignity kits are also distributed to patients attending psychological consultations, in-line with our vulnerability criteria. A total of 234 psychology consultations were provided at two locations (191 in Las Margaritas and 43 in CATM) in October. Psychosocial education activities were also provided for 331 people at Centro Integral Las Margaritas.

Among patients provided with psychological consultations, 90% report experiencing anxiety and stress, 13% report symptoms of depression, 44% report irritability, 73% report insomnia, and 24% report sleeping in excess. Additionally, 27% report that they have experienced physical violence, 27% report having experienced psychological violence, and 21% report experiencing sexual violence. Our team referred 25% of these cases for additional case management and follow up.

Dignity kits include hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, sanitary pads, combs, and detergent.

Hygiene kits for adults and children include items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, insect repellent, soap, and shampoo.

Birth kits include items such as shampoo, soap, diapers, wet wipes, a newborn set, diaper cream, and nursing pads.

WASH Activities

Kit Distributions

Project HOPE continues to deliver WASH kits including dignity kits, hygiene kits and birth kits to people identified as being in positions of vulnerability.

Table 2: WASH Kits Distributions in Colombia by Location and Activity, October 2024

Municipality/Facility	Activity Paired with Kit Distributions				Total
	Medical Consultations	Psychological Consultations	Psychosocial Education	Community Outreach	
Convención	386	-	-	-	386
IPS Convención	131	-	-	-	131
Puesto de Salud la Trinidad	255	-	-	-	255
Cucuta	399	-	-	3,213	3,612
UBA Comuneros	174	-	-	734	908
UBA Puente Barco Leones	225	-	-	2,479	2,704
Villa del Rosario	179	436	331	1,078	2,024
CATM	5	82	-	1,078	
Las Margaritas	87	354	331		
PS La Parada	87	0	-		
Total	964	436	331	4,291	6,022

During October, engagement with community leaders and community-based organizations was strengthened to promote community-based identification of non-regularized migrant populations and the team conducted distributions to these target populations. As a result, community level kit distributions were significantly higher this month, with 6,022 kits were distributed at both the community and outpatient levels.

WASH Facility Improvements

Project HOPE is undertaking WASH facility improvements at six of the supported program sites. Works were completed in prior months to ensure functional WASH infrastructure at four facilities: Las Margaritas, IPS Convención, Puesto de Salud la Trinidad, and the CATM shelter facility. In October, our plans progressed, with suppliers identified for the remaining two facilities: Puente Barco Leones in Cúcuta and IPS Convención in Convención.

Upcoming Activities

During November Project HOPE will continue to:

- Promote the health services offered by Project HOPE among target populations at the community level
- Work with ESEs and CATM to provide health and psychological consultations
- Continue to undertake health brigades as organized by Hospital ESEs
- Undertake psychoeducation sessions in Villa del Rosario and Cúcuta
- Continue phased allocation of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to program sites as needs are identified

Colombia Impact

Outpatient Consultations **October**
1,760
(1,526 medical & 234 psychological)

2024 Total
9,087

Community Outreach & Health Promotion (participants) **October**
4,291
2024 Total
6,632

WASH Kits (participants receiving) **October**
6,022
2024 Total
12,699

- Continue to deliver WASH kits (dignity, childbirth, and male and female hygiene kits) to the unregularized migrants and host community members
- Complete remaining WASH and infrastructure repairs at two locations

Ecuador



Tania de la Torre, a nurse with Project HOPE’s team in Ecuador, offers medical assistance to migrants at the ADRA shelter in Rumichaca. Photo by James Buck for Project HOPE, 2024.

In Ecuador, Project HOPE operates in the border region of Tulcán, in Carchi Province.



Project HOPE teams provide support at **six site locations**, including health facilities, shelters, and humanitarian assistance points.

Country Updates

Our team reports that, per the UNHCR-led Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (GRTM), there was an uptick of the number of Venezuelan migrants entering Ecuador in October. The average daily entry counts in September 2024 was approximately 233 people — a 45% increase compared to August. End destinations reported by migrants in transit include Ibarra, Quito, Guayaquil, Cuenca, and Huaquillas, with bus occupancy rates reaching around 85%. Humanitarian support for food security, shelter, transportation, and information sessions is growing to meet the increased influx. However, our team also reports an increased need for essential, non-food item (NFI) distributions and health services.

Program Updates

Response operations continue in the Tulcán region in the province of Carchi, which borders Colombia. People from various nationalities pass through this region, either trying to enter Ecuador or as part of their journey to other countries. Project HOPE is working to improve access to basic health services for migrants in Ecuador through integrated services at municipal service centers, shelters, and health facilities. Activities reached 3,625 people in October and, to date, have reached 11,604 people in 2024.

Health Activities

Medical Staff Surge Support

Two physicians, two nurses, and two psychologists engaged by Project HOPE continued to provide essential and responsive health services in October.

Project HOPE’s **response activities** in Ecuador include:

- Medical staff surge support
- Pharmaceutical, medical supply, and equipment deliveries
- Medical consultations
- Psychological consultations
- Referral pathways for protection services
- WASH kit distributions
- Potable water assistance
- WASH facility repairs and rehabilitation

Pharmaceuticals, Medical Supplies and Medical Equipment

Project HOPE’s health teams are fully equipped with medical supplies and medical equipment to ensure the provision of quality health services. Additionally, Project HOPE’s agreement with DIFARE, a local pharmacy, provided 541 people with free-of-charge pharmaceuticals in October, through prescriptions from supported providers.

Provision of Medical Consultations

Health services are provided on a weekly basis at the shelter locations. In October, 855 primary health consultations were provided by medical and nursing teams. More than half of health care services are provided for women (61%), and more than a quarter of services are provided for children (24%). In addition, 177 people were provided with imaging services, and 214 with laboratory services.

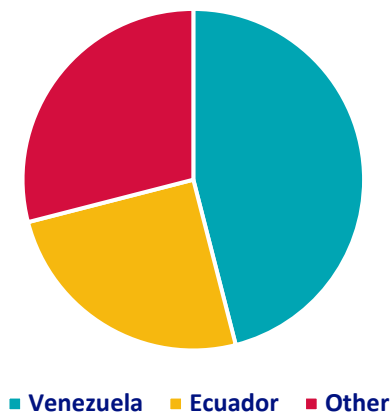
The team also coordinates with governmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen the delivery of comprehensive care. During October, migrants requiring health care or diagnostic support were referred from GTRM organizations and from different Ministry health centers to Project HOPE’s team. The top illnesses and conditions the team treated in October include respiratory and gastrointestinal infections, headaches, gastritis, and urinary tract infections.

Table 3: Medical Consultations in Tulcán, Ecuador by Location, October 2024

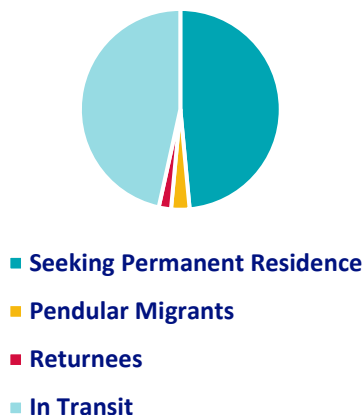
Location	Number of Medical Consultations
CAT Rumichaca	143
Albergue Patronato	55
Cáritas Dining Room	38
Project HOPE Medical Office	556
Hotels OIM	63
Total	855

Almost half (46%) of the patients were Venezuelan and 25% are local Ecuadorians. The remaining 29% of patients originated from Haiti, Colombia, Peru, Chile, and other countries. Almost half (47%) of the patient population is in transit, 49% are seeking permanent residence, less than 2% are returnees, and 3% are pendular migrants.

Graph 3: Country of Origin of Patients in Ecuador



Graph 4: Migrant Status of Patients in Ecuador



Community Health Education

Health teams continue to provide health education sessions during consultations, which are adapted for individual needs.

Protection Activities

Psychological Consultations

Psychological consultations are provided by two psychologists and delivered via rotational services at the shelters. Psychological consultations significantly increased in October across all supported locations, due to increase in demand. We reached 277 people total, almost a 60% increase from the prior month. Project HOPE is working to address this increase in psychosocial needs.

Table 4: Psychological Consultations by Location in Tulcán, Ecuador, October 2024

Location	Number of Psychological Consultations
CAT Rumichaca	193
Albergue Patronato	85
Cáritas Dining Room	43
Project HOPE Medical Office	706
Hotels OIM	105
Total	277

Among the patients provided with psychological consultations, 75% reported experiencing anxiety and stress, 15% reported symptoms of depression, 9% reported irritability, 26% reported experiencing insomnia, and 3% reported sleeping excessively.

Additionally, three cases reported experiencing physical violence, two cases reported psychological violence, and seven cases reported experiencing sexual violence. Appropriate cases were referred for case management.

Referral Pathways for GBV Survivors

Project HOPE maintains the care route for GBV cases, in collaboration with the GTRM to ensure access to specialized care.

WASH Activities

Kit Distributions

In October, 3,342 kits were distributed, with participants also receiving hygiene promotion messages and instruction on the use of received items and the importance of integrating good hygiene practices into their everyday routines. Through local organizations aiding migrants, and special days of kit deliveries, Project HOPE in Ecuador distributed kits in the Tulcán area and at the ADRA Transit Point.

WASH Facility Improvements

Our team ensured the construction of waste sheds to provide places for the storage of waste that is away from general health facility spaces. In October, the team constructed sheds at four health facilities, including Julio Andrade, Urbina, Mariscal Sucre, and Santa Martha de Cuba. In addition, a public restroom was built in the Santa Rosa Chunque

Ecuador Impact

Outpatient
Consultations **October**
1,132
(855 medical &
277 psychological)

2024 Total
5,472

Community
Outreach &
Health
Promotion **October**
(participants) 19
2024 Total
173

WASH Kits
(participants
receiving) **October**
3,342
2024 Total
9,250

community, upon request from the local authorities, GAD Carchi, to aid local communities and in-transit migrants seeking hygiene and sanitation services.

Upcoming Activities

Project HOPE will continue health, protection, and WASH activities in November. Our team is prepared for a certification visit from the Agency of Quality Assurance of Health Services and Prepaid Medicine (ACCESS), which will formalize our alignment with the Ministry of Health's standards and protocols.

A meeting held between the Mayor of Tulcán's Office and Project HOPE ended with agreement on remaining WASH facility improvements, including bathroom facility rehabilitation in Parque Ayora and El Obelisco, and the provision of mobile sanitary facilities that could be installed in the Bus Terminal or other similar spaces used by migrant populations.

Honduras



People migrating through Honduras board a bus at the Honduras-Nicaragua border for further travel into the country. Project HOPE's team of doctors, nurses, and psychologists provide care at transit points like this one. Photo by James Buck for Project HOPE, 2024.

Country Updates

According to the National Institute of Migration (INM), 312,553 people entered Honduras irregularly from January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024, of which 74% are adults and 25% are minors. In September, the entry of irregular migrants is reported to have increased by 16%, with most migrants originating from Venezuela, Colombia, Haiti, and Cuba. This increase in migration continues to exceed all local and national capacities to provide adequate shelter and humanitarian assistance. In response to these increasing migrant numbers, the Panamanian government has published an executive decree imposing fines of between \$300 and \$5,000 US dollars on irregular migrants, which may impact future migratory flows.

While the vast majority (97%) of migrants continue to enter the country through the El Paraiso department, there have been some changes in the routes used within the

In **Honduras**, Project HOPE operates in the most affected municipalities of the **El Paraíso Department**:

- Alauca (Los Manos border crossing)
- Danlí
- Trojes



Our teams provide support at **13 sites**, including health and shelter facilities.

Project HOPE's **response activities** in Honduras include:

- Medical staff surge support
- Pharmaceutical, medical supply, and equipment deliveries
- Medical consultations
- Psychological consultations
- Mental health and resiliency trainings for staff at migrant support site locations
- WASH kit distributions
- WASH facility repairs and rehabilitation
- Food kit deliveries

department. The highway between Trojes and Danlí is currently under repair, and bus drivers therefore prefer the Danlí route. As a result, migrant numbers have reduced in Trojes and have increased in Danlí. There are also reports of undocumented migrants entering Honduras through the Las Manos border crossing.

Program Updates

Project HOPE continues response operations in the most affected areas of the El Paraiso department, the geographical area where 97% of the migrants enter the country. Health, WASH and protection services are provided at municipal centers, shelters, and health facilities to improve access to basic primary health services for both those transiting through and those living in El Paraíso. Our team reached 4,080 people in October and, to date, have reached 20,699 in 2024.

Health Activities

Medical Staff Surge Support

In September, we continued to engage 14 health staff and provide health services. Project HOPE’s health team includes six doctors, four nurses, one psychologist, and three community health workers (CHWs).

Pharmaceuticals, Medical Supplies and Equipment

Ambulance repairs were completed for the Luis Lazo health facility, with 68 subsequent patient transfers for health emergencies conducted in October following this work.

Medical Consultations

Project HOPE operates mobile clinics and supports static health facilities to provide primary health consultations. Two mobile clinics are currently rotating between migrant transit locations and shelters. Staff support is also provided to the Gabriela Alvarado Hospital Outpatient Department in Danlí.

Table 5: Medical Consultations in Honduras by Location, October 2024

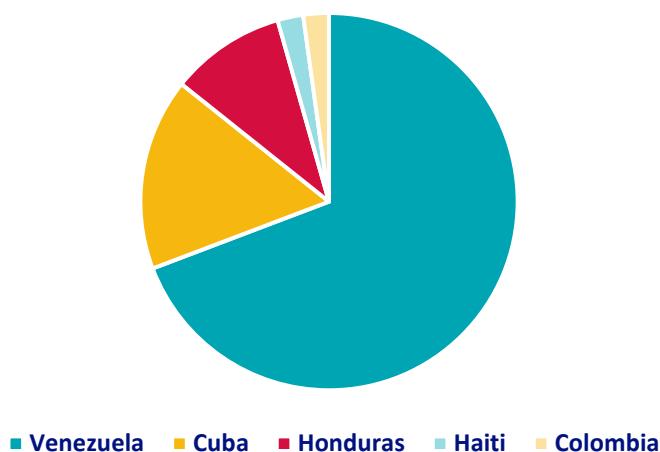
Municipality/Facility	Type of Location	Primary Health Consultations
Danlí		2,772
Centro de Atención al Migrante Irregular	Shelter	1,279
Gabriela Alvarado Hospital Outpatient Department	Health Facility	169
INM Office El Pescadero	Mobile Clinic	943
Bus Terminal	Mobile Clinic	423
Trojes		555
INM Border Control	Mobile Clinic	555
Consorcio Life Temporary Rest Center	Shelter	0
Carlos Roberto Reyna Temporary Rest Center	Shelter	0
Total	1 Health Facility, 1 Shelters, 2 Mobile Clinics Rotating Between 3 locations	3,369

Due to the decrease of migrants in Trojes and reduced service demand, Project HOPE adjusted mobile clinic services for this municipality. As the Life Temporary Rest Center Consortium closed its activities in mid-October, Project HOPE reassigned staff for this site to the INM Regional Office. For the Carlos Roberto Reyna Temporary Rest Center, 78 people were reported seeking shelter to continue their migratory journey. However, none requested medical attention.

During October 2024, 3,369 medical consultations were provided across the two municipalities. Women comprise more than half of the patients (51.05%) and children represent 20%. The top morbidities among patients include common colds, gastrointestinal diseases, skin diseases, back and muscular pain, otitis, pharyngitis, and conjunctivitis

Among the patients reached with health services, 63% are from Venezuela, 15% from Cuba, 9% are local Honduras, 2% are from Haiti, and 2% are from Colombia.

Graph 5: Country of Origin of Patients in Honduras



Community Health Education

Project HOPE’s health teams include CHWs who undertake community outreach to provide health promotion among migrant and local populations. Community health education activities reached 3,042 people in October, including 2,885 at the four locations in Danlí and 157 in Trojes. Key topics covered include hygiene practices, the prevention of communicable diseases, and the warning signs for dehydration.

Protection Activities

Psychological consultations

Project HOPE’s psychology specialist provides psychological first aid (PFA) and related support to the population in transit via the mobile clinics. PFA sessions continued at three locations in October, with 204 consultations provided.

Among those provided with psychological consultations, 87% report experiencing anxiety and stress, 2% report symptoms of depression, 7% report irritability, and 8% report insomnia. Additionally, 5% report that they have experienced physical violence, 11% report experiencing psychological violence and 4% report experiencing sexual violence. Of these, 31% of cases were referred for case management.

Table 6: Psychological Consultations in Honduras by Location, October 2024

Municipality/Facility	Type of Location	Psychological Consultations
Danlí		101
Centro de Atención al Migrante Irregular	Shelter	41
INM Office El Pescadero	Mobile Clinic	60
Trojes		103
INM Border Control	Mobile Clinic	103
Consorcio Life Temporary Rest Center	Shelter	0
Total	1 shelter and 2 mobile clinic locations	204

Mental Health and Resiliency Training for Staff

Project HOPE’s psychologists continue to train staff at the health units, temporary rest centers, border control points, and other support locations in PFA and mental health and resiliency. In October, 12 health professionals were trained.

Child and Adolescent Friendly Space

Project HOPE continues to operate a child and adolescent friendly recreational space in the Irregular Migrant Assistance Center in Danlí. The space provides recreational and training activities for young people on the migratory route, as well as psychosocial support by National Institute of Migration staff that have been trained by Project HOPE. In addition, educational films for families were screened in the newly opened psycho-pedagogical space during the month.

Protection Coordination

The Project HOPE team continues work to strengthen our presence in the protection coordination sector, including in the detection and referral of cases of violence, human trafficking, and other problems that can be aided through protection referral pathways.

WASH Activities

Kit and Other Distributions

Project HOPE distributed 3,235 hygiene kits across five locations in Danlí during October. These included 986 hygiene kits for men, 1,294 hygiene kits for women, 691 hygiene kits for children (ages between 2-5 years), and 264 hygiene kits for babies (ages between 0-2 years). The team also conducted water delivery activities at migrant assistance points and to other partners supporting migrant populations. We reached 2,894 people attending mobile clinics with water deliveries and almost 20,000 500ml bottles of water were provided to strategic partners, reaching approximately 10,102 people.

WASH Facility Improvements

Project HOPE continued to provide support for cleaning and maintenance of the recently installed mobile toilets at the El Pescadero Humanitarian Space. More than 11,000 people utilized these facilities during October.

Honduras Impact

Outpatient Consultations	October 3,573 (3,369 medical & 204 psychological)
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2024 Total
12,663

Community Outreach & Health Promotion (participants)	October 3,043 2024 Total 13,136
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Nutrition Activities

Food Assistance

The team donated 4,528 food kits to seven locations, including five in Danlí and two in Trojes. Food items were adapted for the specific location and migrant populations supported, including non-perishable food kits at six locations and the delivery of prepared food to migrants standing in line at the National Institute of Migration Border Control Point in Trojes. At the border point, we provided 500 food kits to families with children, 3,200 food kits for families without children, and 828 additional food rations.

Upcoming Activities

During October, Project HOPE plans to undertake the following activities to further expand and improve our support to migrants and host communities:

- Continue to provide health and psychological consultation services
- Open medical care and hygiene spaces at the Las Manos border crossing location, in coordination with LIFE Consortium
- Continue with the delivery of hygiene kits and food kits
- Procure additional medicines and medical supplies to resupply Project HOPE's mobile clinics as well as other health centers and hospitals providing care to the migrant population

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