



US/MX BORDER PROGRAM

“ADDRESSING THE LEGAL NEEDS OF MIGRANTS AT THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER”



The United States-Mexico Border Program (USMBP) is a **university legal clinic** operated by USCRI Mexico in partnership with institutions of higher education. It supports and represents asylum seekers at Mexico’s northern border through **legal assistance, strategic litigation, and the “Know Your Rights” information campaign** in shelters throughout the region.



USMBP mobilizes university resources and talent through professional internships, training new generations of lawyers specializing in migration and asylum. **The model provides legal representation to asylum seekers** before the Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR) and for migration regularization before the National Institute of Migration (INM). At the same time, it offers up-to-date, clear, and accessible information to people in mobility contexts about their legal options to regularize their migration status and thereby access their rights in Mexico.



The program incorporates a binational approach in coordination with the USCRI office in San Diego, California, ensuring that its interventions respond to the changing sociopolitical context of the northern border. Since 2021, the program has supported over

10,000 people with legal counseling and representation services, as well as information about their rights and options for migration regularization.



USMBP is implemented in collaboration with the Undersecretary for Attention to Priority Groups of the Government of Baja California, the Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), civil society organizations such as Al Otro Lado and Psychologists Without Borders, six shelters, and the Ibero-American University of Tijuana.

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