

Timely Support for Immigrant Families & Children: Philanthropy Striving to Meet the Moment

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Supporting Immigrant Families and Children: Learnings & Challenges



About GFC

"People, Not Projects"

+11 million
children
reached

**Multi-year
Flexible
Funding**

*Trust-based
philanthropy for social
change*

+ 1300
partner
organizations

**Capacity
Development
Support**

*Tailored support to
understand and
overcome capacity
challenges*

**Networking
Opportunities**

*Collaboration and
learning exchanges to
connect efforts and
strategies*





About GEM (Girls Experiencing Migration)

14 civil society organizations that are committed to protecting the safety and rights of adolescent migrant girls in Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NOT AS VICTIMS BUT AS CHANGEMAKERS

Create a transnational network of protection and foster 'welcoming spaces' for migrant children and youth and their families at different stages of their migration journey

BRING THE BORDERS TOGETHER

Our work in the U.S. (California & Texas)



AL OTRO LADO



Community-based organizations formed by Latinxs / active role of migrant youth

Intersectional and comprehensive approach to migration

Community mobilizing + know your rights trainings + education for dignity + healing circle

COMMUNITY



Specific legal & emotional support for migrant children and youth

Active advocacy and research

Focus on gender-based violence prevention

ADVOCACY



IMPACTS ON IMMIGRATION- RELATED TRAUMA

**Mental health challenges
(anxiety, depression)**

**Substance abuse and
high-risk behaviors**

**Detachment and loss of
sense of belonging**

**Shame and loss of
identity**

**Low academic
performance**

Exposure to violence

**Foster programming and
services for and with
migrant children and
youth**

**Support culturally
competent mental health
services**

**Invest in Trauma-
Informed Schools and
Programs**

**Back Legal and Family
Reunification Services**

Promote policy change

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Binational/multinational efforts: migrations as a WHOLE

Global Fund for Children: Partnering for Change

Since 1994, Global Fund for Children (GFC) has supported over 1,000 local partners in pursuit of a shared vision: a safe, vibrant, and equitable future for all children and young people.

Onekey Initiative, Girls Experiencing Migration (GEM), supports a network of 27 civil society organizations working to protect the rights and safety of migrant girls across Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States. These partners offer critical services to girls who are migrating, being detained, returned, or considered for migration. Life-based groups also assist recently arrived migrant girls as they face detention and resettlement challenges. Beyond direct services, GEM promotes collaboration among partners, strengthens networks, and supports collective advocacy.

9 cities
12 organizations
103 collaborations
299 comprehensive activities
47,000 migrant youth benefited

The Corridor for Dignity

As GEM celebrates after seven impactful years, one of its most lasting achievements is the Corridor for Dignity, a website and advisory network linking GFC partners. The corridor offers a collaborative space to coordinate advocacy, craft joint funding proposals, and share knowledge, ensuring the mission endures beyond the initiative's closure.

In 2024 alone, partner organizations led over 100 collaborative activities on digital security, collective care, play/leisure, and migrant children, and income/financial strategies. Across the initiative's lifespan, 299 activities reached more than 47,000 migrant children and youth—through community centers, psychosocial and educational support, leadership programs, and transitional assistance campaigns.

The Corridor for Dignity ensures that the lessons and best practices from the GEM initiative continue to fuel meaningful action. Through regular meetings and the sharing of digital and on-site resources, partners are sustaining their advocacy efforts and amplifying the voices of migrant children and youth. Continues the work's GFC's commitment to culturally relevant approaches—grounded in deep respect and respect for the beliefs, values, and experiences of the communities they serve. In the context of the Corridor, this means recognizing that people on the move migrate for diverse reasons and from varied backgrounds—so solutions must be adaptable, inclusive, and rooted in community-led insights.

As Frey Matias de Chikobé Human Rights Center states: "We trust that the Corridor for Dignity will continue to recognize, amplify the call to justice, and generate actions of solidarity. We are fully committed to continue supporting and accompanying this initiative."

Horras Unidas

Horras Unidas is a civil society organization that provides legal and psychosocial support to migrant women and girls. It also offers training and capacity building for community leaders.

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Call to Action: Dreams and Needs

The Corridor for Dignity is not just a project; it is a growing movement dedicated to justice and solidarity for migrant youth. Here's how you can get involved:

- Connect with partner organizations working on the front lines.
- Donate to sustain advocacy efforts and direct support programs.
- Organize awareness campaigns and community empowerment initiatives.
- Join the network to collaborate on long-term solutions for migrant children and youth.

For more information or to get involved, contact corridor@globalfundforchildren.org or any of the organizations below.

Together, we can continue building events where migrant children and youth are safe, empowered, and supported every step of the way.

Ch'ab'ej chik kekib'ij Jachin taq keb' ek.

Dignity Corridor: collaboration, learning exchanges, co-creation and collective support for migrant children and youth along the Guatemala-Mexico-USA corridor

To migrate is more than crossing a border

Active collaboration with regional donors: HIP, CAMY Fund, KIND, FCAM, Appleseed, etc.

Community work + Individual Support

Main Results (2018-2025)



- ◆ 14 partners (3 more in 2023)
- ◆ + \$1,200,000 in flexible grants
- ◆ + 50,000 migrant children and youth reached
- ◆ +300 new programmatic activities
- ◆ +120 regional collaborations



What can we do?

Support
community-led
efforts &
solidarity
networks
WELCOMING &
BELONGING

Promote
regional
collaboration &
communication
(ALSO BETWEEN
DONORS)

Dignify stories
and experiences—
honor good
practices

Avoid
criminalization,
adultism &
tokenism





Thank you

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