

2019 Results

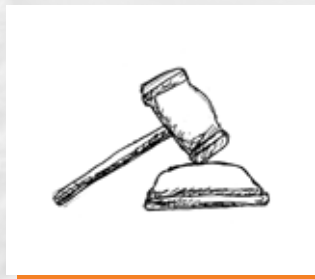
In 2019, we continued to grow our Defender Network, Legal Action, and Policy Advocacy programs to protect migrant rights across borders — whether reuniting separated families, helping asylum seekers to stay in safety, or promoting smarter migration policies to ensure that all workers are treated fairly. We are proud to share the following highlights.

FAMILY SEPARATION CRISIS RESPONSE ONE YEAR LATER

One year after the U.S. government forcibly separated migrant families at the U.S.–Mexico border, Justice in Motion is still working to secure reunification and justice for every parent deported without their child. Our response to the family separation crisis is grounded in more than 15 years of cross-border work to protect migrant rights through our unique Defender Network of human rights advocates in Central America and Mexico.



Interviewed and screened **40 deported families** for potential civil rights cases, to pursue justice and healing for the harms they suffered



Developed and referred **15 cases** to U.S. civil rights lawyers, who will work with our Defenders to support families throughout the cross-border legal process



Supported the filing of **3 administrative complaints** and **1 class action lawsuit** to secure justice and healing for separated families



Reuniting in Safety

Defender Network members accompanied **39 deported parents** who were denied a fair asylum process as they sought to safely reunite with their children in the U.S.

DEFENDER NETWORK

We train and coordinate a network of 45 human rights organizations across Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, so that they can better serve migrants in their communities.

“The more we build trust in the group, the easier it will be to seek support from each other to help migrants.”

Irma Murrieta
Defender, Mexico

19
Defenders
in Mexico

6
in Honduras

14
in Guatemala

4
in El Salvador

2
in Nicaragua

- ▶ Defenders supported each other's work through **42 direct collaborations**
- ▶ Gathered our network for 2 regional convenings, attended by **76 Defenders from 5 countries**
- ▶ Conducted **10 trainings** for the Defender Network to inform their advocacy for migrant rights
- ▶ **4 new member organizations** joined the Defender Network, after an extensive vetting process

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Centro de Acompañamiento a Migrantes

Centro Internacional de Asesoría y Movimiento Migrante

Centro Juvenil Generando Dignidad

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Comisión de Derechos Humanos y Laborales del Valle de Tehuacán

Comité de Derechos Humanos de Comalcalco

Comunitaria por los Derechos Humanos "Tzobibaltik"

Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales

Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración

Laboratorio de Innovación para la Paz

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NicasMigrante

LEGAL ACTION

We connect and advise legal advocates across the U.S., Mexico, and Central America to ensure that migrant rights do not stop at the border.

- ▶ **Humanitarian Immigration:** We supported 269 cases for migrants fleeing persecution and abuse, helping them to pursue immigration relief in the United States.
- ▶ **Employment:** We supported 26 employment cases to enable migrant workers to defend their legal rights against human trafficking, wage theft, and other labor abuse.
- ▶ **Civil Rights:** We supported 21 civil rights cases to ensure access to justice for deported migrants whose civil rights were violated during arrest, detention, and removal.

▶ **In 2019, we built partnerships between 107 U.S. lawyers and 33 Defenders, to collaborate across borders on migrant rights cases.**

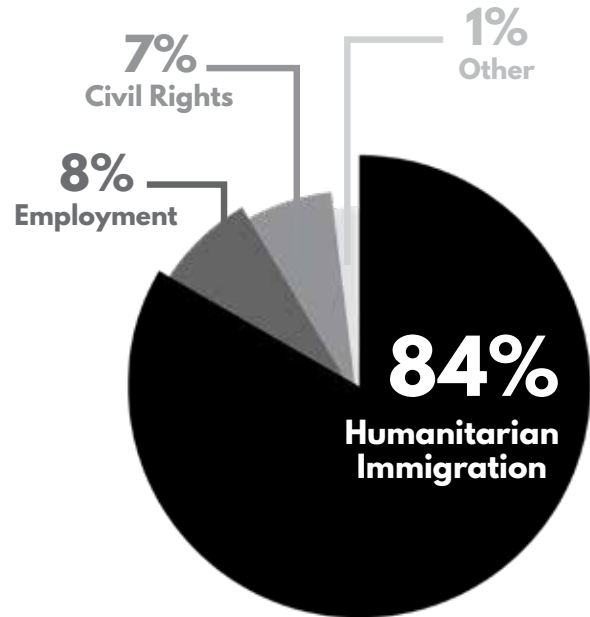
POLICY ADVOCACY

We collaborate with human rights allies across North and Central America to solve the systemic problems that threaten migrant rights.

- ▶ **Presented 13 panels at 3 anti-trafficking and migration conferences,** educating 180 total attendees about temporary foreign worker visa programs, trafficking that takes place under these programs, and visa programs' impact on labor and immigration in the U.S.
- ▶ **6 Democratic and 7 Republican senators and representatives** sponsored our Visa Transparency Anti-Trafficking Act, which will help combat human trafficking under U.S. visa programs
- ▶ **Trained 40 Guatemalan government employees on the U.S. H-2 visa programs,** so that they can prevent fraud and abuse during the labor recruitment process

U.S. Legal Actions 2019

Our legal program served 1,744 migrants through 322 legal cases*



*Not including our family separation cases, summarized on Page 1.

“The summer work travel program, the way that it's set up, lends itself to human trafficking. Debt is a strong motivator for you to stay in suboptimal conditions... in work conditions you didn't agree to.”

Jeremy McLean

Policy & Advocacy Manager
in an interview with Reuters, July 2019

Shining a Light on Summer Work: A First Look at the Employers Using the J-1 Summer Work Travel Visa

In partnership with the International Labor Recruitment Working Group, Justice in Motion co-authored a report exposing serious flaws in the J-1 Summer Work Travel program and proposing reforms to keep workers safe. You can read the report at justiceinmotion.org/publications.

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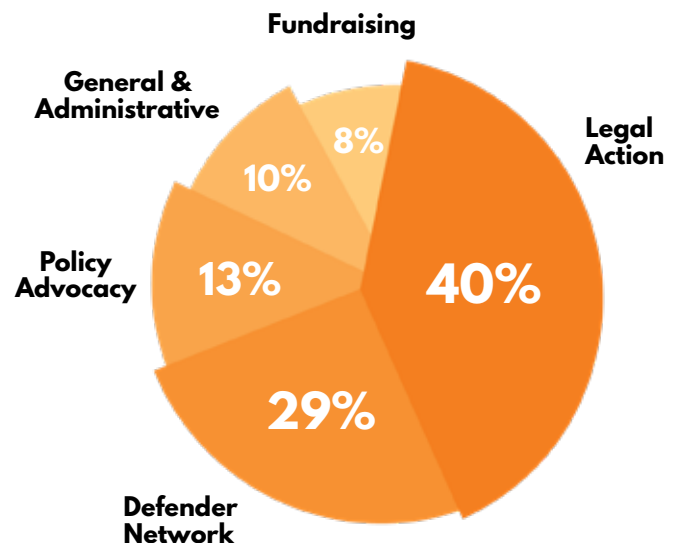
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