# **justice** in motion motion

Protecting Migrant Rights Across Borders

# 2022 RESULTS

Justice in Motion's work impacted over 2,500 migrants in the past year and helped to build systems that protect migrant rights and ensure access to justice across borders. We are proud to share the following highlights.

#### DEFENDER NETWORK **Network Expansion** Justice in Motion trains and coordinates a network of local human rights Justice in Motion is in the early Defenders across key areas of Northern Central America and Mexico so stage of a major expansion of that they can serve as a resource for migrants in their communities. the Defender Network. As part of this multi-year project, we will add additional Defenders in key areas of Central America and extend membership for the first time to organizations in Northern Mexico—building our capacity to serve migrants at the US-Mexico border. In 2022, in Mexico three new organizations joined the Network. 13 in Guatemala **Building** in Honduras **Local Capacity** Justice in Motion provided 19 training modules for in El Salvador Defenders on subjects including labor rights and recruitment fraud, asylum rights in the US and Mexico, and cross-border case facilitation. For the first time since the pandemic, Defenders from five countries in Nicaragua gathered in person for a full-network convening in Honduras, where they built collaborative relationships and strategized together. Defenders formed learning circles to develop expertise on issues they identified as central to their work in the upcoming year: Criminalization of Migrants and Issues at the US-Mexico Border, Safety and Human Rights for Defenders, and H-2 temporary foreign worker visa programs.

# **DEFENDER NETWORK**



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## **LEGAL ACTION**

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

#### **Case Collaborations**

Our Legal Action program matches US lawyers with Defenders who provide legal support in their migrant clients' countries of origin. We supported over 300 cases in the past year, including

- 270 immigration protection cases to help individuals find safety in the US through asylum or other means
- 11 employment cases to help migrant workers defend their legal rights against human trafficking, wage theft, and other labor abuses
- 23 civil rights cases to ensure access to justice for deported migrants whose civil rights were violated during arrest, detention, or removal

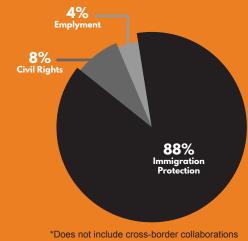
## SPOTLIGHT ON **FAMILY REUNIFICATION**

The past year's highlight has been watching families return to the US to reunite with their children in safety! We continue to work with allies, including the ACLU's Steering Committee for the Ms. L v ICE litigation. In addition, this year we began a partnership with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to ensure that every separated parent is contacted and has the opportunity to apply for return through the US government's Family Reunification Task Force.

Over the past year, we supported over 500 separated families, including

- 484 searches for parents no one else could reach
- 328 parents whom Defenders connected with the reunification process
- 42 families who sought local legal services or other help from Defenders
- 8 parents who shared their heartbreaking stories in public comments to the US government, aided by Justice in Motion's Policy team, oral historian Fanny Julissa García, and Barnard College professor Nara Milanich

# US Legal Action 2022:



related to family reunification

### **US** government delegation visit to Guatemala:

Justice in Motion accompanied members of the Family Reunification Task Force, the US State Department, the International Organization for Migration, and partner colleagues from UNHCR and KIND during their trip to Guatemala. Six Justice in Motion Defenders spoke to the delegation about their experiences finding and supporting separated families.

### We protect migrants across borders through:



**Legal Action** 



Defender Network



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Federación de Trabajadores/as del departamento de Chinandega



## **POLICY ADVOCACY**

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

# Mobilized to protect migrants during US temporary foreign worker visa expansion

The Biden Administration's new strategy for addressing migration from Northern Central America includes expanding access to H-2 temporary foreign worker visas in the region. Justice in Motion stepped up in this critical moment to help make this expansion safer for Central American migrants.

- In over a dozen meetings coordinated by White House staff or Justice in Motion, we provided information about protecting workers to agencies including the National Security Council (NSC), the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of Labor (DOL), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of State (DOS).
- We provided feedback on USAID H-2 worker predeparture materials and verbal comments to the DOL and White House on their H-2 ethical recruitment guidance.
- We engaged with government agencies in Northern Central America to help strengthen worker rights before departure.



# Worked with allies to advocate for key issues with a single powerful voice

Justice in Motion joined like-minded advocates to sign on to 41 letters to policymakers on various topics across labor migration and humanitarian protection.

# Advocated to combat human trafficking through data transparency

Our advocacy helped lead to the reintroduction of the Visa Transparency and Anti-Trafficking Act in the Senate and the House.

## Elevated understanding of *portable justice*:

We hosted an official side event at the first review of the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration - the International Migration Review Forum. Justice in Motion's panel brought advocates from across the globe to share lessons from migration corridors where civil society has developed transnational networks to support access to justice through all stages of migration.









#### **MEXICO:**

de Córdova A.C. (Tapachula)

Scalabrinianas Misión con Migrantes y Refugiados - SMR/ Padre José Marchetti A.C (Ciudad de México)

Asociación de Auxiliares Voluntarios para Servicios Sociales, AC (Zacapu)

Comunitaria por los Derechos Humanos "Tzobibaltik" A.C. (San Cristóbal de Las Casas

Frente Indigena de Organizaciones Binacionales (FIOB) (Santiago Juxtlahuaca) Pastoral de Migrantes Chinamosa Voragruz (Chinamosa)

Chinameca, Veracruz (Chinameca)

Respuesta Alternativa A.C. (San Luis Potosí)

Servicios Educativos del Bajio A.C. (León)

Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración, AC (IMUMI) (Ciudad de México)

Red de Mujeres y Hombres por una Opinión Pública con Perspectiva de Género en Campeche, A.C. (REDMYH.A.C.) (Campeche)

Centro de Orientacion del Migrante de Oaxaca (COMI) (Oaxaca de Juarez)

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**Grove Foundation** 

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**National Dignity for Families Fund** (DFF), housed at FWD.us Education Fund, Inc. (2)

**New York Community Trust** 

The Leafglen Foundation

The MCJ Ameilor Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Tides Foundation** 

**WE Trust** 

Worker Justice and Dignity Fund

**Zegar Family Foundation** 



\*Figures are based upon preliminary end-of-year forecasts



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