

  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN  
STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Government of the United Mexican States, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States (SRE), and Government of the United States of America, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

**CONSIDERING** the level of cooperation between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, and with the aim of strengthening the existing collaborative framework in line with new instruments and models of action between partners for global development that apply in this area;

**RECOGNIZING** the previous collaboration of the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the purpose of promoting joint activities concerning development and cooperation between countries and developing stronger actions on matters of technical cooperation based on the expertise of both Participants;

**AWARE** of the shared objectives of international development cooperation of the United States of America and the international cooperation priorities of the United Mexican States;

**CONSIDERING** the provisions of the General Agreement for Technical Cooperation between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, effected by the exchange of notes in Mexico City on June 27, 1951, as amended; and

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the Participants signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013, aimed at developing joint actions that benefit countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean, prioritizing countries in Central America;

Have reached the following understanding:

**FIRST  
Objective**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aims to establish the framework for further deepening international development cooperation between the Participants in the development of joint actions that benefit El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The Participants intend to pursue actions in the exchange of knowledge, experiences, assets and resources to address the root causes of irregular migration stemming from the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, which are focus countries of the Comprehensive Development Plan – a United Nations plan to address the root causes of irregular migration in the region.

The Participants specifically acknowledge that this MOU is not an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by the Participants under international law or the law of the United Mexican States or the United States of America. The Participants are entering into this MOU while desiring to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates.

**SECOND  
Priority**

For the provision of international cooperation consistent with the objective of this MOU, the Participants identify as a priority, deepening strategic and technical cooperation between USAID and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) to maximize the impact of the international cooperation programs or projects with the aim of addressing the root causes of irregular migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

### THIRD

#### Activities of Cooperation

The Participants intend to endeavor that cooperation referred to in this MOU is conducted through the following activities:

- harmonize the provision of assistance to beneficiaries of USAID and AMEXCID cooperation programs or projects, such as agriculture and youth workforce assistance;
- share best practices and methodologies to measure short- and long-term impacts of cooperation programs or projects in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras;
- augment field presence of USAID and AMEXCID in other countries, such as El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras;
- provide specialized and targeted agriculture or youth workforce or other technical assistance to project staff and/or beneficiaries;
- share best practices and methodologies regarding gender and other social considerations for programs or projects design and implementation;
- share best practices and methodologies regarding environmental impacts and other environmental considerations into programs and projects design and implementation;
- jointly design monitoring and evaluation programs or projects to track and measure results;
- provide specialized and targeted training for extension agents, beneficiaries and other stakeholders;
- enhance communications instruments, tools, and best practices related to programs and projects implementation;
- exchange information, documents and materials related to successful experiences in agriculture development, youth workforce, and other related topics;
- analyze and pilot new initiatives to reduce irregular migration; and/or
- engage through any other actions mutually determined by the Participants.

#### **FOURTH**

##### **Identification and Design of the Activities of Cooperation**

For the execution of this MOU, the Participants intend to carry out periodic consultations to analyze proposals for joint programs or projects. The approval of the programs or projects are expected to be by mutual decision, in consultation with the beneficiary country or countries, in respect of their national priorities.

The Participants intend to organize, when deemed necessary, joint missions to identify the areas of operation and the elaboration of the corresponding program or project documents to define the objectives of the relevant program or project.

The Participants intend to coordinate to prepare project documents that contain the objectives, activities, expected results, and budget. In the case of programs or projects that involve more than two parties, the country or countries that receive development assistance under this cooperation are expected to participate in the preparation of documents.

#### **FIFTH**

##### **Programming and Financing of the Cooperation Activities**

Cooperation activities carried out under this MOU are expected to be implemented through mechanisms the Participants intend to define when identifying and designing programs or projects and are subject to the availability of resources and personnel of each Participant. The Participants intend to conduct cooperation activities in accordance with their laws, regulations and policies.

The Participants could explore the use of various financing options as warranted by individual programs or projects, to include coordination with regional and international organizations with expertise in the diverse areas of cooperation.

**SIXTH**  
**Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism**

For the monitoring and evaluation of the programs or projects under this MOU, the Participants intend to meet quarterly, or whenever deemed necessary by them.

Participants may also monitor and evaluate programs or projects under this MOU, through joint or separate missions and exchange the results of these missions reported to the Participants. The institutions that execute programs or projects are expected to report on progress regularly to both Participants.

Each Participant retains the ability to carry out its own internal supervision and oversight of the programs or projects under this MOU.

**SEVENTH**  
**Responsible Representatives**

The Participants designate as responsible for the identification, formulation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of programs or projects to be carried out under this MOU:

For the Government of the United States of America: the USAID Mission in Mexico City

For the Government of the United Mexican States: the SRE through the AMEXCID

**EIGHTH**  
**General Provisions**

This MOU becomes operative on the date of its signature, for a period of three (3) years, and may be extended by mutual written decision of the Participants.

Either of the Participants may discontinue this MOU at any time, but is expected to endeavor to provide at least sixty (60) days' written notice to the other Participant.

Discontinuation of this MOU is not intended to affect the conclusion of programs or projects initiated while it was operative.

Signed at Mexico City on June 8, 2021, in two originals, in the Spanish and English languages.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED MEXICAN STATES:**



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