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COMMUNITY

The American Red Cross continues to support community preparedness through the **LARRA Project** implemented by the Salvadoran Red Cross. On this occasion, 15 community brigades from the Department of Ahuachapan were trained in first aid techniques for injury care as part of the learning obtained in the virtual training they have received. These brigades are part of the **community emergency plans** that have been updated to provide an effective and efficient response to the population. Practices include bandages, transport of the injured, treatment of wounds and fractures.

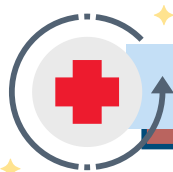


MIGRATION

The first years of child life are essential for proper development. The Colombian Red Cross, through the **Humanitarian Project for Migration in Colombia**, implemented sessions to promote growth and early detection of diseases. This is possible thanks to the support of USAID/BHA and the American Red Cross.



Educating in the adequate consumption of salt/sodium is a strategy of the Colombian Red Cross, through the **Humanitarian Project for Migration in Colombia** as a community activity for the control of chronic non-communicable diseases. This is done with the support of USAID/BHA and the American Red Cross.



RESILIENCE

In the Mexican Red Cross Salina Cruz, **Oaxaca**, a session was held with teachers and parents at the Benito Juarez Secondary School in San Mateo del Mar on the organization of the school emergency brigade and introduction to the School Emergency Plan.



In five communities of **Puebla**, under the current COVID-19 contingency and CBHFA activity, hygiene kits were delivered to community members who have been collaborating in the implementation of activities.

In the community of Huejotengo (Ocuituco, **Morelos**), equipment was delivered to the community brigade. During the meeting, the progress of the activities carried out, the levels of interaction reached, as well as the challenges and achievements were presented.



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PROJECTS

The Salvadoran Red Cross, through the **Latin American Risk Reduction Activities Project (LARRA)**, with the support of the American Red Cross and the General Direction of Civil Protection, identified areas for the location of the communication system in communities benefited by the Project. In addition, they review the access and evacuation routes that will be improved through the mitigation microprojects.



PROGRAMS

Mexican Red Cross: As part of the joint actions with Civil Protection of different municipalities in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec region, the first training in the Serie "Be Prepared for Earthquakes" was held. The Civil Protection Coordination of Juchitan (**Oaxaca**) and the Civil Association "Civil Protection Volunteers Juchitan" participated.

Through playful activities the 4 modules were developed (Knowing the earthquakes; Recognizing, identifying and applying; Cooking the response; and Neighbors let's get out of this one). In the community of La Galarza (**Puebla**), coordination in place with the "Casa de Salud" (community health post) to convene neighbors interested in forming part of the health committee and carry out training.



ACTIVITIES



Colombia: The Colombian Red Cross, through the **Humanitarian Project for Migration in Colombia**, conducted workshops to prepare for parenthood and motherhood, development with playful methodologies called "breastfeeding game" in which migrant women and men from Venezuela and the host population in Colombia who are beneficiaries of medical and nursing services participate, with the aim of reducing risks during pregnancy. These actions are carried out thanks to the support of the American Red Cross and USAID/BHA.

El Salvador: The Salvadoran Red Cross continues training community leaders in Early Warning Systems in case of landslides and earthquakes. This as a complement to the formulation of community plans and operation of the community commissions of Civil Protection of 15 communities benefiting from the **LARRA Project** that is implemented in the Department of Ahuachapan, with the support of the American Red Cross.



WEBINARS

We continue with the **Psychosocial Support Webinars! (In Spanish and English)**. Every 15 days we will have sessions in Spanish and every 15 in English. Visit our website to register or access the live sessions <https://www.amcross.org>. Since January, we have had more than **580 devices** connected through Zoom, YouTube and Red Cross Radio. Sessions are held by Dr. Joseph Prewitt.

