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American Red Cross



COMMUNITY

The American Red Cross LAC Delegation in El Salvador held a monitoring visit to communities benefiting from the **LARRA Project**, met with the president of the Municipal Civil Protection Commission and verified the operation of the hand washing stations; interviews were also conducted with community leaders. This project is implemented by the Salvadoran Red Cross with the support of the American Red Cross.



MIGRATION

Through the **Humanitarian Project for Migration in Colombia Phase II**, an evaluation of community health practices was carried out to structure and identify areas of intervention in new communities of migrants or colombian returnees to reduce risk and reinforce protection. This with the support of the American Red Cross and USAID/BHA.



The Colombian Red Cross, through the **Humanitarian Project for Migration in Colombia Phase II**, continued with the education campaign on knowledge of tuberculosis and leprosy, taking into consideration that migration is a risk factor for the presence of these infectious diseases. This with the support of the American Red Cross and USAID/BHA.



RISK MITIGATION

The Colombian Red Cross Caldas Branch is establishing a baseline of pre-project knowledge of communities at risk for and who will be first responders to an eruption of the **Nevalo del Ruiz Volcano**. Now in **Phase II** of the project, the purpose of this activity is to learn the weaknesses so they can be addressed and strengthened. Fifty homes were visited during this activity.



RESILIENCE

The Mexican Red Cross, through the **Community Earthquake Resilience Program**, visited the community of Huejotengo, **Morelos** where they met with the committee of the municipality and members of the Community Brigade to form the micro project Committee which will carry out the following points: measurements and delimitation of the land, work and cleaning of the land, flattening of the land, list of construction materials and request for support to the community with labor.



The Mexican Red Cross held a Community Brigade First Aid Training in San Mateo del Mar where they carried out exercises in CPR, clearing of airways, treatment of burns and mobilization and transfer of patients in San Mateo del Mar, **Oaxaca**. The brigade committed to continue their training, to involve new members and to generate comprehensive actions to support their community.



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WORKSHOPS

The "**Strategic Alliance Workshop between the Salvadoran Red Cross and the American Red Cross**" was held this month to review and update the Strategic Alliance Plan that exists between both National Societies for the strengthening and continuous improvement of capacities, resources and activities developed jointly. The Salvadoran Red Cross President and senior AmCross representatives participated.

The Salvadoran Red Cross, through the **LARRA Project** with technical support from the American Red Cross, inaugurated its third Aquatic Rescue Workshop for volunteer lifeguards from the western part of the country and community lifeguards at Barra de Santiago Beach, Jujutla, Ahuachapan.



EQUIPMENT

American Red Cross: The American Red Cross for LAC made a donation of 170 mannequins to the Panamanian Red Cross to be used in first aid courses of the institution. Several members of the regional delegation and the National Society, including the President Elias Solis, the Vice-president of the National Society and presidents of local committees participated in this activity.



ACTIVITIES



Colombia: The Colombian Red Cross, through the Humanitarian Project for the Migration in Colombia, held an informative session with pregnant women where the key messages of the food guide "Share and enjoy healthy traditional foods together" were presented as a community strategy to reduce the risk of diseases during pregnancy. This, with the support of the American Red Cross and USAID/BHA.

El Salvador: The Salvadoran Red Cross, with the support of the American Red Cross, continues to strengthen the community commissions of Civil Protection of 15 communities in the Department of Ahuachapan. This time, credentials were given to the members of the commissions, after being sworn in by the Civil Protection authorities of each municipality. All this, within the framework LARRA Project.



Mexico: The Mexican Red Cross, through the Community Earthquake Resilience Program, as a follow-up to the training of the community health committee in La Galarza, Puebla, equipment was delivered to the committee and supplies were delivered to the local health center. We also completed a mapping activity to identify vulnerable members of the community.

Colombia: Within the framework of the Nevado del Ruiz Volcano Project Phase II, the Colombian Red Cross Caldas Branch continues working with the communities located in the area of influence in order to improve the local emergency response capacity, visiting communities in the Municipality of Manizales, where there is great interest from residents in participating in the project and thus prepare them as first responders in case of any emergency.

