

## **Children on the move in Central America and Mexico: the displacement cycle**

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In recent years, the Northern Triangle of Central America has seen a sharp escalation in the number of people fleeing persecution and insecurity. This has been triggered in large part by both economic hardship and violent crime. Against this backdrop, children are particularly affected, including by forced recruitment, insecurity and sexual and gender-based violence. Those who are unaccompanied attempt to seek protection elsewhere in their countries or beyond, sometimes to join family members abroad. With few avenues for safe passage, unaccompanied children often find themselves exposed to abuse and exploitation. This situational roundtable will explore the journeys of children on the move in the subregion. Their perspectives, which will be presented through audio visual material, will aim to complement the good practices identified by practitioners.

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*Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be available.*

