

ONE YEAR OF "REMAIN IN MEXICO" IMPACTS

What is "Remain in Mexico"?

"Remain in Mexico," (RIM) officially known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) was implemented in January 2019. It is a U.S. immigration policy forcing asylum seekers arriving at ports of entry (POE), on the U.S. southern border, to be returned to Mexico to wait for the duration of their U.S. immigration proceedings.

TOP NATIONALITIES

- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Cuba
- El Salvador
- Ecuador

59,000+ migrants have been returned to Mexico

as of December 31, 2019

816+

public reports of **rape, kidnapping, torture, and other violent attacks** against asylum seekers returned under MPP

POE's/Cities Involved

Brownsville/Matamoros
Calexico/Mexicali
El Paso/Ciudad Juárez
Laredo/Nuevo Laredo
San Ysidro/Tijuana
Eagle Pass/ Piedras Negras
Nogales/Mariposa

The Mexican border state of **Tamaulipas**, the location of a RIM city, is a recommended **no travel zone** for U.S. citizens according to the U.S. State Department.

At least **16,000** children have been returned to Mexico, including



500 infants

*as of October 11, 2019

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS RETURNED

LGBTQ+
Pregnant Women
Children
Disabled



Members of all of these groups have been returned to Mexico under this policy.

Human Rights Violations Faced by Returned Migrants



Extortion
Due Process Violations
Family Separation
Physical/Verbal Abuse

Sexual and Gender Based Violence
Kidnapping
Homelessness
Torture
Death



Innovation Law Lab v. McAleenan

On October 1st the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments for the lawsuit litigated by ACLU, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Center for Gender & Refugee Studies. While a decision is pending, the policy continues to be implemented.

TENT COURTS



In September, tent facilities were set up by the DHS and DOJ in **Brownsville** and **Laredo, Texas** with judges **videoconferencing** into courtrooms to hear asylum cases. The public now have access to the hearings, but **with very strict limitations**. The tent courts present a serious **due process violation** for asylum seekers.

Long wait times force migrants into more **dangerous** crossings, resulting in tragic **deaths** like Oscar and his daughter, Valeria

400-700

hearings are expected to be held in tent courts **EACH DAY** in both cities

95% of asylum seekers in MPP **lack** legal representation



STOP

"Remain in Mexico" is an **unsafe & unlawful policy** that will continue to harm asylum seekers at the U.S. southern border.

#MigrantPersecutionProtocols

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