Highlights

- In Cd. Juárez concern was raised due to a decision by a Federal Judge in Texas which ordered the re-activation of returns of UACs under Title 42. The decision was later vacated by an administrative decision of the CDC. During the first 110 days of the MPP, the United States has returned nearly 600 asylum seekers in Cd. Juárez, of whom, as of March 27, 482 received temporary shelter in the Kiki Romero Municipal Gym. (Link).

- In Tapachula, INM (Migration Institute) announced the temporary suspension of operations of the South Zone Migration Regulation Office, given the violent outburst of migrants in its offices, after several demonstrations over the last weeks. Other zone offices continue operating regularly. Protests of migrants (mainly from Haiti and some African countries) demanding more agile migration processing.

- In Tijuana, there is an increase in arrivals of migrants from Russia and Ukraine transiting through Mexico to seek asylum in the USA. 400 elements from the Mexican Army and National Guard have arrived to the city in order to decrease armed incidents, violence and overall crime rates in the area.

UNICEF’s Response and Funding Status

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*Funding available includes: funds received in the current year; carry-over from the previous year; and repurposed funds with agreement from donors. See Annex A.
Funding Overview and Partnerships
UNICEF appeals for USD $27 million under the Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) appeal to respond to the needs of the migrant population in Mexico, including those returning under the Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) and Title 42, internally displaced population from states with high organized crime violence and the continuous flow from Central and South America.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Tapachula, Chiapas FO
- In Tapachula, INM (Migration Institute) announced the temporal suspension of operations of the South Zone Migration Regulation Office given the violent irruption of migrants in its offices. Other zone offices continue operating regularly.
- Main needs of children and women are: child friendly spaces for children and adolescent waiting for their migration documents; access to health and nutrition services for children and pregnant women.
- There is a need for WASH stations, drinking and handwashing facilities in the migratory stations of Ciudad Hidalgo and Tapachula. Children remain in informal camps at Parque Bicentenario where there is no access to potable drinking water.

Tijuana-Mexicali, Baja California FO
- During March the city has witnessed an increase of people from Russia and Ukraine waiting in Mexico for their asylum process in the USA.

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua FO
- Shelter capacity continues to trend upwards - there is currently 82% occupancy – meaning that, by the end of March there was accommodation space available for around 700 additional people. There are 24 shelters in the city with an overall capacity of 2,363 people: 22 of them have UNICEF interventions.
- There are speculations that Title 42 expulsions will cease in April 2022, while at the same time, the Migrant Protection Protocols will be expanded. The INM (Migration Institute) has established a maximum quota of 30 returnees per day. It is not clear if this will change in the future. As of January 8, on average there are 20 returnees per week through MPP, mainly males travelling alone from Nicaragua, Cuba, Colombia and Venezuela.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health
- In Chihuahua, as of March 27, interventions on health and nutrition will start at the Sierra Tarahumara. Mobile health units provided by UNICEF were presented to the health authorities together with partners CADENA and ADRA.
- In Tapachula, health interventions through CADENA-ADRA have reached 138 beneficiaries.
- In Tijuana, health interventions with CADENA-ACRA have started, ensuring mobile medical services in shelters for children and families on the move.

Child Protection
- In Cd. Juarez a work plan is being negotiated with the Child Protection Authority and Lightshine on alternative care. Implementing partners were trained on the prevention of gender-based violence, in partnership with IRC. A workshop on violence prevention was delivered in 3 shelters.
- In Tapachula there is a need to install a child friendly space in the migratory regulation offices of INM that will benefit an average of 300-500 migrant people (out of which, an estimated 150 children). 134 cases concerning children and adolescents were managed by the UNICEF-supported multidisciplinary teams in Tuxtla Gutierrez and Tapachula, out of which 112 were accompanied children and 22 were unaccompanied, mainly from Honduras, Cuba and Guatemala. 273 children and adolescents were reached through psychosocial and sports activities through partners Futbol Mas and La Jugarreta.
In Tijuana a diagnostic on mental health conditions of children and their caretakers was undertaken in 11 temporary shelters. 212 adolescents and caretakers received UNICEF-supported psychosocial interventions in Tijuana and Mexicali.

**Education**

- In Cd. Juarez an agreement has been negotiated with health authorities to issue free health certificates for children attending early child care centers. The project on inclusive education for children and adolescents on the move continues.
- In Tapachula, as part of the strategy Teaching at the Right Level (aimed at recovering key learnings after school closure), 1,850 students out of 3,000 have been assessed and 115 teachers have been trained in 4 municipalities.
- In Tijuana 20 children were detected to enroll them in early childhood services.

**WASH**

- In Cd. Juarez, infrastructure and construction materials have been delivered in shelter Pan de Vida. Interventions with World Vision continue in 3 shelters. The WASH intersectoral group was reinstalled by the end of February.
- In Tijuana 42 children received non-food items (school kits, facemasks and alcohol in gel). Also 48 children received hygiene kits and other 50 COVID kits.
- In Tapachula 675 water bottles were donated to INM and CADENA-ADRA for children and women. Also 31 hygiene kits for girls and 24 for boys were distributed through partner CADENA-ADRA. Approximately 3,000 people benefited from the use of the mobile WASH stations placed at the INM headquarters, of whom around 900 were children.

**Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP)**
The skills for life and work project in Chiapas has increased its reach from 65 to 85 youths since February, with some delays due to COVID-related closures. So far, an estimated half of beneficiaries are foreign migrants, while the rest are youths and adolescents from Chiapas who are out of school and work (15–24-year-olds). Given a large number of migrants in the northern border are from Chiapas, it is important to channel efforts for providing local opportunities for youths. After finishing the socioemotional and foundational academic skills modules, participants will be directed to a short technical training while being mentored to develop a medium-term life plan, promoting the return to school or finding a formal employment. A work plan was signed on March 25 with the state’s Youth Institute, Secretariat of Labor and the Chiapas workforce development institute to facilitate outreach, job-matching and technical training for participants.

**Social and Behavioural Change (SBC)**

In Chiapas, conversations with Civil Society and the Youth Ministry are advancing to sign an SSFA regarding the eradication of Xenophobia, racism and discrimination against people on the move with a child’s rights perspective. In Ciudad Juárez, the T4D (theatre for development) intervention is reaching its final stage with due results in April and a possible extension and expansion to other topics and field offices.

**Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy**

UNICEF participates in several humanitarian coordination mechanisms focusing on the migration situation, such as the Protection Working Group, the Health and Migration Working Group, the GBV and Migration Sub-Working Group, the PSEA Sub-Working Group. Moreover, UNICEF leads the WASH Working Group and the Child Protection in Migration Discussion Group, the later in which key NGO and UN agencies participate and have prepared key advocacy documents to advance the protection of accompanied and unaccompanied children on the move to be presented to the Government.

**Human Interest Stories and External Media**

UNICEF Mexico media channels have been promoting the work with migrants both in the northern and southern frontiers, including the health services that are being provided, as well as school activities.
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Annex A

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