

Andrés Manuel López Obrador Migratory Policy

What impacts have President López Obrador's migratory policies created?

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Who is López Obrador?

2000-2005: Mayor of Mexico City

2011: Formed leftist MORENA party

2017: Campaigned for presidency on a platform of human rights, safe migration, and countering the United States' influence

Current Development Initiatives

The following are two expanding programs:

Sowing Life

US\$250 monthly payments

Technical training

In-kind assistance to farmers



Youth Building a Future

US\$180 monthly payments

Job training for youth

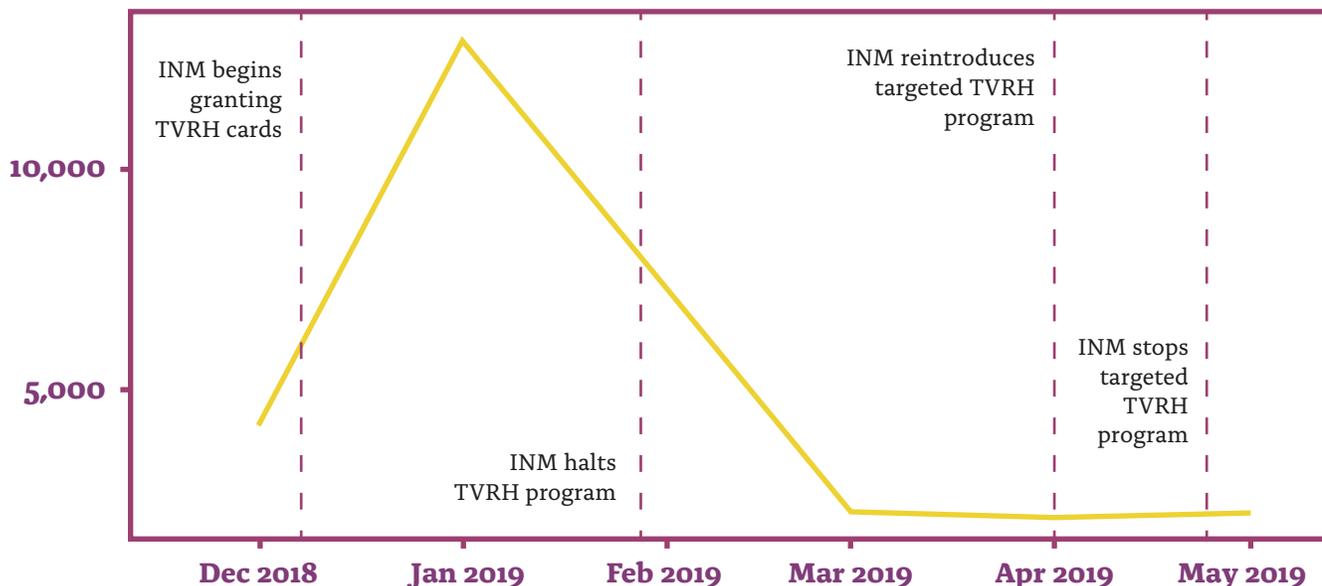


Humanitarian Principles December 2018 to May 2019

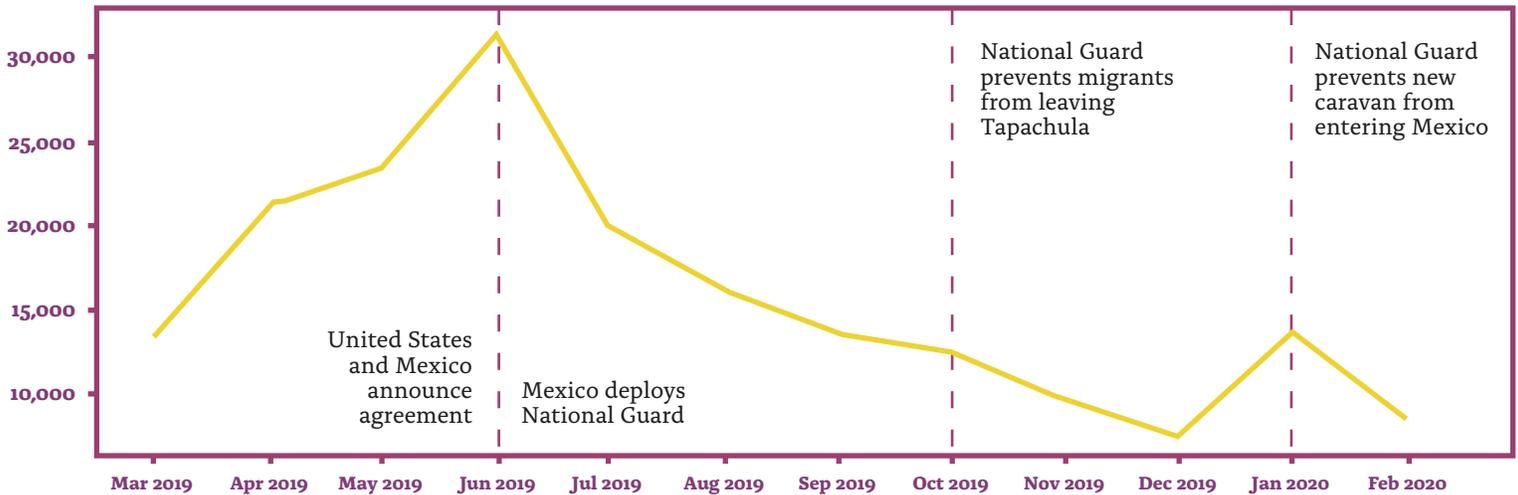
- Respect for migrants' rights
- Safe, orderly, and regular migration
- Regional development funding
- Increased use of humanitarian visas
- More shelters, less detention

The chart below represents the humanitarian visas issued as part of the administration's commitment to humanitarian issues.

Humanitarian Visas Issued



INM Timeline of Enforcement Shift

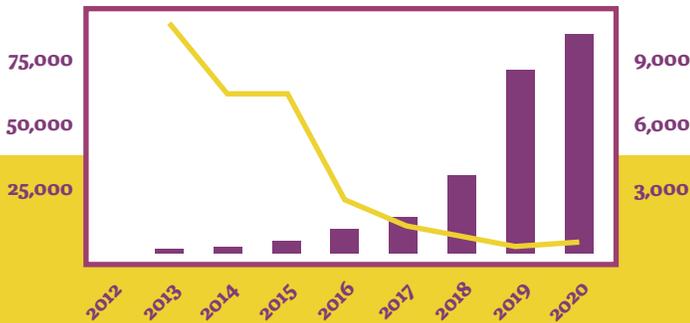


The graph above represents the shift from humanitarian to enforcement policies overlaid on INM apprehension data.

Policy Effects on Migrants

- Increased crimes against migrants
- Changes in transit routes
- Increased reliance on guides

COMAR Funding Per Application and Refugee Applications



Policy Recommendations

- Renew INM's commitment to human rights through trainings, accountability mechanisms, and improved infrastructure
- Improve development projects through funding, partnerships, and evaluation
- Strengthen and expand refugee agency
- Reform National Guard mandate by decreasing immigration enforcement activities and increasing protection for migrants in camps and along transit routes

COMAR Overwhelmed

- Funding for refugee agency has not increased at the same rate as refugee applications
- Limited staff and operations
- Absence of integration assistance
- Increased reliance on UNHCR funds