Victim Assistance Update: January-June 2017

VICTIMS ASSISTED 38 cases of violence and forced displacement were addressed. 193 individuals were recognized as victims of violence. Learn more here.

Our work is made possible through the generosity of individuals like you. Will you join us?
**Salvadoran Kids Depict Hopes and Fears Through Art**

What do Salvadoran kids like, fear, worry about, and aspire to be? In a July workshop, we asked a group of children these very questions. See their responses [here](http://mailchi.mp/f2c903c2e308/july-newsletter?e=05821d2b22).

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**Invisibility of Forced Displacement**

In early July, Human Rights Director David Morales and Chief Program Officer Celia Medrano were interviewed about the invisibility of forced displacement by La Página. Morales explains how the **difficulty of fully understanding** and tracking forced displacement in El Salvador compounds the difficulty of addressing the problem. Medrano adds that the **situation is “critical,”** as shown by the number of Salvadorans **requesting international protection.** Read the full article in Spanish [here](http://mailchi.mp/f2c903c2e308/july-newsletter?e=05821d2b22).
To Be Young Is to Be on the Run from Gangs and Police

Chief Program Officer Celia Medrano was interviewed by Contrapunto this month about the current situation of those displaced by violence in El Salvador. Key points from their conversation include:

- Young people who witness crimes are threatened by the state actors and gang members that perpetrate them.
- Some families respond by hiding their kids away to protect them as they make arrangements to leave the area, and eventually gain international support to leave the country.
- Half of displaced persons don’t report their cases, because they are afraid of state security systems as well as gangs.
- The situation has prompted the United Nations to plan on sending a delegation to El Salvador in mid-August.

Read the whole Spanish article here.

Watch Celia Medrano’s video interview with Contrapunto here.
Summer Advocacy Training

Our summer advocacy training is going strong in its fifth week. We have over 60 participants engaging in dynamic learning modules each week. So far, the training has covered topics like Cristosal’s mission, human rights, rights-based development, and message-sharing. We’re excited to continue building and investing in this important network of Cristosal supporters!
Want to work with us?
Know someone who'd be great?

Check out our job listings here!

We're currently looking for consulting services for the creation of the human resources area, a Regional Coordinator for Humanitarian Aid, and an Intern for Resource Development.