

# "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.

**55,000+**

migrants have been returned to Mexico

as of November 13, 2019

## TOP NATIONALITIES

- Honduras
- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Cuba
- Ecuador

**340+**

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

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



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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 has **not had access** to these hearings. 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

**98%**

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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