

### What is the GCRRP?

The GCRRP is the **first initiative** to help children who migrate alone to the United States and are returning home to Guatemala as a result of an immigration removal order or voluntary departure.

### Why the GCRRP?

Every year hundreds of children are ordered removed and escorted home by U.S. immigration authorities **without a safety net to ensure their safe family reunification and reintegration back home.**

KIND's GCRRP helps Guatemalan children who return home by talking to them before their departure and determining the needs they will have upon return, and following up in Guatemala to help them with their reintegration and access to local community services.

Beyond this direct support, KIND leverages lessons learned and best practices from the project to advocate for child centered policies and reintegration support for all repatriated children.

#### What services are available through the GCRRP?

KIND and key local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Guatemala have partnered to provide services to children returning to various regions of the country and their families, including:

- Family reunification assistance
- Psychosocial support
- Skills training and workshops
- Cultural support services
- Educational support
- Referrals to community resources



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# How does GCRRP work?



Providing reintegration support that is culturally and linguistically appropriate and that addresses each child's unique needs is essential. Each child referred to KIND's GCRRP is intaked by a social worker prior to their return home. The KIND social worker:

- Talks to the child and completes a needs assessment
- Makes a referral for services to one of KIND's local NGO partners in Guatemala
- Connects local NGO partner with child which provides direct support to the child and her/his family
- Together, KIND and local NGO partner monitor the progress of each child and ensure the child's transition home is safe and reintegration is successful.

## Who is eligible to participate in the GCRRP?

- Guatemalan children returning home as a result of a removal order or voluntary departure who are under the age of 19.

The majority of the children who have benefited from KIND's GCRRP are children who migrated alone to the U.S., remain in federal custody under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with no family with whom to reunify in the U.S., and are returning home as a result of a deportation order or voluntary departure.



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