

**Location of operation:** Chiapas.

**Time of implementation:** 01.07.2024 - 31.03.2025

**Objective:** raise awareness of and report against the use of surveillance technology to monitor migrants, refugees and human rights defenders on the Mexican southern and northern borders. Moreover, to strengthen the skills of migrants, refugees and human rights defenders, particularly women and girls, to face digital risks

**Activities implemented:**

- **A1:** The project started with a review of existing documentation, integrating international and Mexican evidence on the use of surveillance technologies against migrants, refugees, and human rights defenders, based on the analysis of 52 sources, 12 of which were cited in the final report.
- **A2:** Two participatory research workshops were carried out with 25 migrants and refugee women and girls.
- **A3:** 4 Workshop reaching 31 human rights defenders.
- **A4:** Interviews with 7 human rights defenders and 14 organisations.
- **A5:** 6 maps created to show the use of surveillance technology.
- **A6:** Systematization and analysis.
- **A7:** Development of a [report](#) with the data analysis.
- **A8:** Posts on social media and webpage: findings were amplified through our social media (@colibresorg on IG, FB and X), as well as the webpage we have built for this project (caminosvigilados.colibres.org).

**Achievements:**

- Active participation: 25 migrant and refugee women participated in workshops to discover the apps used by migrants and educate them on digital security strategies to prevent privacy violations
- Advocacy for human rights and inclusion: 31 human rights defenders were interviewed to assess protective measures against surveillance during migration
- Strategic alliances and coordination: engaged 31 human rights organisations to collect data on digital surveillance of migrants and refugees at Mexico's southern border. The information was used to update its southern border surveillance maps.
- Empowerment and leadership: trained migrants on digital literacy and safe online practices to protect their privacy. 28.300 people were reached through social media and the website.

**Challenges**

Increased violence along the Mexican border placed migrants and refugees at greater risk, while the freezing of USAID funds further constrained the ability to respond effectively and maintain planned activities.