

Climate Change and Migration: Two Interconnected Crises

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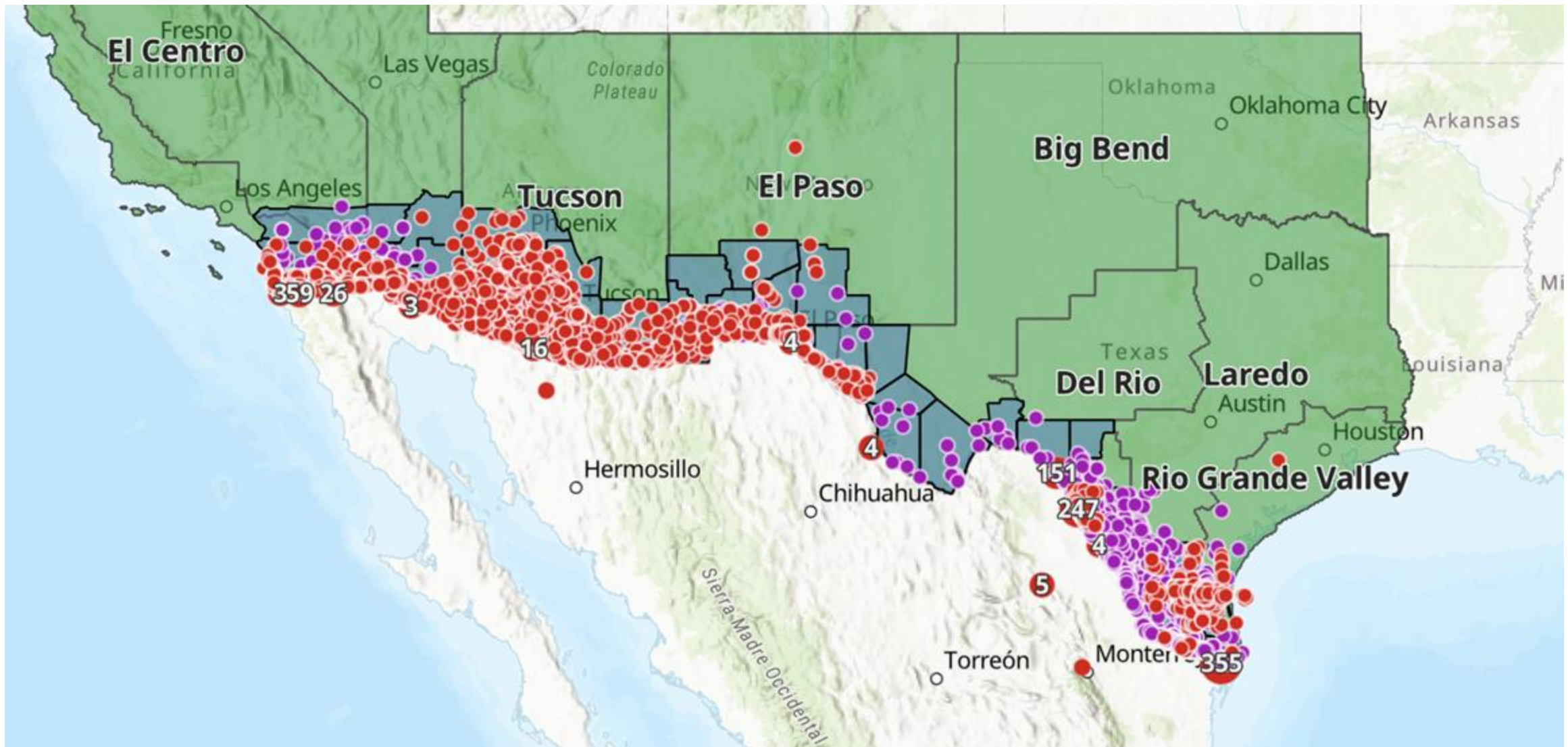


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Border accompaniment in perilous times



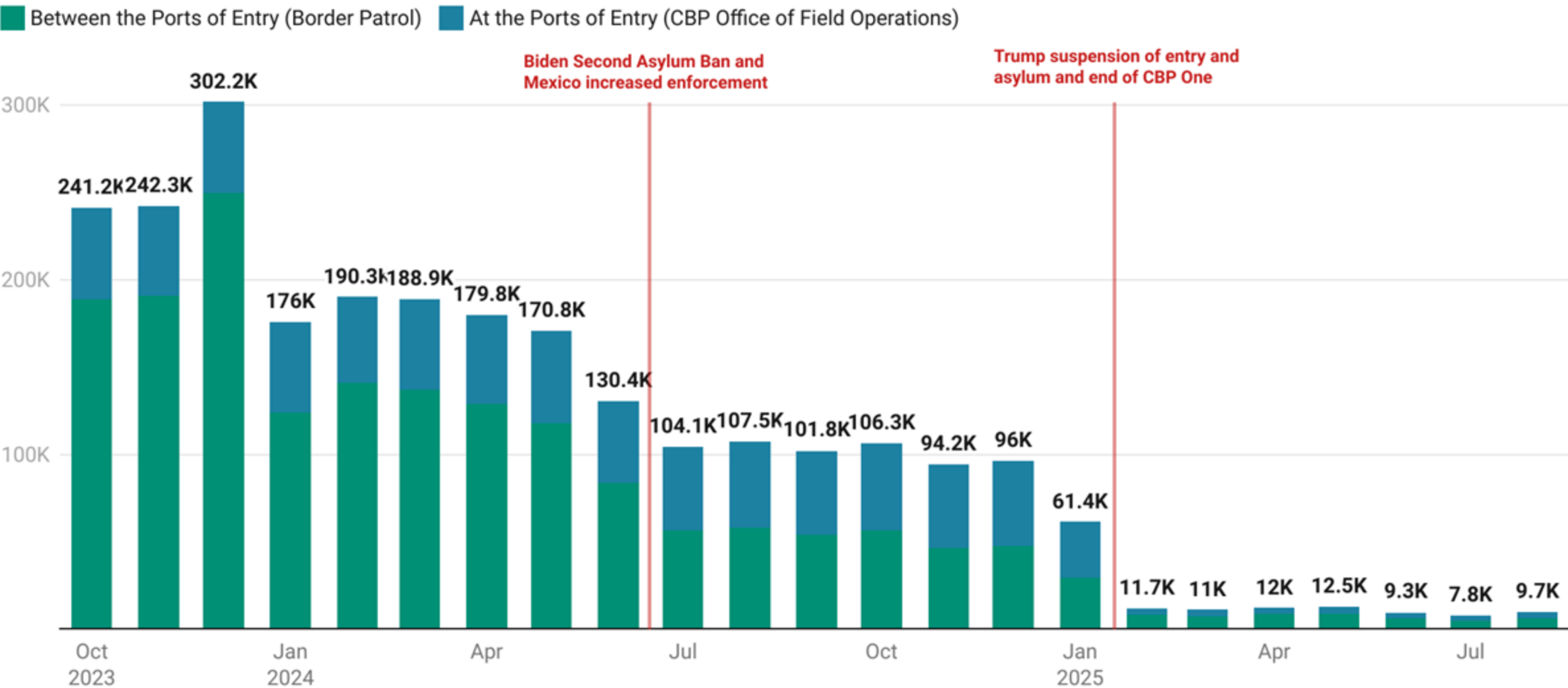


‘The deadliest land migration route in the world’



Border encounters plummeted as asylum restrictions tightened

Total encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border at and between ports of entry (October 2023 - August 2025)





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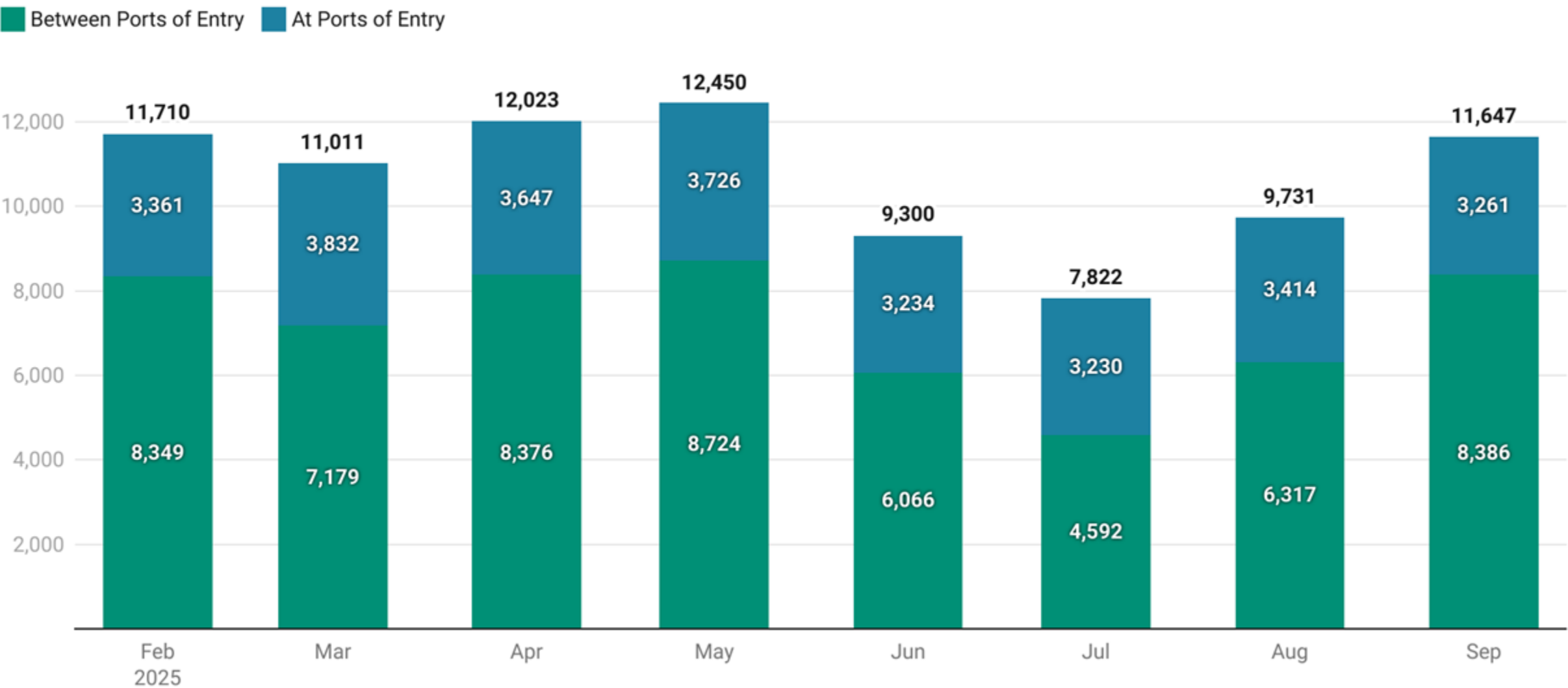


Unprecedented border militarization



Border encounters are low, but are slightly going up after the summer

Total encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border at and between ports of entry (February 2025 - September 2025)



Our faith calls us to a new response

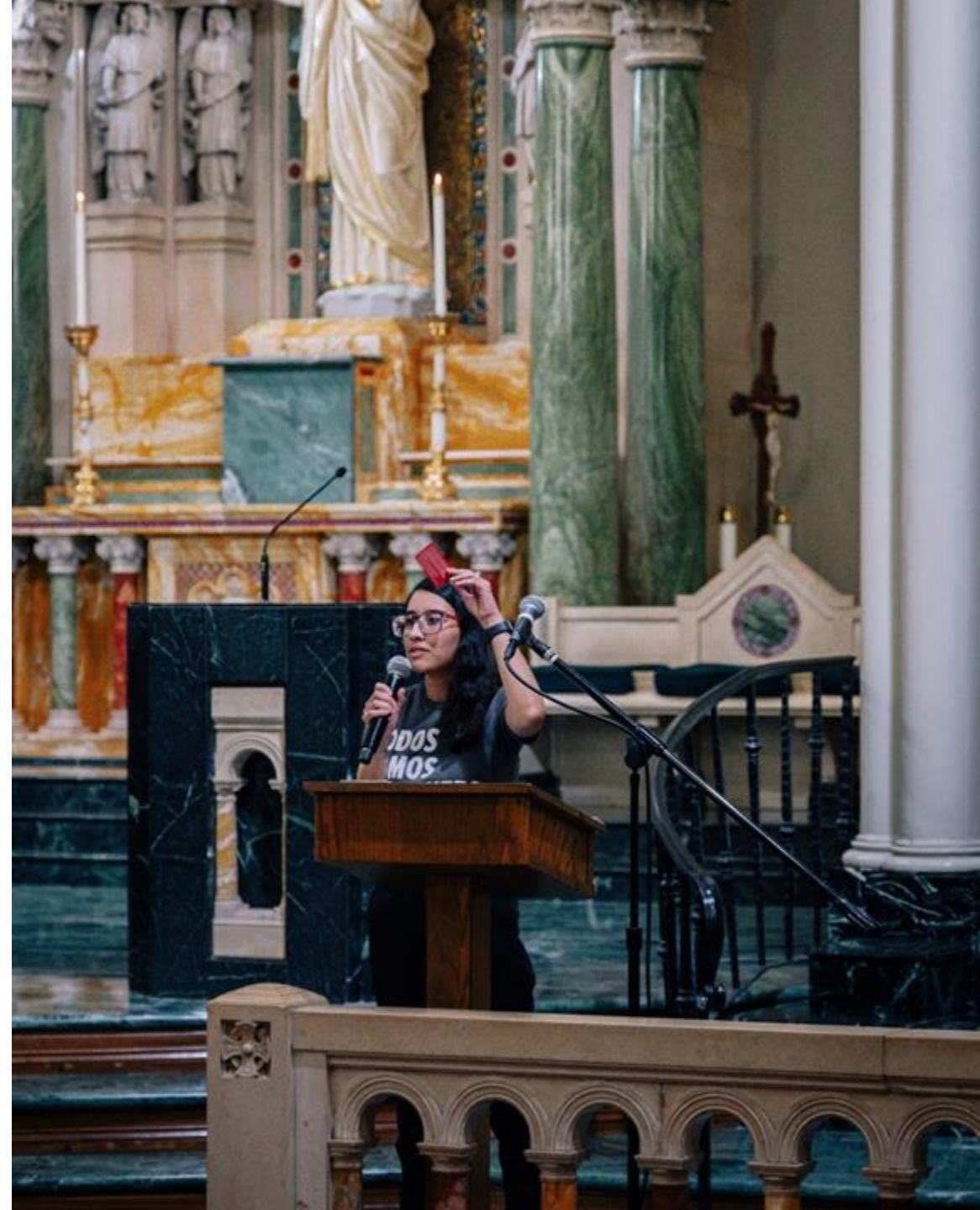




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Protect our communities
from unrestrained
immigration enforcement
and prevent more
separations of families



Advocate for:

1. Pastoral care for migrants in detention
2. Restore asylum
3. End border deaths with appropriate rescue protocols



Mobilize our faith community to **be a prophetic voice for justice**



My name is Froilon. My mom and dad are both residents here in the US but I've been hearing that they are arresting and detaining people, not mattering on if they are undocumented or not citizens. My aunts and uncles here are undocumented and I feel bad for everyone that loses someone. I'm moving to my family.

Papa León,
Por favor escuche
el dolor de los
que están siendo
marginados

doorsteps of people who are scared. and ICE arriving. People ARE scared. Jesus they didn't have a better future and the doors are closing, or they build everything here and didn't think anything like this to happen and they were detained and deported. don't have anything in their native place. I don't have money or a where to sell. I think that this was before and great



**“The Church
cannot
remain
silent”
— Pope Leo
XIV**

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Climate and Migration

October 21, 2025

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By the numbers...

264.8 million

Number of forced movements of people globally due to disasters between 2015-2024

89%

Displaced by flooding and storms

9.8 million

Globally living in internal displacement by the end of 2024

11 million

Forced movements in the United States due to disasters over 2024

~22,000

Living in internal displacement within the United States by the end of 2024

Most vulnerable



- The poor
- Children
- Women and girls
- People with disabilities
- Older adults
- Indigenous peoples



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Planning to reduce risk and impact



"For us, the difference between the 1.5 degrees and anything beyond is not an abstract number. It is the difference between survival and erasure. It is forced migration, food and water insecurity, the loss of our lands and our way of life"

– Maina Talia, Environmental Minister, Tuvalu,
Raising Hope Gathering, October 2025



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Adaptation- Catholic Relief Services



Central America's Dry Corridor- Water
Smart Agriculture and disaster
resilience programs



Philippines- Climate Resilient Cities
Mangroves restoration project



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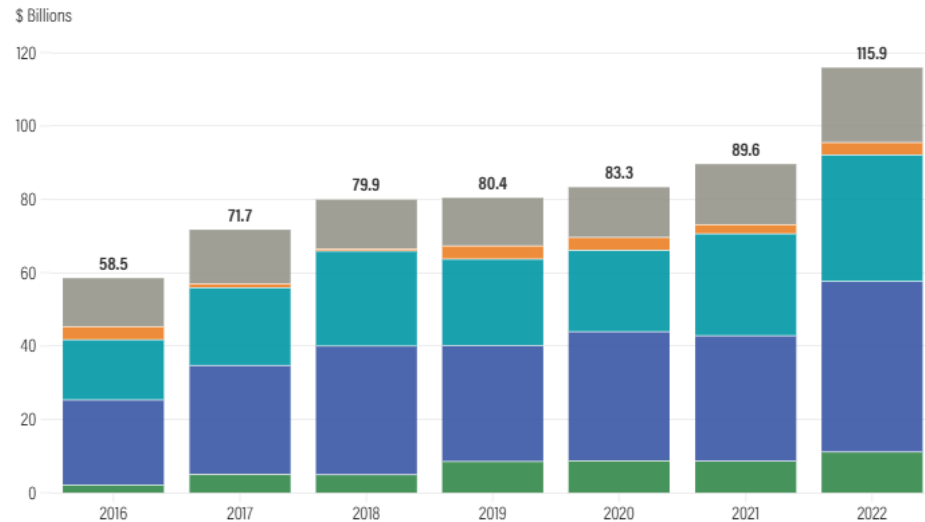
Finance and COP30

“It is my hope that upcoming international summits will listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, families, indigenous peoples, involuntary migrants and believers throughout the world.”

-Pope Leo XIV, Raising Hope Gathering

Climate finance received in 2016-2022 by country income group

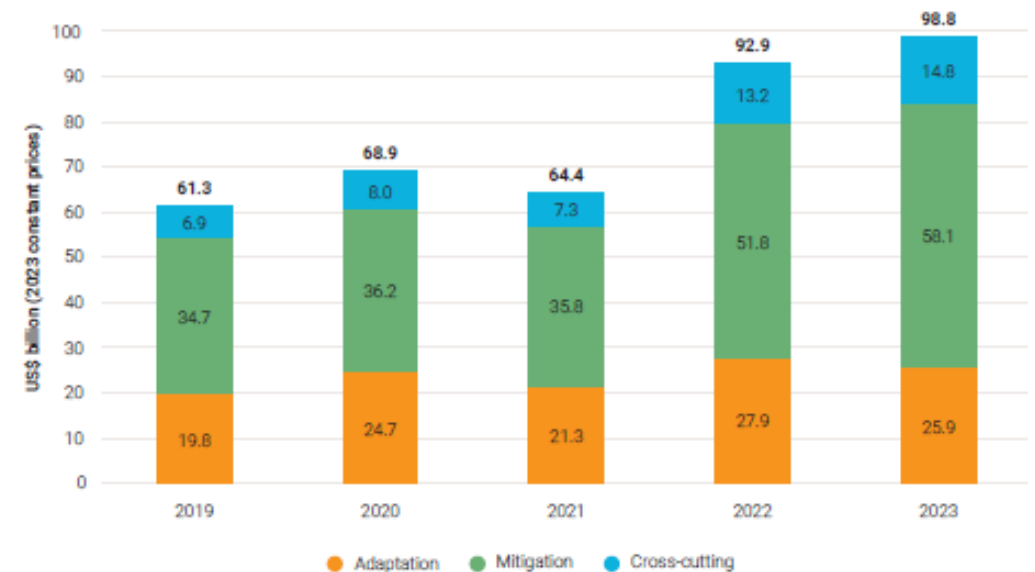
Country income group
Low income countries
Lower middle income countries
Upper middle income countries
High income countries
Unallocated by country income group



Note: The sum of individual income group components may not add up to totals due to rounding. Source: Based on Biennial Reports to the UNFCCC, OECD DAC and Export Credit Group statistics, complementary reporting to the OECD.



Figure 4.4 International public climate finance commitments from developed countries towards developing countries per year for the period 2019–2023, disaggregated into adaptation, mitigation and cross-cutting finance (US\$ billions, constant 2023 prices)



Note: These values do not include the private flows mobilized from international public finance or export credits

Data from the UN Environment Program's Adaptation Gap Report 2025

Policy Challenges

- Foreign Assistance Cuts
- Cuts to U.S. programs and incentives for emissions reduction
- Regulatory rollbacks
- Refugee and immigration policies

“Everyone in society... must put pressure on governments to develop and implement more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls... Citizens must take an active role in decision-making... Only then will it be possible to mitigate harm done to the environment.”

– Pope Leo, Raising Hope Gathering, October 2025

Recommendations

“Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home.”

—*Fratelli Tutti* no. 8



Invest in resilience, adaptation, loss and damage, and peace



Reduce emissions



Develop plans to reduce climate impacts during emergencies and for orderly relocation



Solidarity and centering of displaced people and other vulnerable populations in policy solutions and programs



Justice-centered refugee and immigration policies
