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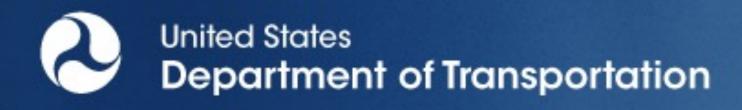


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### LABOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

To the United States/H2 and C1/D Visas Program





# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EL SALVADOR CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAMS

- On February 6, 2020, the Government of El Salvador signed an agreement with the U.S. Government to establish programs for agricultural and non-agricultural temporary workers, so that Salvadorans can apply for H-2A and H-2B visas to work in the U.S.
- The agreement is being executed through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The U.S. Embassy directly supports the Government of El Salvador to vet applicants and conduct a thorough candidate selection process. The H2 program is a top priority for both governments and this cooperation ensures an effective and streamlined program.



#### EL SAVALDOR'S LABOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

• It is a Program of the Government of El Salvador, which aims to facilitate the inclusion of Salvadorans workers in labor markets, experimenting shortage in different areas, through orderly, safe and regular mobility mechanisms.

### How does the program work?





- It aims to identify employers in need of H-2B, H-2A and C-D1 workers.
- Foreign Labor Certification is Required
- Identify the profile of workers needed
- MOFA has an extensive consular network in the U.S.



## Selection and recruitment

- The process is designed to ensure suitable candidates, according to the employer requirements.
- MOFA leads this process along with partnering institutions with HR experience.
- 21 days, including visa process



## Monitoring placed workers and return

 Monitoring worker's performance is also relevant to the Program. Through our consular network we seek to ensure long term relationships with employers by promoting compliance to the contract terms from both parties and ensuring a top-quality program with great workers, delivered on time and with no absconded workers.



# Reintegration and impact evaluation

• The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will assist returning workers with job placement, entrepreneurship programs, and line them up for the next year's process.

#### Benefits of selecting El Salvador

- Ensure ethical recruitment process.
- No recruitment fees for petitioners or workers.
- The U.S. Embassy directly supports the Government of El Salvador to vet applicants and conduct a thorough candidate selection process. The H-2 program is a top priority for both governments and this cooperation ensures an effective and streamlined program.
- Assistance in forms filing and in the application process for a temporary work visa.
- Inter-institutional coordination to speed up processes.

Salvadoran workers are required by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:





Have experience in their Have optimal field of work health conditions



Have a clean criminal record



Have strong family roots in El Salvador



### H-2A workers profile





25-43

The highest percentage of prequalified applicants is in this age group

Educational level		
Primary	70.3%	
Secondary	27%	
Post secondary non- university	1.4%	

The program's prequalified applicants have agricultural experience (including experience in aquaculture, livestock, tobacco, and in greenhouses and nurseries, among others) in crops such as:







Vegetables



Lettuce



Fruits



Rice



**Beans** 



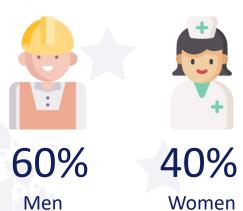
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Sugar



### H-2B workers profile



25-43

79% of prequalified applicants is in this age group

Educational level		
Primary	50.00%	
Secondary	38.00%	
Post secondary non- university	12.00%	

Level of knowledge of English		
Basic	87.00%	
Intermediate	10.00%	
Advanced	3.00%	



35%

Cooks, chefs, and kitchen assistants



20%

Cleaning area



19%

Waiters

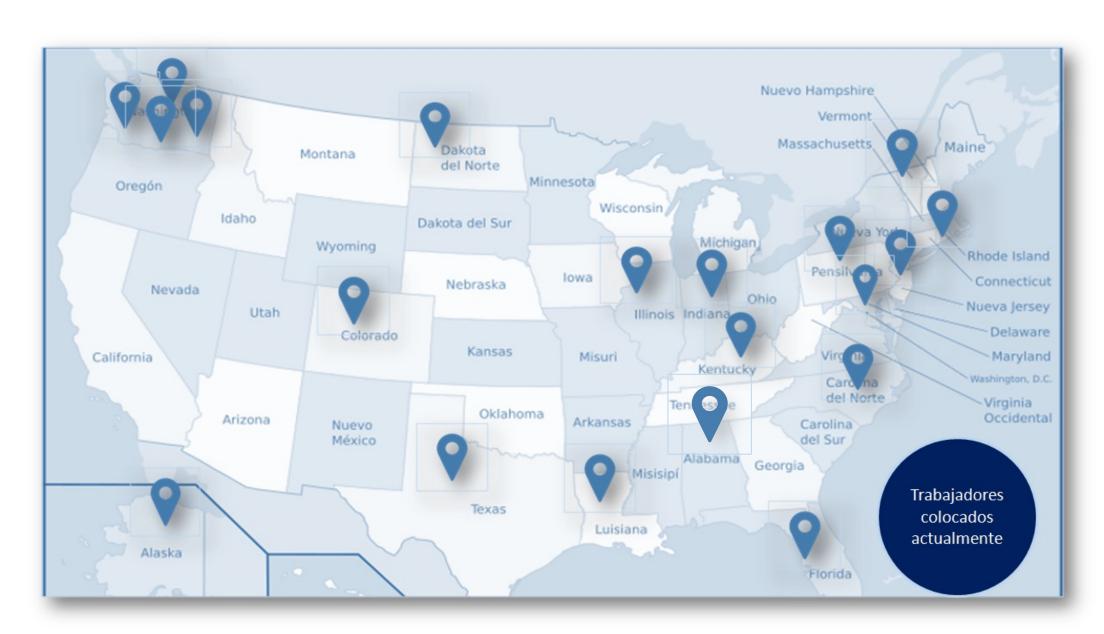


26%

Other trades related to experience in hotels, restaurants, and aeronautics



#### **Placed workers**



## Let's transform lives together!



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