



ON ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF DEVASTATING HURRICANES, WHY WON'T BIDEN ADMINISTRATION USE ITS TPS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO CENTRAL AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS?

El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua remain unsafe for return

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—On the one year anniversary of Hurricanes Eta and Iota striking El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, the [Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition](#) (TPS-DED AAC) calls on the Biden administration to immediately designate the four countries for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The hurricanes caused catastrophic damage, [displacing](#) hundreds of thousands and instigating mass food and water insecurity.

“Through TPS, the Biden administration has the authority to provide upwards of [1.8 million people](#) in the United States immediate protection from the life-threatening conditions the hurricanes left in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua,” said Jose Magaña-Salgado, TPS-DED AAC Campaign Coordinator. “It is unacceptable that a whole year has gone by and the Biden administration has failed to designate TPS for these countries.”

The TPS-DED AAC has been [advocating](#) for the Biden administration to designate TPS for El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua since December 2020 during the administration’s transition. The coalition recommended TPS for these countries within the first 100 days.

In addition to the protection TPS provides those already in the United States, it can be a crucial component of meeting humanitarian assistance needs in designated countries. In 2020, individuals in the United States sent [\\$24.5 billion](#) in remittances to El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, an essential form of unofficial foreign aid.

“TPS is good policy across the board,” said Lisa Parisio, Director of Advocacy at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. and co-founder of the TPS-DED AAC. “It protects people from life-threatening conditions, keeps families together, boosts the U.S. economy, and is a vital tool in foreign policy. The Biden administration should immediately designate TPS for El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, and use its TPS authority broadly and boldly going forward.”

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The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.