

Resources for Migrants

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Millions of tax-paying immigrant workers are ineligible for the stimulus money because they don't have social security numbers or their spouse or household members don't have. Some of these people have lost their jobs and don't qualify for unemployment or a stimulus check. They need food, healthcare, childcare, loans, emergency assistance and a reliable source of emergency information.

Some individuals and families are staying in non-profit shelters or in overcrowded apartments in Mexico, having been denied the legal right to ask for asylum. Some are in cramped quarters in ICE immigration detention centers, making them highly susceptible to COVID-19 infection. Non-profits with legal volunteers need money to bond them out and get them to their sponsors.

If you are able, please consider donating to any of these organizations. It would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to share these suggestions with others.

Nogales, Sonora Resources

On June 29, 2020 two guests attended our virtual Samaritan meeting to tell us about the status of migrants and asylum seekers in Nogales, Sonora.

- Father Sean Carroll, Executive Director of **Kino Border Initiative**, which manages the Migrant Aid Center (formerly the Comedor), explained that many people are suffering during the pandemic. KBI provides: Daily food to migrants and asylum seekers and to shelters, first aid and legal advice through the Florence Project.
<https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/>
- Pancho Olachea Martin is a nurse who used to drive his ambulance throughout Nogales providing medical support. He now provides medical advice virtually; he offers monetary support for medical and humanitarian needs. **Voices from the Border** in Patagonia receives donations for this humanitarian work and passes them on to Pancho.
<https://www.mightycause.com/organization/Voices-From-The-Border>
- Pancho mentioned that **Artisans Beyond Borders** provide supplies to migrants so they can embroider decorative cloths (mantas). They then offer them for sale, thus providing migrants earnings.
<https://artisansbeyondborders.org/>
- The **Nogales Food Bank** was mentioned at the meeting, too. It is being overwhelmed by emergency food requests. A matching grant of \$5,000 is an incentive to donate now. Send donations to **Border Community Alliance** in Tubac. Make a Designated Donation; in the donor note field put "Nogales Food Bank."
<https://www.bordercommunityalliance.org>

Arizona Resource Lists

[Community Foundation of Southern Arizona](#)

Offers grants and scholarships and an updated COVID-19 Community Resource Guide.

[Puente Community Resource List](#) and [One-AZ: Community Resource Map](#)

Offers food, free healthcare, childcare, education assistance, legal assistance, emergency funds, rent and public services assistance, small business and student loan information.

[Undocumented Worker Fund](#) (Movimiento Cosecha)

Offers assistance to any state's undocumented workers who are quarantined or out of work due to pandemic. Established by undocumented immigrants and administered by immigrants.

[Undocumented Workers Relief Fund \(Arizona\)](#)

Offers assistance for rent, food and basic needs to undocumented working families affected by pandemic. Established by over 20 community groups of Arizona Community Foundation.

[Valley Assistance Services](#)

Offers aid for rent, utilities, medical expenses to So. AZ residents. Donate online or mail a check to 3950 S. Camino del Heroe, Green Valley, AZ 85614; write "COVID-19" in memo line.

Southern Arizona Food Resources

[Borderlands Produce Rescue](#)

Offers 70 lbs. of produce for \$12. Pick-up in Arizona or Mexico, November thru August.

[Community Food Bank in Amado](#)

[Community Food Bank in Green Valley](#)

[Sahuarita Food Bank](#)

Arizona Health Resources

[MHC Healthcare](#)

Offers patient-centered medical care in Tucson on a sliding fee scale and COVID-19 testing.

[Ortiz Mobile Health Program](#)

Offers mobile healthcare services to under-served or uninsured people. This University of Arizona program provides health education along with wellness and preventive care.

Binational Organizations

[Border Community Alliance](#)

Supports cultural exchange and social advocacy by partnering with FESAC, a Sonoran community foundation supporting non-profits including the San Juan Bosco shelter.

[Frontera de Cristo](#)

Assists residents and migrants in both Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora. This association supports the CAME shelter (Care Center for Immigrants in Exodus) in Agua Prieta, Sonora.

[Green Valley-Sahuarita Samaritans](#)

Saves lives and relieves suffering in the southern Arizona desert. Samaritans support the Mercy House and La Roca shelters in Nogales, Sonora. Samaritans is sponsored by The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, a 501(c)(3) organization.

[Kino Border Initiative](#)

Responds to needs of asylum seekers and migrants on U.S.-Mexico border and fosters solidarity through education and research/advocacy. KBI manages the Migrant Aid Center in Nogales, Sonora. GVS and Tucson Samaritans support their efforts.

[No More Deaths \(NMD\)](#)

Provides humanitarian aid, search & rescue operations, and legal aid to migrants, refugees and residents of Arizona and Mexico. No More Deaths, along with Ajo Samaritans and Humane Borders, support the two migrant shelters in Sonoyta, Sonora.

NMD works for the release of those detained for immigration violations. Make online donations to the Bond Fund here: [Emergency COVID-19 Bond Fund](#). If you prefer to write a check, make it out to UUCT/No More Deaths. Send it to: No More Deaths, PO Box 40782, Tucson, AZ 85717. No More Deaths is a ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

[Salvavision](#)

Supports refugees, migrants and asylum seekers along the border. Provides money for food and phone calls for those in detention. Offers education and support for Salvadoran deportees.

National Organizations

[American Friends Service Committee](#)

Serves detained populations in private prisons and jails, including immigrants. Provides food and supplies during this pandemic.

[Farmworker Justice](#)

Collaborates with organizations that help farmworker families confront the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services](#)

RAICES is known for providing legal advocacy for the undocumented and those who now are facing immigration-related charges, principally in Texas.

[World Central Kitchen](#)

Distributes fresh meals to children, families and seniors in communities that need support.

General Resource

<https://www.informedimmigrant.com/guides/coronavirus/>

The "Informed Immigrant" site has a wide variety of state and national resources. Here is a link to [COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Immigrants](#).