

Regional Webinar on Country of Origin Information

COI's Unit - COMAR Mexico
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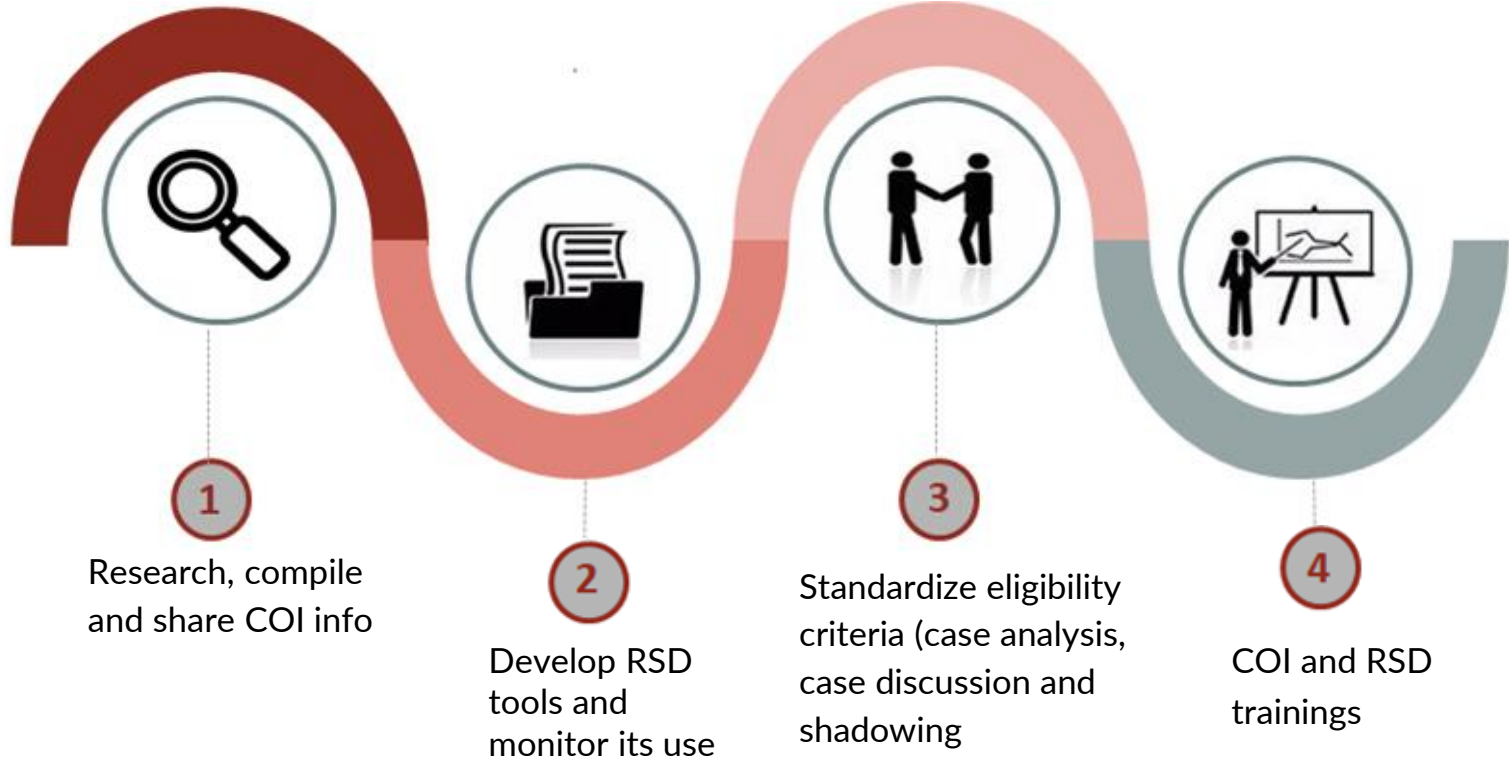


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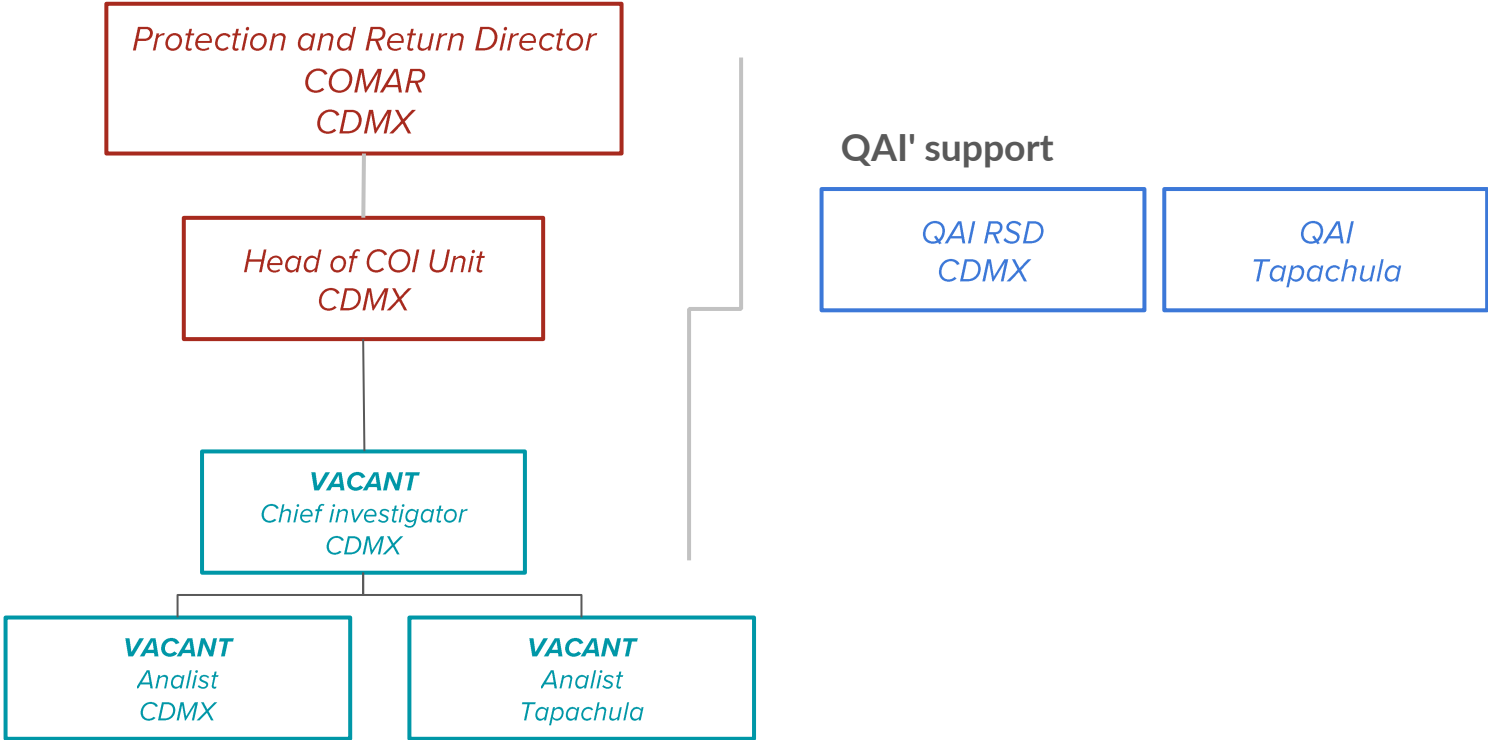
- COMAR's COI unit in Mexico was created in July 2020.
- It is based on **international good practices**, within the framework of the Regional Asylum Capacity-Building Initiative (RACBI).
- COMAR seeks to **institutionalize a structure** dedicated to COI investigation to support eligibility officers.



COI's Unit functions



COI's Unit structure



COI's Unit functioning

Work Plan 2021 establishes:

- Methodology for COI individual request and deadline to respond
- Schedule for delivery of COI throughout 2021
- Methodology and deadlines for monitoring RSD tools, shadowing and conduct resolution analysis

Activities are carried out with the support of the **Quality Asylum Initiative (QAI)**

Quality standards of the Unit based on the **2018 Methodological Manual** (COMAR, Government of Canada, UNHCR)

MANUAL METODOLÓGICO

PARA LA INVESTIGACIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN
SOBRE PAÍS DE ORIGEN

Diciembre de 2018, Ciudad de México
Preparado por: James Restrepo, Dirección de
Investigaciones, Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB)



Immigration and
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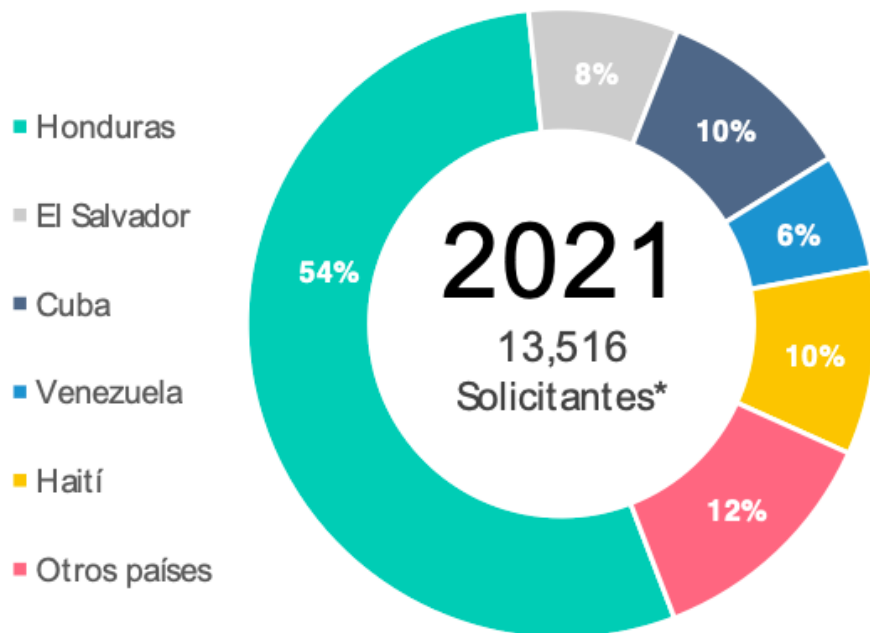
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Priority geographic areas for the unit

Criteria: By number of applications and by particularities of some incipient nationalities.



*Al 28 de Febrero 2021

Guatemala

Nicaragua

Cameroon

Some results of the COI's Unit



- Online *on the job* training sessions*
- COI with risk profiles and RSD tools* for Cuba and Haití
- Remote RSD interview manual
- Respond individual COI requests

BEST PRACTICE - Online *on the job* trainings

- **25 weekly sessions** of 2 hours each in 2020/2021
- **Case discussion**
- Average participation of **50 eligibility officers** nationwide per session
- **Cases/topics discussed:** Haiti, Cuba, Central America (gangs), credibility analysis and establishment of material facts, etc.
- Rated with an average of **4.6/5 stars** by the eligibility officers



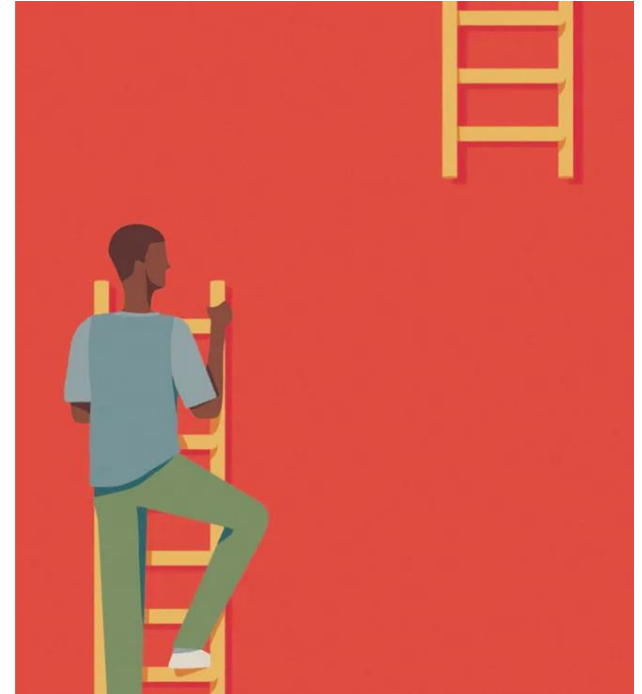
BEST PRACTICE - COI and RSD tools for Haití and Cuba

- COI focused on **risk profiles**: 14 from Haiti and 9 from Cuba
- **Interview guidelines** for each of the profiles with specific recommendations
- **Training of eligibility officers** responsible for cases of these nationalities at the national level
- **Profile discussion sessions** and **monitoring of the use of tools** through KoBo forms



Challenges

- Guide the operation of the unit towards **prioritizing the research activity**
- **Strengthen U-COI staff** to expand its impact (for example to answer individual COI requests more effectively)
- **Monitor** the use of RSD tools and COI to ensure the correct application of them
- Have up-to-date **supporting documents**



RACBI's collaboration and joint efforts QAI/ACNUR for the creation and development of COI's Unit

INTEREST

COMAR: to have the Unit, to seek information in this regard; support of RACBI's countries; identify a person in charge with an appropriate profile

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COLLABORATION

Development of COIs and RSD tools in close collaboration with the QAI through joint work teams

EFFICIENCY

Specialize tasks to support eligibility officers, improve RSD process capacity and develop tools to support differentiated procedures

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