

URGENT ACTION

CLIMATE DISPLACED PEOPLE NEED A HOME URGENTLY

On November 13, 69 people from "El Bosque" community (Tabasco) were forced to leave a temporary shelter in Frontera Village due to inhumane conditions and treatments. They were placed there temporarily after a tidal wave almost destroyed their community. Without access to income and resources, they are unable to pay rent and are therefore risking their lives through exposure to the extreme elements. The Mexican State must guarantee the human rights, including the rights to housing, adequate food, water and sanitation, and work and adequate standard of living, of the inhabitants of El Bosque, and immediately provide a participatory and fair relocation.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter in your own words or using the sample below as a guide to one or both government officials listed. You can also email, fax, call or Tweet them.
- [Click here](#) to let us know the actions you took on **Second Urgent Action 108.23**. It's important to report because we share the total number with the officials we are trying to persuade and the people we are trying to help.

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Mr. President López Obrador,

I urge you to guarantee the human rights of **the inhabitants of El Bosque community**, in Tabasco. On November 1, they were evacuated due to a tidal wave caused by Cold Front 8 to a temporary shelter in "Frontera" village (12 km far from El Bosque). Most of the people lost their homes. Members of the community reported that on November 13, they were mistreated by personnel of the temporary shelter, and they did not receive food or water for a full day, which forced them to leave.

Since then, most families of El Bosque have had to use their own scarce resources to rent a place, some others have borrowed rooms, and the people who do not have money to pay rent are in a situation of homelessness. In desperation, some people had to return to their community, despite it being uninhabitable due to losses and damage caused by from the cold front 8.

I urge you to immediately guarantee human rights, including the rights to housing, adequate food, water and work, and adequate standard of living, of the inhabitants of El Bosque, and to expedite as fast as possible the relocation process your government promised to the community in April 2023, which must be participatory and fair. I also urge your government to take adequate measures to reduce, mitigate and prevent the risks, losses and damage caused by the climate crisis.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

El Bosque is a fishing community in the state of Tabasco, southern Mexico, affected by rising sea levels and coastal erosion intensified by the climate crisis. Since 2019, due to constant tidal waves and extreme weather events, the coastline of El Bosque has lost 200 meters (about 656.17 ft), resulting in the destruction of homes and community infrastructure. In April 2023, El Bosque community started negotiations with the Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial, and Urban Development of Mexico and the Mexican National Housing Commission to be relocated, which have since stalled.

Prior to November 1, the community had already lost more than 50 houses to rising sea levels, forcing people into temporary shelters in the community or to be displaced. Also, before November 1, the community reported that the water wells of El Bosque were already infiltrated by seawater, the healthcare services were neither constant nor adequate; electricity service was intermittent; and due to the destruction of their schools, children attended classes in an inadequate infrastructure. From November 1, 69 people were in a temporary shelter in the “Centro Recreativo del Municipio de Centla”. On the night of November 13, members of the community left the shelter, reporting mistreatment from the staff, and that they did not receive food or water the whole day. Since then, most members of the community have spent their own money to pay rent or moved to relatives’ homes. However, many are without resources to pay rent, or relatives to stay with, that have been left homeless, or have returned to the community despite the risk posed by new cold fronts.

Under international human rights law, the Mexican State must adopt measures to protect, prevent, and reduce the risks, losses, and damages caused by the consequences of climate change. The development of robust mitigation and adaptation measures could reduce the number of people forced to move due to the consequences of climate change and prevent the aggravation of losses and damages generated by the climate emergency. Unfortunately, the Mexican government has chosen to continue increasing oil production, instead of generating solid commitments for a just energy transition to comply with the commitments made in the Paris Agreement. The situation in El Bosque, and in [Acapulco, Guerrero](#) (city that on October 25, suffered the impacts of Hurricane Otis, the strongest storm ever to hit Mexico's Pacific coast), show the failure of the Mexican government to protect marginalized groups that bear the brunt of the climate crisis.

The Mexican State must ensure that planned permanent relocations are a last resort, and in cases such as El Bosque in Tabasco, where such internal displacement is imminent, it must comply with the framework of international obligations on internal displacement, which establish that a durable solution for displaced persons be achieved. This durable solution must ensure that displaced persons can enjoy, without discrimination, all their human rights.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Spanish or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: January 7, 2024

NAME AND PRONOUN: El Bosque Community (they/them)

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr41/7387/2023/en/>