

# CMT - Fuerza Migrante

## strengthen Mexico-US binational collaboration

Both organizations signed a binational collaboration agreement to open-up opportunities and empower migrants and their families, through access to productive development projects in Mexico, as well as to tools to facilitate bilingual education and a path to a social net

This alliance opens the space for migrants to see the “American dream” realized in concrete actions and that, with will, they can change their lives.

Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT by its Spanish acronym) and Fuerza Migrante, a binational organization and platform to defend and empower migrants in the United States, today signed a collaboration agreement to join forces to benefit Mexican migrants and their families in Mexico.

The focus of the agreement is to accelerate infrastructure initiatives in areas of Mexico known to have the largest community of people leaving their hometowns to the United States, spearhead research and health initiatives, as well as environmental, touristic, housing, savings, social security and access to financial systems, and a better management of their remittances and life insurance.

The agreement was finalized during a teleconference headlined by the president and the CEO of CMT, Erika Leyva Mendoza and David Leyva Mendoza, respectively, Jaime Lucero, Fuerza Migrante’s president, Juan Fernando Rocha, founder and president of Migrantes Unidos en Caravana, A.C. and member of Fuerza Migrante’s Board, and Avelino Meza, Secretary General of Fuerza Migrante.

Mrs. Leyva highlighted that thousands of migrants and their families that have been waiting for concrete actions in their country of origin and the United States, as well as from civil society, will benefit from this collaboration.

She added that the agreement has been made possible thanks to the 23-year history of CMT’s civil work, touching the hearts and minds of thousands of people, and improving the lives of those more vulnerable through programs of civic participation and co-responsibility, that have translated into a solid trust for CMT’s work from over 80 million Mexicans and other Latino groups.

The first joint initiative involves working with the Education Committee of Fuerza Migrante, to push for on-line education options for migrants and their families in universities and other high-level institutions, as well as training programs to improve employment and entrepreneurship opportunities on both sides of the US-Mexico border.

Mrs. Leyva thanked the hard liaison work developed by Club de Migrantes Duranguenses, an organization with presence in 19 states in Mexico, and which was instrumental for today’s signing.

Deepening and widening alliances that allows it to have a stronger relationship with and for Mexico is one of Fuerza Migrante’s core missions.

Fuerza Migrante believes that this kind of collaboration can eventually substitute the 3X1 social program, which after more than a decade of operation was canceled by the current federal government and could be made possible with 3 or 4 parties, clubs and migrant organizations, state and municipal governments, and Congregación Mariana Trinitaria.



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This signing will not only be an alliance, it will be a bridge and a link with all migrant organizations, so that their families in Mexico are benefited and improve their living conditions”.

Lic. Erika Leyva Mendoza.  
President of Congregación Mariana Trinitaria.



## CMT - Fuerza Migrante during a videoconference



This agreement is one of a series of alliances that Fuerza Migrante has signed in recent weeks and we take this opportunity to mention that there are several more coming up, that will undoubtedly strengthen its relationship with Mexico, and highlighting that migrants are not only remittances.

“All Fuerza Migrante members and allies are betting on the added will of us all, with the ultimate objective of empowering our communities and our families in Mexico, and this collaboration with CMT is a clear example”, said Mr. Lucero.

More than an alliance, today’s agreement it’s a model strategy that will allow migrant communities to improve their quality of life in the United States and that of their families in Mexico. And it is also an opportunity for migrants to eventually realize the “American Dream” through concrete actions and accompanied by the right guidance.