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# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

USAID's Scholarships for Educational Opportunities Project with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will provide at least 6,450 scholarships for vulnerable youth and returned migrants by increasing equitable access to formal education and engender hope, prosperity, and positive self-worth in their lives.

Strategic allies include the Ministry of Education, Culture and Technology; the Gradual Education Model for Technical and Technological Learning (MEGATEC); and local service providers.

The project provides three types of scholarships: a two-year technical education in six MEGATEC centers; accelerated education for students to complete their upper secondary education; and short six-month vocational courses to develop specific technical skills to find a job in the short term. All scholarships include tuition costs (paid directly to the institutions), computers/laptops, and transportation and meal stipends to the students.

Through this project, USAID and IOM also help improve safe, eco-friendly, and inclusive learning environments in selected MEGATEC centers and high schools.

In addition, the project promotes community participation to address the vulnerabilities and concerns of the communities and schools in the participating geographic areas, and engagement with local and national authorities to improve local public services.



### Scholarships for Educational Opportunities Project

**TOTAL INVESTMENT:**  
\$20 million

**TIME PERIOD:**  
July 2021 – July 2025

**PARTNER:**  
International Organization for  
Migration (IOM)

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA:**  
Zacatecoluca, Santa Ana,  
Ilobasco, San Salvador,  
Morazán, Sonsonate, San  
Miguel, and Chalatenango

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