

Survey Results for Briefing #3 ("Civic Engagement, Volunteerism and Charitable Giving: Americans Retiring in Mexico's Coastal Communities")

Below are basic survey responses for Questions Q65 - Q86 based on the 842 participants within ICF's modified data set (data prepared by Crossborder Group).

Q65 - What key social issues and challenges do you see in your Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
Poverty	481	57.1
Stray dogs/cats	445	52.9
Economic challenges	414	49.2
Growing unemployment	380	45.1
Lack of educational opportunities for Mexico's children and youth	326	38.7
Substance abuse	321	38.1
Overfishing/Declining fish stocks	273	32.4
Environmental degradation	270	32.1
Growing official corruption	264	31.4
Teen pregnancy	195	23.2
Literacy	181	21.5
Lack of after school programs/childcare services	163	19.4
Diabetes	156	18.5
Lack of civic engagement	144	17.1
Juvenile delinquency	138	16.4
Squatter communities	113	13.4
Domestic violence	106	12.6
Loss of biodiversity	106	12.6
HIV/AIDS	75	8.9
Growing number of street children	51	6.1
There are no major social issues or challenges that I have observed	32	3.8
Tuberculosis	20	2.4

Q66 - Do you volunteer your time to a charitable organization or civic organization in your adopted Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	96	11.4
No	243	28.9
Yes	503	59.7
Total	842	100.0

Q67 - If so, how often do you volunteer?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	322	38.2
From time to time	216	25.7
On a regular schedule	167	19.8
Once a week	80	9.5
Once a year for a specific event	24	2.9
Only when asked	33	3.9
Total	842	100.0

Q68 - Do you contribute financially to a Mexican nonprofit organization?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	104	12.4
No	154	18.3
Yes	584	69.4
Total	842	100.0

Q69 - if you contribute financially to nonprofit organization(s) in your adopted Mexican community, how much do you give each year?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	201	23.9
\$0--I do not give	45	5.3
\$1 to \$50	66	7.8
\$51-\$100	84	10.0
\$101 -\$125	44	5.2
\$126 -\$200	65	7.7
\$201 -250	56	6.7
\$251 -\$500	98	11.6
\$501 -\$999	73	8.7
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75	8.9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14	1.7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	1.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4	.5
\$15,000 to \$19,999	3	.4
\$20,000 or over	3	.4
Total	842	100.0

Q70 - Do you receive a tax deduction for those contributions?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	174	20.7
No	540	64.1
Yes, in Mexico	19	2.3
Yes, in the US	109	12.9
Total	842	100.0

Q71 - Are you interested in learning more about the opportunities for cross-border planned giving to benefit your favorite Mexican charity or cause?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	109	12.9
No	266	31.6
Possibly	276	32.8
Yes	191	22.7
Total	842	100.0

Q72- What motivates you to give back to your adopted Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
It is the socially responsible thing to do	492	58.4
Makes a difference in my community	420	49.9
Helps build a sense of belonging with my adopted Mexican community	410	48.7
Helps build a sense of community with fellow expatriates	196	23.3
My friends or club members asked me to contribute	80	9.5
I do not give	31	3.7

Q73 - Have you ever donated goods or services to a Mexican nonprofit or civic association?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	107	12.7
No	73	8.7
Yes	662	78.6
Total	842	100.0

Q74 - Do you contribute financially to nonprofits in the U.S.?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	99	11.8
No	311	36.9
Yes	432	51.3
Total	842	100.0

Q75 - If you could receive a tax deduction in the U.S. for contributions that you made in Mexico, would you contribute more?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	110	13.1
I no longer pay taxes in the U.S.	64	7.6
Maybe	280	33.3
No	233	27.7
Yes	155	18.4
Total	842	100.0

Q76 - If you could receive tax deductibility in the United States, would you donate your Mexican owned property or fideicomiso to a Mexican charity?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	122	14.5
No	560	66.5
Possibly	133	15.8
Yes	27	3.2
Total	842	100.0

Q77 - How many Mexican nonprofits or civic associations are you a member of?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	121	14.4
0	273	32.4
1 - 2	355	42.2
3 - 5	84	10.0
over 5	9	1.1
Total	842	100.0

Q78 - How did you join?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	369	43.8
Affiliate of a group that I belong to in the U.S.	19	2.3
Found it on my own	208	24.7
Friend invited me	182	21.6
Other (please specify)	29	3.4
Started an organization myself	35	4.2
Total	842	100.0

Q79 - How many Mexican nonprofits or civic associations are you aware of in your adopted Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	149	17.7
0 - 5	355	42.2
5 - 10	220	26.1
10 - 15	58	6.9
15 - 20	27	3.2
over 20	33	3.9
Total	842	100.0

Q80 - What do the Mexican nonprofits primarily focus on?		
	Frequency	Percent
Education (including scholarships)	484	57.5
Community Projects	432	51.3
Health & Human Services (including recreational activities)	411	48.8
Arts and Culture	244	29.0
Environmental Issues	227	27.0
Economic Development	86	10.2

Q81 - What is your perception of Mexican nonprofits?			
Topic	Perception	Frequency	Percent
Replace government services that are needed in our community	No Response	210	24.9
	Don't Know	221	26.2
	No	50	5.9
	Yes	361	42.9
	Total	842	100.0
Use volunteers and donations well	No Response	207	24.6
	Don't Know	194	23.0
	No	42	5.0
	Yes	399	47.4
	Total	842	100.0
Have staff and board members that speak English	No Response	214	25.4
	Don't Know	185	22.0
	No	60	7.1
	Yes	383	45.5
	Total	842	100.0
Meetings and activities are open to the public and transparent	No Response	218	25.9
	Don't Know	251	29.8
	No	51	6.1
	Yes	322	38.2
	Total	842	100.0

Have boards of directors and staff that guide decision-making	No Response	226	26.8
	Don't Know	261	31.0
	No	27	3.2
	Yes	328	39.0
	Total	842	100.0
Have government oversight	No Response	236	28.0
	Don't Know	402	47.7
	No	147	17.5
	Yes	57	6.8
	Total	842	100.0
Have Mexican tax deductibility	No Response	231	27.4
	Don't Know	429	51.0
	No	56	6.7
	Yes	126	15.0
	Total	842	100.0
Manage their funds wisely	No Response	227	27.0
	Don't Know	343	40.7
	No	45	5.3
	Yes	227	27.0
	Total	842	100.0
Operate on a shoestring budget	No Response	209	24.8
	Don't Know	218	25.9
	No	39	4.6
	Yes	376	44.7
	Total	842	100.0
Keep regular office hours	No Response	257	30.5
	Don't Know	318	37.8
	No	158	18.8
	Yes	109	12.9
	Total	842	100.0

Q82 - If you could name a Mexican nonprofit as beneficiary to your property and receive a tax deduction, would you consider it?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	125	14.8
Maybe	179	21.3
No	468	55.6
Yes	70	8.3
Total	842	100.0

Q83 - How important are the following public policy issues to you as an American retiree living in Mexico?			
		Frequency	Percent
Medicare reimbursability for health care services in Mexico	No Response	122	14.5
	N/A	11	1.3
	Neutral	47	5.6
	Not Important	27	3.2
	Somewhat Important	138	16.4
	Very Important	497	59.0
	Total	842	100.0
Tax deductibility of Mexican donations	No Response	155	18.4
	N/A	34	4.0
	Neutral	192	22.8
	Not Important	125	14.8
	Somewhat Important	199	23.6
	Very Important	137	16.3
	Total	842	100.0
Elder financial abuse	No Response	186	22.1
	N/A	73	8.7
	Neutral	184	21.9
	Not Important	81	9.6
	Somewhat Important	180	21.4
	Very Important	138	16.4
	Total	842	100.0

Elder abuse (including neglect and violence)	No Response	182	21.6
	N/A	66	7.8
	Neutral	170	20.2
	Not Important	77	9.1
	Somewhat Important	193	22.9
	Very Important	154	18.3
	Total	842	100.0
Consumer protection issues	No Response	160	19.0
	N/A	21	2.5
	Neutral	113	13.4
	Not Important	34	4.0
	Somewhat Important	282	33.5
	Very Important	232	27.6
	Total	842	100.0
Narco-violence	No Response	158	18.8
	N/A	22	2.6
	Neutral	75	8.9
	Not Important	33	3.9
	Somewhat Important	239	28.4
	Very Important	315	37.4
	Total	842	100.0
H1N1 Influenza	No Response	163	19.4
	N/A	23	2.7
	Neutral	205	24.3
	Not Important	122	14.5
	Somewhat Important	210	24.9
	Very Important	119	14.1
	Total	842	100.0
HIV/AIDS	No Response	172	20.4
	N/A	35	4.2
	Neutral	217	25.8
	Not Important	98	11.6
	Somewhat Important	209	24.8
	Very Important	111	13.2
	Total	842	100.0

Climate change	No Response	162	19.2
	N/A	24	2.9
	Neutral	156	18.5
	Not Important	81	9.6
	Somewhat Important	233	27.7
	Very Important	186	22.1
	Total	842	100.0

Q84 - How serious is the problem of poverty in your Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	130	15.4
I see no visible signs of poverty in my community	72	8.6
More serious that I thought it would be	46	5.5
Not as bad as I thought it would be	316	37.5
Serious	278	33.0
Total	842	100.0

Q85 - Would you be willing to pay higher property taxes if you could be guaranteed better municipal services (including zoning enforcement, water, police, fire)?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	141	16.7
No	187	22.2
Yes	514	61.0
Total	842	100.0

Q86 - If a Peace Corps program were to be introduced in Mexico by the US Government, would you consider volunteering?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	120	14.3
Maybe	234	27.8
No	273	32.4
Yes	215	25.5
Total	842	100.0