

COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PROTECTION & SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK



MIRPS



BEST PRACTICES OF THE TRIMESTER



HONDURAS

Harmonization of procedures to offer a more adequate and predictable response, as well as a better articulation between key actors for the attention of returnees with protection needs.

ONE
Reception & Admission

Strengthen the capacity to **identify, refer** and **document** people with protection needs.

COSTA RICA



Inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers to social security programmes to facilitate their access to public services.

TWO
Immediate & persistent needs

Provide humanitarian **assistance, legal orientation** and **integration** services for refugees, displaced people, returnees and people in transit.

THREE
Support to host countries & communities

Strengthen the **institutional response** and **coordination** with local authorities, the civil society and private sector in host areas to promote social **inclusion** and socioeconomic **participation**.

FOUR
Enhance opportunities of durable solutions

Promote **public policies** specifically for refugees, displaced people and returnees, while integrating them to existing programmes that encourage their **self-reliance**.



MEXICO

Prevention of discrimination and xenophobia through communications, awareness and education initiatives relating to cultural diversity, peaceful coexistence, borders and human mobility, in host communities at the national level.

GUATEMALA



Engagement strategy for the private sector to promote the employability of refugees, asylum seekers and Guatemalan returnees.

BELIZE



Opening of the **first resource centre** at the border with Guatemala, for people with protection needs, managed in coordination with relevant authorities and Help for Progress. It is a key point to provide orientation on the asylum procedure, community initiatives and education.



Graduation of the first group of asylum seekers on Level B2 of English as a Second Language, at the **University of Belize**. This language course is provided to enhance the personal development and local integration of asylum seekers in the country.



Decentralization of staff to three **prioritized regions** to enhance the access to the right to seek asylum for people with international protection needs in the country.



Capacity strengthening of 122 migration staff and of the refugee unit on asylum procedures, admissibility and eligibility interview techniques, identification of profiles and gender approach.



Promotion of **labour integration** of refugees and asylum seekers through the 'Employ yourself Challenge' ('Reto Empléate' in Spanish), under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security the Women Foundation, and with the participation of twelve companies and training centres.

COSTA RICA



GUATEMALA



Provision of **work permits** for asylum seekers thanks to the entry into force of regulation No. 02-2019.



Access to **primary and secondary education** for students who can provide proof of an unintentional lack of documentation (force majeure) and the **validation of studies** undertaken abroad, thanks to the Ministerial Agreement No. 1753-2019.



Use of **private sector platforms** and Chambers of Commerce and Exportation to raise awareness among potential employers on the local integration of refugees; provision of **seed capital** by the financial sector.

HONDURAS



Review of **protocols** to guarantee **the special protection and educational inclusion** in accordance with international standards of refugee and displaced children, with special focus on victims of trafficking.



Development and socialization of **tools** to plan interventions on **comprehensive attention and social inclusion**, with emphasis on databases regarding returnees and early childhood.

MEXICO



Installation of the first **Interinstitutional Roundtable** on Refugees and Complementary Protection to follow-up on MIRPS commitments.



Development of the **comprehensive protection pathway of the rights of children and adolescents** based on procedures to determine their best interest, including implementation measures at the subnational level.

PANAMA



Provision of **work permits** for asylum seekers admitted to procedure through an Executive Decree.



Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor's Office, Hias and Manpower, to include both refugees and asylum seekers and the local population in the **employability programme** "Talents without Borders", to promote **peaceful coexistence**.



Agreement between the Ministry of Government and the professional training institute to grant access to **professional courses** to refugees in equal conditions as nationals.

PROGRESS BY THE PRO TEMPORE PRESIDENCY

Meeting of the “Friends of MIRPS” platform to coordinate with cooperating states and multilateral entities.

Proposal of an OAS resolution to establish and voluntary fund to finance the MIRPS (May-June)

Definition of an indicator system to track results (June-July)

Accession of El Salvador to the MIRPS committing to address the root causes and consequences of forced displacement in the country and region - See note [here](#). (July)

Exchange and discussion of best practices on Pillar three ‘Support to host countries and communities’ (June) and Pillar four ‘Durable solutions’ (July)

Process to update national plans and quantification exercise. (June - July)

Strategic partnerships in areas of interest, and actions to give visibility and position the MIRPS (May-July)



PRIORITIES AUGUST - OCTOBER 2019

Online meeting with UN Resident Coordinators in MIRPS countries

Meeting with national and regional NGOs to develop dialogue and coordination mechanisms

Quantification of national plans

II Annual MIRPS report

Organization of consultations and development of the national plan in El Salvador

Sistematization of best practices provided by MIRPS countries and finalization of the update and quantification national plans

Preparation for the Global Refugee Forum to galvanize contributions and advocate for the continuity of existing processes



Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama adopted the **San Pedro Sula Declaration** in 2017, and agreed to jointly implement the **Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS)**. The MIRPS is a concrete application of the **Global Compact on Refugees**, which encourages regional cooperation among countries of origin, transit and destination for a greater **responsability sharing in matters of prevention, protection and durable solutions**.

It also entails a **participatory approach** by directly involving people with protection needs and populations impacted by violence and insecurity. On the other hand, it integrates regional and international organizations, as well as cooperating States (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Spain, Switzerland and Uruguay), which are committed to the **humanitarian and development agenda**.



MIRPS AT A GLANCE

353,210

Refugees & asylum seekers from North of Central America worldwide

100,260

Refugees & asylum seekers in MIRPS countries to end of 2018

245,500

Internally displaced people in North of Central America

227,500

People with protection needs from **Nicaragua, Venezuela** (refugees and migrants), y **extra-continentals** in MIRPS countries

SEVEN

member states

TWO

coordination mechanisms: **Pro-tempore Presidency** (Mexico, 2019) and a **Technical Secretariat** (UNHCR-OAS)

TWO

years of implementation

TEN

regional and international coordination mechanisms: **IACHR, SICA, UNSDG LAC, ICRC, CLAMOR, RROCM, REDLAC, GREAT MIRPS, CCPDH, Red Integrase**