

SOLIDARITY EVENT

FOR FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND HOST COMMUNITIES
IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

JUNE 10TH, 2021 AT 05:00 PM (MADRID - CET) 09:00 AM (SAN JOSÉ - GMT-6)

SUMMARY OF EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS

USD 110.522,903m
(Excluding WB financing)

Pledging entity	Description	Technical/Financial details
Financial Pledges announced during the Conference		
U.S.	The United States announced \$57.1 million in <u>new</u> funding toward international organization humanitarian and protection efforts in Mexico and Central America, including efforts aligned with and in support of MIRPS countries' national action plans. For June/July distribution.	USD 57,100,000m
EU	EUR 12m to humanitarian assistance / all sectors. EUR 6.5m development assistance to victims of forced displacement.	EUR 18.5m / USD 22,560,976 (0.82 EUR = 1 USD)
Spain	Unearmarked contribution for MIRPS countries National Action Plans. EUR 5.3m via UNHCR, EUR 1m to OAS MIRPS Voluntary Fund. (In addition, over the last 5 years (2016-2020), Spain has channelled 350 million-euro ODA funds to the MIRPS countries).	EUR 6.3m / 7,682,927 (0.82 EUR = 1 USD)
Ireland	5 million dollars to its partners, including to UNHCR, in Central America, in the areas of livelihoods, human rights and the strengthening of civil society to address forced displacement.	USD 5m
Switzerland	Humanitarian assistance to forcibly displaced persons via UNHCR, NRC, INGOs, NGOs	USD 2.15m
Other relevant pledges for the MIRPS / NCA – MEX region		
World Bank	Pandemic, and hurricanes Eta and Iota response, investing in life-saving interventions, protecting livelihoods and rebuilding infrastructure	USD 2bn (over the previous 12 months)
	IFC (and partners) supported the financial system, critical infrastructure needs, agriculture, and manufacturing sectors	USD 1.2bn (over the previous 12 months)

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	Support to Mexico's national ID system to enhance access to social assistance programmes, and economic opportunities, also for refugees and migrants.	Direct technical and financial support (USD undisclosed)
	Support to small entrepreneurs and farmers gain access to finance to raise their economic productivity in Southern Mexico and the north of Central America	USD undisclosed
Canada	Support to Private Sponsorship Programmes, Refugee Resettlement, Labour Migration	3 rd Country solutions
Argentina	New resettlement programme and complementary routes of admission	3 rd Country solutions
	Technical cooperation to support Central American countries in strengthening their asylum systems	Direct technical support
Inter-American Development Bank	The IDB drew reference to existing financing and technical support to projects that are being implemented as part of their Migration Initiative. The interventions target the migrant population, and do not include any specific targeted to support to refugees or asylum seekers.	
BCIE	The BCIE highlighted the importance of interventions that support root causes. They went on to note that Spain and South Korea were members from outside of region, which they considered reflected the interest of the international community in Central America.	
PSP contributions to MIRPS		
Private Sector Coalition in Costa Rica	Western Union, Accenture, Boston Scientific and ManpowerGroup will promote more inclusive business policies, the hiring of refugees and asylum seekers in Costa Rica and fighting racial discrimination and xenophobia. This will include tools to guide the selection and recruitment processes of displaced persons.	In-kind / Tools to guide the selection and recruitment processes of displaced persons

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FEMSA	Expansion and replication of the labour inclusion program for refugees in OXXO stores started in Mexico in 2019 with UNHCR accompaniment to all business divisions in Latin America, including in Central America in partnership with Tent Partnership for Refugees.	In-kind
Manpower	Technical support to the inclusion of refugees within the labour market. Webinar on awareness and promotion of refugees for private companies x 3. Employability workshops for refugees x 10	Webinars for private sector / workshops for refugees
Private Sector (global)	In solidarity, the private sector - Individuals, foundations, and companies - are helping to support refugee needs in North of Central America. UNCHR anticipates receiving US\$15.8M from supporters globally, which include notable contributions from USA for UNHCR and private donors from the U.S. and Mexico. And, we continue to mobilize resources from supporters worldwide	USD 15.8m
Rotary Foundation	Piloting of comprehensive initiative for the insertion of returned Guatemalan unaccompanied migrant youth. Funding as technical support Asociación Ak' Tenamit NGO	USD 229,000

Complete overview

1. Argentina – H.E. Alberto Fernandez. President of Argentina

- Design a **new resettlement programme with complementary routes of admission**, with a view to providing protection and a lasting solution for people whose life, security, liberty, or other fundamental rights are threatened.

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- *The objective is for the programme is to establish solid foundations for the local integration of the beneficiaries in the country, based on self-sufficiency and their positive contribution to local society, promoting their own capacity to rebuild a positive future, the creation of ties in the host community, and the reestablishment of trust in institutions and political systems, always seeking respect for religious and cultural identity.*
 - Offer **technical cooperation** by Argentine officials with experience in the matter, **to support Central American countries in strengthening their asylum systems** on issues such as information on the country of origin, interview techniques, determination of refugee status with a perspective of gender, differentiated procedures, resettlement programs and complementary routes of admission.
- ## 2. Private sector coalition in Costa Rica
- Western Union, Accenture, Boston Scientific and ManpowerGroup
- The offices of **Western Union, Accenture, Boston Scientific, and ManpowerGroup** in Costa Rica will form a coalition of companies with the objective of **promoting more inclusive business policies, encouraging the hiring of refugees and asylum seekers in Costa Rica**, and fighting racial discrimination and xenophobia.
 - This group will develop a **set of tools that will function as a guide for the selection and recruitment processes of displaced persons**. Communication channels will also be generated to make visible the potential of this population to generate value for companies, share good practices within our organizations, as well as open spaces for more organizations to join.

3. Canada

- Support to Private Sponsorship Programmes, Refugee Resettlement, Labour Migration

4. EU

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- EUR 12m to humanitarian assistance / all sectors. EUR 6.5m development assistance to victims of forced displacement. EUR 18.5m / USD 22,560,976

5. FEMSA

- Modality: Positioning and Visibility. Sector: Solutions-Livelihoods / **expansion and replication of the labour inclusion program** for refugees in OXXO stores started in Mexico in 2019 with UNHCR accompaniment to all business divisions in Latin America, including in Central America in partnership with Tent Partnership for Refugees. Resources: In kind. Geographic Coverage: Mexico and Central America

6. Ireland - Mr. Colm Brophy, Minister of Overseas Development and Diaspora, Ireland

- In 2021, Ireland will provide 5 million dollars to its partners, including to UNHCR, in Central America, in the areas of livelihoods, human rights and the strengthening of civil society to address forced displacement.

7. ManpowerGroup - Ignacio Casillas – Director, Central America

- **Technical cooperation** for development, through the ManpowerGroup platform we want to support the insertion of refugees into formal employment through **sensitization of the private sector and training workshops on employability for refugees**.
- Employment workshops for refugees x 10 in Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama.
- Webinar of awareness and promotion of refugees for private companies x 3 in Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama

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8. Private Sector (global) -

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9. Rotary Foundation - Steve Dudenhoefer, Guatemala / Rotary District 4250

- Rotary district 4250, Rotary district 7610 and Metro Bethesda Rotary Club will provide **technical development cooperation to MIRPS** through the establishment of a cooperation agreement with the OAS that envisages the development a framework for cooperation mechanisms between the Parties towards their collaboration to **pilot a comprehensive initiative for the insertion of returned Guatemalan unaccompanied migrant youth** and other activities related to the implementation of Comprehensive Regional Protection and solutions Framework (MIRPS).
- **Rotary will provide in kind assistance through technical cooperation with time of staff and consultants. \$229,000** has been committed for the accelerated education, robust internships, and gainful employment of internally displaced and returned migrant youth. These resources will be implemented by partner organization Asociación Ak' Tenamit as part of its #YOMEQUEDO fast-track mechanism.

10. Spain – Sub-Director General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **EUR 6.3m / USD 7.66m contribution over two years.** Unearmarked contribution for MIRPS countries National Action Plans. EUR 5.3m via UNHCR (EUR 3.3m in 2021 and EUR 3m in 2022), EUR 1m via OAS MIRPS Voluntary Fund. In addition, over the last 5 years (2016-2020), Spain has channelled 350 million-euro ODA funds to the MIRPS countries. The funds have focused on the following sectors: education, health, reproductive health, water and sanitation, government institutions and civil society, women empowerment, fight against violence against women and girls, infrastructure and economic services, productive sectors, environment, debt relief, emergency assistance and assistance to refugees. These priorities and support are expected to be maintained.

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11. Switzerland - Sandra Aeschlimann, Program Officer Central America and the Caribbean, Humanitarian Aid

- Switzerland is fully aware of the difficult socio-economic situation in Central America and as well the drastic consequences for refugees, asylum seekers and the migrant population. **The already existing contributions of USD 2,150,000m of Switzerland for the year 2021 that can be aligned to the MIRPS** are as follows:
- Multilateral contributions to UNHCR Honduras and UNHCR Guatemala (USD 250'000 each) in 2021.
- Multilateral contribution to ICRC Regional Delegation Mexico (USD 1'000'000) in 2021
- Switzerland supports financially and technically Civil Society Organisations supporting the MIRPS such as Jesuit Service for Migrants in Costa Rica (CHF 150'000), Pastoral Movilidad Humana in Guatemala (USD 160'000) and NRC in El Salvador and Honduras (USD 300'000)
- Since its creation, Switzerland is a member of the MIRPS Support Platform, participates regularly in their meetings, and follows latest developments.
- Upon demand Switzerland is open to assess possibilities to deploy technical experts from the roster of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit to UN Agencies, MIRPS States or international NGOs (e.g. in the field of protection, Cash and Voucher Assistance).

12. U.S. – Amy Pope, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for Migration

- The United States is pleased to announce more than \$57 million in new funding toward international organization humanitarian and protection efforts in Mexico and Central America, including efforts aligned with and in support of MIRPS countries' national action plans. This support is in addition to the funding Vice President Harris announced for the region on April 26, 2021.
- USD 1.2m to UN in Costa Rica, USD 4m to UN in El Salvador, USD 9.85m to UN in Guatemala, USD 4.9m to UN in Honduras, USD 32.55m to UN in Mexico, USD 4.6m regionally to UN and INGOs.

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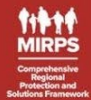


13. World Bank – Mr. David Malpass

- The World Bank announced that in response to the pandemic, and hurricanes Eta and Iota, it has expanded its commitments in the region, with **investments of USD 2bn** over the last twelve months, focused on **saving lives, protecting livelihoods and rebuilding infrastructure**.
- Financial and technical assistance is also being provided to the rollout of COVID-19 vaccination campaigns. **The IFC**, together with development partners has provided **USD 1.2bn** to support the **financial system, critical infrastructure needs, agriculture, and manufacturing sectors**.
- In Mexico, the World Bank is supporting the government to harmonize its **national ID system to enhance access to social assistance programmes, and economic opportunities, also for refugees and migrants**.
- In southern Mexico and northern Central America, the Bank is also helping **small entrepreneurs and farmers gain access to finance to raise their economic productivity**.

14. Inter-American Development Bank

- The BID drew reference to existing financing and technical support to projects that are being implemented as part of their Migration Initiative. The interventions target the migrant population, and do not include any specific targeted to support to refugees or asylum seekers.
- This includes loan agreement to the following projects (1) Education Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) II in Belize, (2) Program to Protect the Jobs and Income of the Vulnerable Population in Costa Rica, and the following technical support programmes: (3) Regional Territorial Information Platform for the Integration and Social Coexistence of Immigrants (Brasil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Uruguay), (4) Strengthening of the Public Employment Services Network to Meet the Challenges of New Technologies in the Labor Market and Include the Migrant Population (Colombia, Ecuador, Haití, México, Perú and Panamá) (5) Strengthening of Regional Capacity for the Integration and Social Inclusion of Migrant Populations (Colombia, Costa Rosa, Ecuador and Perú).



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15. BCIE

The BCIE highlighted the importance of interventions that support root causes. They went on to note that Spain and South Korea were members from outside of region, which they considered reflected the interest of the international community in Central America. In separate consultations between UNHCR and BCIE in preparation for the Solidarity Event, they noted their interest to develop a regional project that could support a number of MIRPS States.