ADDRESSING FORCED DISPLACEMENT: MIRPS IN GUATEMALA
NATIONAL PLANS OBJECTIVES

- Improve mechanisms for reception and admission
- Respond to immediate and persistent humanitarian and protection needs
  - Support host countries and communities
  - Enhance opportunities for durable solutions

FOCUS AREAS:

- PROTECTION
- JOBS AND LIVELIHOODS
- SOCIAL PROTECTION
- EDUCATION
- HEALTH

COMMITMENTS BY COUNTRY

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The purpose of the National Action Plan is to provide a comprehensive response to persons with protection needs, among the results obtained in its implementation, is the strengthening of the capacities of government institutions, as well as the improvement in the procedure of registration and resolution of asylum seekers and alliances between the public and private sectors about the importance of formal employment when it comes to equality of opportunities for vulnerable groups. Guatemala has prioritized working in the protection, jobs and livelihood sectors, the expected results for this year are the labour inclusion of asylum-seekers and refugees, improve the protection for children and adolescents especially in border areas and the creation of decent and specialized shelters for the care of persons in need of international protection. To achieve the expected results, it is necessary to expand resources to complement state efforts.
PROTECTION

- Design, create and implement a mechanism for registering cases and complaints about human rights violations against migrants in transit through Guatemalan territory.
- Create and/or improve adequate spaces with interview rooms that guarantee the confidentiality of the information of asylum-seekers, as well as specialized and friendly spaces for children and adolescents.
- Expand the staff of eligibility officers that process refugee applications at the General Directorate of Migration / Guatemalan Migration Institute.
- Start the creation of a multidisciplinary team for the international care and protection of refugees and refugee applicants.
- Preparation of a diagnosis for the creation of open shelters in decent conditions, specialized for the population with international protection needs, with specialized and trained teams.
- Restructure the Temporary Foster Care Program, for the care of returned girls, boys and adolescents in transit with international protection needs.
- Strengthen inter-institutional and intersectoral coordination to expand basic service options to refugees and refugees.
- Create the international protection mechanism in transit for people at high risk who need support for safe and regular access to countries of refuge (MINEX-UNHCR).
- Include in the Institutional Strategic Plans, Multiannual Plan and Annual Operational Plan the provision of basic services to people with international protection needs.

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HEALTH

- Strengthening of the Directorate for the Attention to Migrants of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.
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**EDUCATION**

- Negotiation and implementation of regional and international agreements for the recognition of study certificates with special attention to the specific needs and difficulties of refugees in presenting documentation from their countries of origin.

- Coordination of actions with local authorities and educational institutions throughout the country for the inclusion of children and young people into the national education system. These include awareness campaigns about the risks and consequences of the migration route; and the socialization of the guide for the attention of the student population on the move. Preparation and implementation of the roadmap for the attention of the Guatemalan migrant population in the process of accreditation and certification of labor competencies. Implementation and socialization of Ministerial Agreement 696-2017 which establishes “to validate the studies of deported Guatemalans who will continue their training in the National Educational System” (Agreement 696-2017 was repealed, by Ministerial Agreement 1753-2019 “Regulation of Equalization and Equivalences of studies at the levels of pre-primary, primary and secondary education, and in the subsystems of school and extracurricular education ”).

**JOBS AND LIVELIHOODS**

- Propose changes to the labour regulations to allow the access to work permits for refugees and asylum-seekers.

- Design awareness campaigns for the private sector and public officers on rights of refugees, especially on labour market and access to services (job fairs).

- Strengthening information campaigns for general public on labour rights and insertion of refugees and asylum-seekers.

- Prioritize the process and resolution of work permits requests for refugees and asylum-seekers.

- Facilitate access to Spanish language courses for refugee and refugee applicants.

- Create an intersectoral mechanism for the establishment of roadmaps and national strategies for the labour insertion of returned Guatemalans with or without needs of international protection.

- Give continuity to statistical studies and improve registration systems to understand the profiles of returnees, asylum seekers or refugees, including labour profiling, for their integration and, if necessary, internal relocation.

- Design awareness campaigns for the private sector on labor inclusion of returned Guatemalan migrants.