



**Comprehensive
Regional
Protection and
Solutions
Framework**



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

**BELIZE · COSTA RICA · EL SALVADOR · GUATEMALA ·
HONDURAS · MEXICO · PANAMA**

MIRPS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IN GUATEMALA

30 TOTAL COMMITMENTS

FOCUS AREAS:



PROTECTION
19 COMMITMENTS



**JOBS AND
LIVELIHOODS**
8 COMMITMENTS



EDUCATION
2 COMMITMENTS



HEALTH
1 COMMITMENT

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

- Strengthen the institutional capacity of the General Directorate of Migration / Guatemalan Institute of Migration, particularly those capacities related to attention and protection.
 - Awareness raising and training of migration delegates, National Police, Army, Jurisdictional Bodies and border security personnel and airports in the field of international protection.
 - Inclusion of refugee-related courses in the training programmes for authorities involved in the national protection systems, including information from the Migration Code, the Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents, and other international protection measures and instruments.
 - Prepare and update the regulations and protocols for attention and protection of refugees and asylum-seekers, in accordance with the Migration Code, including information on refugees and other measures taken by the Government, such as the humanitarian visa.
 - Strengthen the awareness raising and training processes for border migration delegates on the identification of people with protection needs.
 - Preparation and distribution of informative materials on access to refuge and other systems of international protection and care for migrants.
 - Strengthening of the Reception Centres for the identification (in situ) of returned Guatemalan people with protection needs and victims of rights violations in the returning process.
 - Training and awareness raising of officials who work with the migrant population, for a comprehensive approach, taking into account the age, gender and diversity of the people, with special attention to unaccompanied girls, boys and adolescents, women at risk, LGTBI population, victims trafficking, the elderly and people with different abilities.
 - Strengthening the governing institutions for the protection of children and adolescents, especially in border areas.
 - Develop the Regulation of the Migration Code for the continuity of the permit mechanism for people in transit, in order to ensure regular transit through the country.
- 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.



HEALTH

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



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.