



Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions
Framework Support Platform Strategy
2022-2023 United States Chair





BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework – or Marco Integral Regional para Protección y Soluciones – MIRPS— is a regional application of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). The MIRPS is led by the participating countries of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama. Panama holds the Pro-tempore Presidency for 2023. Formed in 2017, MIRPS is focused on addressing forced displacement in Central America and Mexico. Each country has a national action plan aligned according to a shared set of overarching pillars that provide the framework for a coordinated approach.

The MIRPS Support Platform (SP) was launched at the first Global Refugee Forum in 2019. It seeks to coordinate funding and technical assistance, and to raise awareness and solidarity for the MIRPS countries and their shared mission. SP members include Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the European Union, France, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay, the United States, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank, and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI). The United States has been a member since the SP’s inception and began its one-year term as SP Chair in September 2022.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Organization of American States (OAS) together make up the Technical Secretariat for the MIRPS and the MIRPS SP.

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OUR MISSION as the MIRPS SP is to help MIRPS countries get what they need to successfully implement their National Action Plans to respond effectively to forced displacement in the region.

To support this mission, we:





2022-2023 SP Theme: The Benefits of Successful Integration - Valuing the Contributions Forcibly Displaced People Bring to Host Communities.

With this theme, the United States will call on SP members and MIRPS countries to join us in highlighting contributions refugees and other forcibly displaced people, including internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, and those experiencing statelessness, bring to their communities; draw attention to needs of displaced people and their host communities; promote social cohesion; and exchange good practices for successful integration and other local solutions, with a particular emphasis on protection for the most vulnerable, including women and children.

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Contributing to Host Communities – Results Framework

<p>GCR Objective 1 – Ease pressures on host countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ SP 2022-23 Objective 1. MIRPS SP governance and accountability mechanisms are reinforced.■ SP 2022-23 Objective 2. Refugees and IDPs in MIRPS countries benefit from private sector, multilateral development bank, and civil society collaboration to support successful local solutions. <p>GCR Objective 2 – Enhance refugee self-reliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ SP 2022-23 Objective 3. MIRPS countries have increased capacity and resources to facilitate successful local solutions, including child and adolescent-specific integration needs.	<p>The U.S. term as Chair focuses on three objectives. <i>The first</i> reflects the need to continue previous SP Chair efforts to build a strong and sustainable Platform capable of effectively supporting the MIRPS countries. <i>The other two</i> center on direct work with the MIRPS countries and are guided by the Chair theme. <i>All three</i> align with the Global Compact on Refugees and its Indicator Framework.</p> <p>This strategy carries forward Canada’s 2021-2022 objectives to guide longer-term work of the MIRPS SP. These objectives build on the foundation laid by the SP’s four overarching goals articulated in its governance note, which are based on the GCR. The 2022-2023 strategy also builds on efforts undertaken through the <i>U.S. Collaborative Migration Management Strategy</i> and contributes to implementation of the <i>Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection</i>. In the runup to the <i>2023 Global Refugee Forum</i>, the MIRPS SP will, through its engagements with a diverse range of stakeholders, encourage participation in the GRF and promote its principles.</p>
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Objective 1: MIRPS SP governance and accountability mechanisms are reinforced.

- **Activity 1.1:** Define a mechanism and identify an appropriate actor to manage tracking and transparent reporting on financial and other material contributions (beyond the pledge stage) and how they link to MIRPS country action plan objectives. This dashboard will also include updates on progress toward the 2022-2023 SP strategy objectives.
 - **Outcome 1.1.1. Transparency:** A public web page provides easy-to-digest updates no less than semi-annually maintaining a timely and accurate synthesis of support mobilized. Key stakeholders and the public gain greater visibility and understanding of the various funding mechanisms that correlate to MIRPS efforts.
 - **Outcome 1.1.2. Accountability:** The SP provides timely public reporting on progress against its own workplan and strategic objectives.
 - **Outcome 1.1.3. Data-informed decision making:** MIRPS countries and SP members, as well as prospective supporters, improve coordination and identify resource gaps.
- **Activity 1.2:** Consult MIRPS countries on strategies for enhanced, more frequent progress tracking and easy-to-digest reporting. Through iterative consultation, the SP will encourage, and seek to identify support to facilitate, more frequent updates on MIRPS progress to showcase measurable successes achieved by the MIRPS countries in line with their National Action Plan commitments.
 - **Outcome 1.2.1. Planning.** Increased understanding of the effectiveness of specific parts of National Action Plans that informs future planning and prioritizing in specific program areas and activities.
 - **Outcome 1.2.2. Coordination.** Increased communication and linkages between MIRPS and the Support Platform that better informs decision making by both entities.

Objective 2: Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in MIRPS countries benefit from private sector, multilateral development bank (MDB), and civil society collaboration to support successful local solutions.

- **Activity 2.1:** Conduct targeted outreach to existing as well as prospective private sector, MDB, and civil society partners to secure country and sector-specific contributions that advance successful local integration, in line with commitments defined in MIRPS National Action Plans and MIRPS Regional Action Plan
 - **Outcome 2.1.1. Awareness.** Governments, multilateral organizations, and civil society have greater awareness of integration and social cohesion programming being implemented in MIRPS member countries, creating opportunities to create new partnerships and bolster the impact of existing programming.
 - **Outcome 2.1.2. Increased support base.** Increased membership in and/or collaboration with the MIRPS SP by private sector actors, civil society, and multilateral development banks.
 - **Outcome 2.1.3. Employment opportunities.** Additional companies commit to refugee and/or IDP-friendly hiring practices and/or quotas in at least two MIRPS countries.
 - **Outcome 2.1.4. New resources.** At least two new commitments secured from private sector actors in support of MIRPS commitments.



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Objective 3: MIRPS countries have increased capacity and resources to facilitate successful local solutions, including child and adolescent-specific integration needs.

- **Activity 3.1:** Coordinate an inventory of existing services, programs, and gaps related to local integration in MIRPS countries to jointly inform planning of SP learning events in 2023 alongside the Activity 3.2 inventory.
 - **Outcome 3.1.1. Updated inventory available.** The comprehensive inventory of gaps and good practices will inform strategic planning, including what topics to prioritize for learning events (see Activity 3.3 below).
 - **Outcome 3.1.2. Good practices repository established.** Good practices identified through the inventory will be published on the new virtual platform for MIRPS countries announced in Panama’s PPT plan. These good practices can also benefit a wider audience beyond just MIRPS governments.
- **Activity 3.2:** Coordinate an inventory of good practices for facilitating local integration from MIRPS SP members to jointly inform planning of SP learning events in 2023 alongside the Activity 3.1 inventory.
 - **Outcome 3.2.1. More good practices identified.** Considering good practices from a wider range of countries will add to and complement the compilation of good practices gathered from within MIRPS countries. Good practices of SP countries that have been exchanged with MIRPS States will also be included for publication on the new virtual platform.
 - **Outcome 3.2.2. Deepened engagement** between MIRPS and SP countries. Including SP good practices as options for learning events will promote additional technical collaboration between stakeholders and could highlight new opportunities for material support.
- **Activity 3.3:** The SP will facilitate between two and four Learning Events to support MIRPS country needs and priorities related to local integration. Specific topics for Learning Events will be informed by the inventories (Activities 3.1 and 3.2) and by consultation with the MIRPS Working Groups. The events may include in-person workshops and/or field visits. Timing of MIRPS in-person Working Group meetings will be considered for scheduling.
 - **Outcome 3.3.1. Technical capacity.** MIRPS countries have increased technical capacity to implement successful integration policies and programs as demonstrated by sharing of key takeaways at the 2023 SP Solidarity Event (Activity 3.5).
 - **Outcome 3.3.2. Knowledge put into practice.** At least one MIRPS country implements a policy or program action to enhance integration for displaced people in their country based on learning from SP event(s).
 - **Outcome 3.3.3. Resources mobilized.** At least one SP country or other stakeholder commits new resources—financial or other—to support MIRPS country implementation of good practices shared through Learning Events.
- **Activity 3.4:** Leverage the MIRPS Support Platform to facilitate pledge cultivation and (pre-) matching in the run-up to the 2023 Global Refugee Forum.
 - **Outcome 3.4.1. New commitments.** At least one new policy pledge and one new funding pledge related to MIRPS objectives are announced at the 2023 GRF.
- **Activity 3.5:** As Chair, the United States will host (or co-host) a culminating Solidarity Event near the end of its term as chair to share accomplishments and drive sustained support for MIRPS and the GRF.
 - **Outcome 3.5.1. Keep attention on MIRPS.**



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MIRPS Support Platform Goals Introduced by Canada- 2021 Forward¹

1. ***Galvanize political, financial, technical, and material commitments toward the fulfillment of the humanitarian and development needs identified by the MIRPS countries.***
 - **Outcome:** Quantifiable increase in the financial and technical contributions made by MIRPS SP members and others to address needs identified by MIRPS countries. Increased number of SP member actively engaged in SP activities.
2. ***Increase international visibility of the MIRPS and engagement in support of MIRPS from a wider range of actors.***
 - **Outcome:** Increased engagement of the private sector, IFIs, UN Agencies, NGOs, and other countries.
3. ***Reinforce the Support Platform as an effective mechanism to mobilize comprehensive responses for forced displacement in the region.***
 - **Outcome:** Create and implement a monitoring and reporting plan for national action plans and MIRPS and SP activities.
4. ***Provide technical assistance to support MIRPS countries to work towards their National Action Plans and related goals.***
 - **Outcome:** Increased in-person and online information exchanges and workshops to advance MIRPS countries' goals with increased knowledge and skills.

Since the United States took the Chair in 2022, the Support Platform has:

- **Led by the U.S. and Canada, hosted a High-Level Solidarity Event** on the sidelines of the 2022 UN General Assembly, where supporting countries pledged more than \$210 million for MIRPS-related efforts in Central America and Mexico – *September 2022*
- **Held the first quarterly SP meeting** where the first draft of this strategy was introduced – *November 2022*
- **Participated in the Annual MIRPS Meeting** hosted by outgoing Pro-tempore Presidency Honduras – *December 2022*

¹ This strategy carries forward Canada's 2021-2022 objectives to guide longer-term work of the MIRPS SP. These objectives build on the foundation laid by the SP's four overarching goals articulated in its governance note, which are based on the GCR.



Looking Forward—2023 Anticipated Timeline



February

- U.S. Chair Strategy is finalized and published.

March

- Second SP quarterly meeting
- SP identifies next Chair for 2023-2024
- Preliminary results of good practices inventory become available
- Selection and scheduling of Learning Event options finalized

April/May

- Next chair joins SP Troika
- First SP Learning Event
- Cities Summit
- Third SP Quarterly meeting

June/July

- Second SP Learning Event

August/September

- Third SP Learning Event
- Fourth SP Quarterly meeting

TBC

- SP Solidarity Event