

MIRPS FUND

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THE MIRPS FUND

The MIRPS FUND is the specific Fund for voluntary contributions to the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework to address forced displacement in Central America and Mexico and is one of the key mechanisms for mobilizing resources and coordinating the support required by the MIRPS Member States to complement the existing mechanisms to address the displacement crisis in the sub-region.

As mandated by the Permanent Council (CP/RES. 1154 (2286/20) and endorsed at the OAS General Assembly in 2020, the OAS Department of Social Inclusion (DIS) is responsible for the administration, financial management and accountability of the MIRPS Fund. Moreover, the DIS provides technical support and guidance to ensure the achievement of the expected results of the projects financed by the MIRPS Fund.

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FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO THE MIRPS FUND

The MIRPS Fund was launched at the First Solidarity Event that took place in 2021. At the end of that year, the Government of Spain announced a pioneering contribution to the MIRPS Fund which was a regional milestone in terms of solidarity and shared responsibility to support the responses of MIRPS countries in providing protection and solutions to the situation of displaced persons and host communities.

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CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS TO THE MIRPS FUND 2022

In 2022, the Fund's operational framework was launched with the participation of the MIRPS Member States, and the first call was opened for each MIRPS country to submit project proposals to respond to the commitments and actions within their National Action Plans. Six MIRPS countries submitted project proposals to be financed by the MIRPS Fund.

THE HIGH-LEVEL SELECTION COMMITTEE (CSAN)



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#Spain is the first and only donor, with one million euros, to the #MIRPS FUND of the #OAS. Today @EspOAS participates in the High-Level Selection Committee CSAN to review #MIRPSFund project proposals. #50YearsSpainOAS @CarmenMonton



The High-Level Selection Committee (CSAN by its acronym in Spanish) of the MIRPS Fund was established to review and analyze the project proposals. After receiving nominations from the MIRPS Member States, the Support Platform, and the Technical Secretariat; two independent experts were selected: Irene Palma and Diego Cháves. A representative of the MIRPS Support Platform, Mr. Kent Healy, and representatives of the MIRPS Technical Secretariat, Mr. Gavin White for UNHCR and Dr. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian for the Department of Social Inclusion, also participate in the CSAN.

During the First MIRPS Fund Project Proposal Review Session, Ambassador Carmen Montón, Permanent Observer of Spain to the OAS, representing the donor, and attorney Rosa Posadas, representing the MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency of Honduras, participated as observers.

PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED BY THE MIRPS FUND

COSTA RICA



Costa Rica will strengthen the identification and referral of asylum seekers with special vulnerability profiles by modernizing the platform of the Costa Rican Refugee Unit. Costa Rica will benefit close to 23,000 asylum seekers, including LGBTIQ+ persons, women in vulnerable situations, survivors of gender-based violence, older persons, children and adolescents, and persons with disabilities.



EL SALVADOR



El Salvador will provide humanitarian assistance mechanisms, seed capital for entrepreneurship, and scholarships to learn basic education and business skills to obtain better employment opportunities. The National Council for Early Childhood, Childhood and Adolescence (CONAPINA) will benefit more than 60 families with returned children in need of protection and more than 180 people in vulnerable situations in 10 communities.



HONDURAS



Honduras will consolidate the institutional response to the displaced and returning population in need of protection by providing humanitarian assistance and seed capital for more than 100 displaced persons. Within the administration, the capacities of the staff in charge of the protection of Internally Displaced Persons will be strengthened to improve care services.



GUATEMALA

Guatemala will improve the labor inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers with innovative digital tools such as the Electronic Platform of Work Permits for Foreigners (PEX) and its app. By implementing municipal attention units and training workshops, Guatemala will bring the PEX and Tu Empleo Platforms closer to asylum seekers, refugees, and the private sector, connecting the supply and demand of jobs. Nearly 800 asylum seekers and refugees will benefit from this improvement in services.



MEXICO

Mexico will strengthen the registration and recognition of the identity of asylum seekers and refugees, with particular emphasis on children and adolescents. They will expand the issuance of the Unique Population Registry Code (CURP) to a greater number of people and will expand the number of states where this document is issued. They expect to benefit a large proportion of the people requesting recognition of refugee status in Mexico who are waiting to obtain this document.



PANAMA

Panama will strengthen its capacities to improve the care and integration of refugees and asylum seekers with emphasis on the Province of Darien. This includes providing basic health and hygiene assistance kits for 500 beneficiaries, school supplies for 230 students and alternatives for economic self-sufficiency to 80 refugee women, asylum seekers and members of the host communities.

All projects will be executed during 2023.

JOIN THE MIRPS FUND

The MIRPS Fund is open to receive new contributions and to continue implementing initiatives and projects on the field in MIRPS Member States.

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