



MIRPS Learning Event between MIRPS States and the Government of Colombia,  
as a Member of the MIRPS Support Platform  
**Advancing protection and durable solutions for internally displaced persons  
in MIRPS countries**

## **Introduction**

The Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, established 25 years ago, emphasize the primary duty and responsibility of national authorities to provide protection and assistance to internally displaced persons. Since then, dozens of governments have developed laws and policies to prevent, respond to and support solutions to internal displacement.

Establishing appropriate legal, policy and institutional frameworks in line with international and regional standards is an essential step in effectively addressing and resolving internal displacement. However, despite sustained progress in the development and adoption of IDP laws and policies, successful implementation remains a key challenge in most contexts.

To address this challenge, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico, as members of the Working Group on Internal Displacement within the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), are making progress in the implementation of national and subnational responses and are sharing their challenges and experiences within the Group as a space for mutual learning, to strengthen their legal frameworks and response to internal displacement.

As part of the support to this Working Group, an exchange is organized with Colombia, as a member of the MIRPS Support Platform, with the support of the United States as Chair of the Platform, which in its annual strategy included the support of national and regional efforts for the integration of displaced persons through the facilitation of learning events.

## Objectives

Based on the experiences of Colombia and the MIRPS countries, conduct a peer-to-peer technical exchange on opportunities and means to effectively implement their respective legal and public policy frameworks on internal displacement, and strategies to overcome bottlenecks. The exchange will allow for the sharing of knowledge on key aspects of implementation, including institutional, planning and programmatic elements, such as:

- National Responsibility Framework - key components of a comprehensive response to internal displacement with emphasis on the regulation and implementation of frameworks for prevention, care and protection of the displaced population.
- Inter-institutional governance and coordination structures for protection, humanitarian assistance and local integration, focusing on the role of the national focal points, multi-sectoral spaces, ministries/institutions and local governments.
- Multilevel governance of internal displacement, with special attention to the role of civil society and oversight bodies.
- Participation of IDPs and local communities as subjects of rights in the processes of design, implementation and monitoring of public policies, plans and related programs.

## Format and participants

The Group's exchange will take place October 24-26 in the city of Bogota for all delegations. Government officials from El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico will be invited as members of the MIRPS Working Group on Internal Displacement.

Governmental participants will include officials from institutions that implement national and sub-national frameworks on internal displacement, including local authorities if relevant.

The Honduran delegation will be larger as the visit will be carried out under the process of regulation of the Law on Internal Displacement, and members of the Inter-Institutional Commission for the Protection of Forcibly Displaced Persons (CIPPDEF) will be invited. This delegation will have an additional day of visit, on October 27, to the municipality of Soacha.

## Expected results

A report will be prepared on the experiences and lessons learned exchanged during the visit. In addition, a follow-up plan for the recommended actions will be developed.

In the case of Honduras, the CIPPDEF assistants will present a report to the plenary of the Commission with recommendations and concrete proposals to be considered in the regulation of the Law on Internal Displacement in terms of prevention, protection and durable solutions, in addition to national coordination mechanisms, information and registration systems, and means of participation.