



REGIONAL WORK PLAN

MIRPS PRO-TEMPORE PRESIDENCY

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As approved by MIRPS Member States

INTRODUCTION

Five years after the adoption of the San Pedro Sula Declaration, the Government of Honduras assumes enthusiastically the Pro-Tempore Presidency (PPT) of the Regional Comprehensive Framework for Protection and Solutions (MIRPS). During this time, the structure and functioning of the MIRPS has been consolidated, partnerships have expanded, and countries have progressed in the implementation of their national and regional action plans.

Despite the progress made by the States Parties to the MIRPS, as recognized in the San Pedro Sula Declaration, the movement of people in the region continues to be mixed and multi-causal, including socioeconomic factors, the consequences of natural disasters and climate change, as well as violence and insecurity caused by organized crime with particularities and responses specific to each country, according to their domestic legislation.

On the basis established by the previous Presidencies and following the commitments adopted in the Antigua Guatemala City Declaration, Honduras will promote both political and operational advances, strengthening the MIRPS as an action and results-oriented mechanism that will translate into better protection responses and solutions for displaced persons.

The MIRPS will be promoted at the global, regional and national levels. Working closely and in coordination with the Support Platform, Honduras will make the region's situation visible in international forums, promote the generation of partnerships with cooperation and development actors and other strategic partners at the regional level, promote political dialogue and support the implementation of the recommendations issued by the Working Groups in 2021 in line with the commitments made in the Declaration of the city of La Antigua Guatemala in 2021. These joint efforts will seek to generate an impact in facilitating progress in the national implementation of the MIRPS, so that countries update their action plans and make progress in line with changing realities.

The objectives of the Honduras Pro-tempore Presidency 2022 will be:

1. Create a regional strategic vision of the MIRPS based on the update of the National Action Plans.
2. Increase the visibility and regional dialogue on the root causes of displacement.
3. Promote the regional dialogue through the MIRPS Working Groups and political fora in the framework of the OAS and other relevant regional mechanisms such as SICA, the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) among others.
4. Strengthen alliances with strategic partners, including members of the Support Platform, UN System, OAS, development actors, private sector and civil society

In a cross-cutting manner in the results, the Presidency of Honduras will promote **an emphasis on the integration and economic inclusion of displaced persons, from access to essential services and the creation of employment and livelihood opportunities.** With this plan, the Presidency is in alignment with the La Antigua Guatemala City Declaration, reaffirming the consolidation of the MIRPS as a key framework for cooperation in the region to respond to humanitarian needs, protection, and the effective implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees, in the areas of governance, prevention, protection from displacement, support for the resilience of displaced persons in host communities, as well as the strengthening of asylum systems, protection and the advancement of long-term solutions to displacement in the region, with a cultural inclusion approach.

WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

OUTCOME 1: National Action Plans updated and National Technical Teams strengthened.

In recent years, the region has experienced an increase in the challenges it faces, including pandemics, natural disasters, climate change, different manifestations of violence, and growing humanitarian needs, challenges that generate pressures on the response of countries of origin, transit and host countries. In order to maintain the relevance and validity of the MIRPS in the face of this new reality, the Pro-Tempore Presidency will promote a review process of the national action plans, to compile the commitments made, adapt the pending commitments to the current challenges, and analyze the need to involve new actors in their implementation.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1.1. *Promote the updating of the National Action Plans in the MIRPS countries***, through a common methodology that will allow the identification of the commitments fulfilled, the factors that have facilitated implementation, and the need to incorporate new commitments. Likewise, the analysis will identify the need to expand the national technical team to include all state institutions that have a role in the implementation of relevant national commitments in this new context.
- 1.2. *Creation/ Strengthening of National Coordination Groups***, as spaces for dialogue and joint work with relevant non-governmental actors at the national level to include their contributions to the work of the MIRPS. Depending on the national context and priorities, these Groups may be integrated by diplomatic representations (including those of the members of the Support Platform), development cooperation agencies, UN agencies, OAS national representations, civil society and other interested parties.
- 1.3. *Strengthen communication with communities and displaced persons***, by expanding access to support lines for the protection of rights and the procurement of essential services.

OUTCOME 2: Address root causes and increase invisibility

The Pro-Tempore Presidency will promote actions to prevent displacement, taking into account the root causes of displacement, in collaboration with the international community and using existing bilateral and multilateral mechanisms.

ACTIVITIES:

- 2.1. *Identify opportunities for the articulation of the MIRPS plans with the actions against extortion linked to displacement*** carried out by the Ministries of Public Security of the MIRPS countries, for its application in communities at risk.
- 2.2. *Inclusion of natural disasters and the impacts of climate change in the work of the MIRPS***, knowing the experience of Costa Rica, Mexico and Panama in the application of initiatives such as the Agenda for Protection - Platform for Displacement by Disasters (Nansen Initiative)

For the development of these actions, plenary thematic sessions would be held with the National Technical Teams and the participation of relevant experts in each subject.

OUTCOME 3: Promote regional political and technical dialogues in MIRPS Working Groups, the OAS and other relevant fora.

The MIRPS Working Groups have proven to be relevant spaces for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, lessons learned and good practices. The 2022 Pro-Tempore Presidency will promote the continuity of these spaces, so that during the year they can transcend the application and implementation of the recommendations issued in 2021.

This result also includes supporting the work of the Permanent Missions to the OAS of the MIRPS Countries, and other OAS Member States and Observers, including those of the Support Platform in activities related to the MIRPS within the OAS framework. Discussions on displacement will be incorporated into the different regional forums to renew political commitments, find solutions for populations of concern, and transform the public discourse on displacement.

ACTIVITIES:

- 3.1. ***Implement recommendations of the MIRPS Working Groups and coordinate with the Support Platform to identify opportunities for collaboration.*** In line with the 2021 recommendations and the Political Declaration of the City of Antigua Guatemala, the priorities of the Groups will be:

Working Group on Reception and Admission:

Continue strengthening the capacities of national institutions based on: 1) optimizing mechanisms for identifying people with international protection needs; 2) biometric registration, digitization of files and the use of computer systems for the digital management of asylum/refuge applications; 3) the establishment of triage mechanisms and accelerated, simplified, merged and special refugee status determination procedures with protection safeguards, as applicable.

Working Group on Internal Displacement:

Expand cooperation and the exchange of good practices in terms of regulations, institutional policies and national coordination mechanisms for protection, and the search for comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the situation of displaced persons or persons at risk of displacement, including efforts aimed at improving evidence and case management and care. In 2022, the group's discussions will focus on data/ statistics and early warning systems.

Working Group on Local Governance:

Expand alliances with municipalities and local governments for strengthening local governance, promoting participation, as well as exploring opportunities to expand access to essential, complementary services and economic opportunities for internally displaced persons, applicants for refugee status, refugees and returnees with protection needs. MIRPS states will be invited to further coordination mechanisms with Associations of local governments. Moreover, countries with a multicultural presence will facilitate the availability of services and information adapted to cultural, linguistic and social contexts.

Working Group on Jobs and Livelihoods:

Continue generating opportunities for economic inclusion for displaced persons, especially to: 1) develop common skills certification processes; 2) promote and strengthen job placement programs; 3) review and simplify processes, requirements and costs for labor inclusion; 4) coordinate with the private sector for the socialization of the hiring guidelines for refugees and to expand opportunities for collaboration.

- 3.2. **Hold regular meetings with the Permanent Missions to the OAS of the MIRPS Countries, other OAS Member States, and Observer States**, to incorporate MIRPS priorities into relevant working documents and political resolutions.
- 3.3. **Promote the MIRPS priorities with the thematic technical instances within the OAS** where the representatives of the States that are part of the MIRPS can promote the displacement agenda and articulate actions within the hemispheric spaces and for a relevant to the MIRPS States, such as the Commission Session of Legal and Political Affairs of the OAS; Session of the OAS Committee on Migratory Issues; Session of the Inter-American Committee for Integral Development; V OAS Ministerial Meeting on Social Development; OAS General Assembly.
- 3.4. **Training sessions for government officials at the national and local levels and for the Permanent Missions in Washington D.C.**, on border reception, identification and referral mechanisms, differentiated processes and procedures, durable solutions, among other topics. For them, a first training workshop will be held for the MIRPS National Technical Teams on protection and solutions for internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, refugees and returnees in need of protection; The Third Edition of the Inter-American Course on Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, Migrants, Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Returnees with Protection Needs, Stateless Persons, and Victims of Trafficking in the Americas will also be organized.

OUTCOME 4: Alliances with strategic partners strengthened, including members of the Support Platform, the United Nations System, the OAS, development actors, the private sector and civil society.

The Presidency highlights the need to implement an approach that involves the whole of society in dealing with displacement and international protection, which includes actions by the Member States of the MIRPS, the members of the Support Platform from MIRPS, civil society, the private sector, international organizations, international cooperation and other relevant actors.

ACTIVITIES:

- 4.1. **Activation of the MIRPS Fund in the OAS as a means of channeling resources for the implementation of MIRPS objectives.** For this, a document of guidelines and an Annual Operating Plan of the MIRPS Fund will be prepared, which will include a roadmap and a budget projection. Likewise, a process will be defined to prioritize eligible activities to be financed by the MIRPS Fund.
- 4.2. **Organize regular meetings with the civil society dialogue mechanism** on issues aligned with the National Action Plans.

- 4.3. **Develop a plan to involve the private sector** of the MIRPS support platform countries and companies/business organizations that can form part of the National Coordination Groups.
- 4.4. **Involve the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank** by opening spaces for the presentation of research results relevant to the work of the MIRPS.
- 4.5. **Strengthen the work with the Members of the Support Platform and the United Nations System, integrating them as part of the technical support and accompaniment to the MIRPS Working Groups and identifying opportunities for bilateral collaboration.**
- 4.6. **Seek synergies with other regional mechanisms** as the Regional Conference on Migration, the Quito process and other regional mechanisms for the complementation of actions and collaboration on issues of joint interest.

COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS

As communication and coordination mechanisms for addressing strategic issues, activities, agreements and monitoring of compliance with commitments, Honduras proposes:

1. Continue holding regular virtual meetings with the technical teams of the MIRPS States;
2. Maintain a close dialogue with the leading countries of the Working Groups, to align the advocacy and promotion actions in the relevant political spaces and with the Support Platform with those priorities and actions that the Groups identify in the development of their work;
3. Give continuity to the permanent activities of political positioning and visibility of the MIRPS by the PPT through bilateral meetings, and dialogues with different instances, actors and sectors, and a proactive presence in various meetings, fora, media and multilateral spaces, particularly in the United Nations and in the framework of the OAS;
4. Give continuity to the preparation of the MIRPS Annual Report as the main accountability mechanism, in which progress and challenges are reported both at the national and regional levels, reflecting the quantitative and qualitative advances and progress;
5. Continue convening the annual Regional Meeting of the MIRPS as a strategic space for technical and political dialogue of vital importance to present the progress made in the implementation of the MIRPS, renew political commitments reflected in a declaration, discuss the main challenges and share perspectives and opportunities for collaboration with the members of the Support Platform, and other strategic actors that complement the responses of the states, such as civil society, the private sector, international and development organizations, the United Nations system, the inter-American system, development, and other donors and cooperating agencies.

Likewise, the PPT will benefit from the support and accompaniment of the MIRPS Technical Secretariat UNHCR/OAS, to promote all activities and to facilitate the processes that are necessary to allow substantial progress in the proposed activities within this Work Plan, as well as the search for opportunities to mobilize support from the MIRPS Support Platform and the international community, such as financial, material and technical assistance, exchanges of experiences and technologies.

TIMELINE

Activities	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
I Virtual meeting – Presentation of the MIRPS PPT 2022 Work plan											
Bilateral Meeting – MIRPS PPT and Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform											
Technical sessions between MIRPS Working Groups and Support Platform											
Session of the OAS Juridical and Political Affairs Committee											
Update of MIRPS National action plans and creation of National Coordination Groups											
Session of the OAS Committee on Migration Issues											
Consultation with Regional Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism											
Regional Twinning Meeting on Asylum Capacity Building for the MIRPS Working Group on Reception, Admission and Processing of Persons with Protection Needs.											
Working Group sessions											
Session of the OAS Committee on Integral Development											
II Virtual meeting – Dialogue on root causes – Extorsion											
III Virtual meeting – Dialogue on root causes – Natural disasters and climate change											
Bilateral Meeting – MIRPS PPT and Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform											
IV Virtual meeting International financial institutions											

MIRPS National Coordination Group Consultations													
Third Edition of the Inter-American Course on Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, Migrants, Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Returnees with Protection Needs, Stateless Persons, and Victims of Trafficking in the Americas													
OAS General Assembly- MIRPS side event (to be confirmed)													
Consultation with Regional Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism													
V OAS Ministerial meeting on Social Development													
V Virtual meeting – Preparation for MIRPS Annual Meeting													
V MIRPS Annual Meeting													