THE MIRPS FUND

The MIRPS FUND is the specific Fund for voluntary contributions to the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS, by its Spanish acronym) 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 (DSI) 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.

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.

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)

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.
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In addition, the projects include a cross-cutting perspective of rights and inclusion, as well as a focus on gender, age and attention to the differentiated needs of some populations in special situations of vulnerability. All projects will be executed during 2023 and 2024.

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