



MIRPS FUND

IN ACTION

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.

Therefore, in order to continue with the actions for the implementation of the MIRPS Fund and its portfolio of projects, the Department of Social Inclusion (DIS) of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (DIS/SARE) in coordination with the MIRPS States and strategic partners, has developed various activities during the period from May to June 2023.



“Launch Event: Presentation of Projects to benefit displaced persons in Central America and Mexico”

On May 16, the event “Launch Event: Presentation of Projects to benefit displaced persons in Central America and Mexico” was held to present the projects financed by the MIRPS Fund, based on the contribution made by the Government of Spain, which will be implemented by the MIRPS countries in 2023 and 2024.

The event was held in hybrid mode, representing a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities related to the displacement of people in Central America and Mexico, as well as to urge the mobilization of additional bilateral and multilateral resources, including possible future contributions to the MIRPS Fund, to support the response of the governments of the MIRPS countries to forced displacement in the region.



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Members of the head table with representatives of the Permanent Missions of the MIRPS States to the OAS during the "Launch Event: Presentation of Projects to benefit displaced persons in Central America and Mexico".



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

During this period work has been coordinated with the entities that will be responsible for implementing the projects financed by the Government of Spain through the MIRPS Fund.

Currently, the preparatory stage is being completed in order to subsequently begin the implementation of these projects. Therefore, it is expected that by the next quarter, the implementation agreements will be signed, which will mark the starting point of the following initiatives:



Costa Rica: Strengthening the identification and referral of asylum seekers and/or persons in vulnerable situations, through the modernization of the Refugee Unit of Costa Rica.



El Salvador: Enhancing the Livelihoods of Returnee Children and Adolescents in need of Protection and their families.



Guatemala: Facilitation of labor inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees in Guatemala.



Honduras: Strengthening the governmental response to assist internally displaced persons due to violence.



Mexico: Institutional strengthening of the operational capacity to recognize the identity of asylum seekers, with a focus on children and adolescents.



Panama: Strengthening the care, integration and protection of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in Darien province, in line with the National Action Plan MIRPS, with a focus on children, adolescents and women.

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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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