



## NATIONAL ACTION PLAN EL SALVADOR

From 2006 to 2016, 71,500 people were displaced in El Salvador, according to the first internal forced displacement characterization exercise led by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security in 2018. In January 2020, the country approved a law to provide protection and offer durable solutions to persons who are internally displaced or at risk of displacement due to violence. However, human mobility in Central America and Mexico remains a complex issue, and the number of asylum-seekers and refugees in El Salvador has continued to rise.

Existing advances in legislation and operational responses for the protection of forcibly displaced persons and refugees require strengthening. El Salvador joined the MIRPS in 2019 and expressed its commitment through a National Action Plan concerning asylum, livelihoods, education, psychosocial support, health, legal assistance, and the protection of rights. This National Action Plan complements the commitments made during the 2019 Global Refugee Forum.

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### **PROTECTION**

Strengthen the mechanisms for protecting the fundamental rights of people in conditions of internal forced displacement, and those who are at risk of being displaced, through prevention procedures and a more effective and inclusive care system.

- **Train personnel in specialized legal assistance** (economic, social, and cultural rights), concerning the protection of property and assets for people in need of protection.
- Review and update the **comprehensive care protocol for internally displaced persons**, establishing care routes according to specific profiles and their needs, as well as a follow-up route for cases and an updated mapping of existing services.
- Establish a **specialized unit for displaced populations** with technical teams trained to attend to different profiles within the Direction of Attention to Victims (DAV).
- **Creation of a single registry** of displaced persons and persons at risk of forced displacement, carrying out annual statistical analyses.
- Update the study on the **Characterization of Internal Displacement**.

- **Introduce the initiative “The Special Law for the Care of Persons in Condition or at Risk of Forced Displacement”** and other regulatory frameworks that provide a greater guarantee of protection to internally displaced persons.
- **Review and update existing protocols and routes in the Center for the Attention of Migrants (GAMI)** to include specialized care according to profile and vulnerability (children and adolescents, women, families, LGBTI population, people with disabilities, and older persons).
- Implementation by all institutions with a presence in the GAMI of the single migratory registry and software development and implementation of a protection module to **strengthen the identification and management of cases of deportees with protection needs** (children and adolescents, women, family groups, LGBTI population, people with disabilities, older adults).
- **Establish a training plan for GAMI staff** based on identified needs, where organizations join according to their mandates/expertise.
- Create, print, and disseminate **informative materials on the available services** provided by the institutions present at the GAMI.
- Dissemination at the national level for the population of the new **Immigration and Foreigners Law**.
- **Implement trainings** for the consular network in Mexico, the United States, Guatemala, and Belize for the identification of profiles with protection needs.
- **Design of a roadmap for the identification and care of people in need of protection** abroad, which includes routes directly linked to the services that exist at the national level.
- **Carry out training, as well as disseminate information and communication** on the right to international protection, the asylum process, and its corresponding identity document for asylum-seekers and refugees, aimed at government institutions and private companies.
- Technically and operationally **strengthen the Commission for the Determination of Refugee Status (CODER)** (the Secretariat and Sub-Commission) to increase the capacity to analyze and resolve requests.
- Design and print **informative materials on the asylum process in El Salvador**.
- **Develop a bill for the granting of “International Protection and Statelessness,”** for the integration of the refugee population in El Salvador.
- Design and implement **care routes for forcibly displaced women or women at risk**, as well as self-care processes aimed at technical staff at the Ciudad Mujer Centers.
- **Strengthen the capacities for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery at the community level**, with a protection focus, in coordination with community, municipal, and departmental Civil Protection commissions, in response to emergencies or disasters influenced by climate change.
- Strengthen the National Civil Protection System for the **mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from climate change-related disasters that cause displacement**.
- **Strengthen capacities and coordination with national entities in the management and coordination of temporary shelters** with a focus on protection and human rights to provide timely assistance to displaced populations during emergencies or disasters exacerbated by climate change.
- **Incorporate a protection and human rights approach** through the implementation of the Practical Guide for the Planning, Setup, and Coordination of Shelters.
- **Strengthen the CUBOs strategy** to contribute to creating spaces for development, peaceful coexistence, and the prevention of forced displacement in communities.
- Implement initiatives for **community organization to promote the reconstruction of social fabric** through sports, arts, culture, and other means.
- **Strengthen psychosocial care services for children and adolescents in communities historically affected by violence**, creating spaces for development, peaceful coexistence, and the prevention of forced displacement.
- **Strengthen livelihood mechanisms for the reintegration of returned children, adolescents, and their families** with protection needs to enhance access to opportunities and prevent future forced displacement.
- Include refugee, asylum-seeking, and displaced children and adolescents in policies and protocols.



## EDUCATION

Continue strengthening mechanisms for protecting the rights of the educational community in a situation of internal forced displacement or at risk of being displaced, through strategies that promote their protection and attention, through, among others, the harmonization of regulatory frameworks, and in accordance with the recently approved law, “Grow Together for the Comprehensive Protection of Early Childhood, Childhood and Adolescence.”

- Implement a process for **collecting reliable information in the System for information management of the Ministry of Education (SIGES)** on the impact of internal forced displacement on students and teachers at the national level.
- **Update and harmonize** the “Guide for Assistance to Displaced Children, Adolescents, Youth, and Teachers or at Risk of Internal Forced Displacement” and the “Operational Manual for Assistance to Displaced Children, Adolescents, Youth, and Teachers or at Risk of Internal Forced Displacement” to the law, “Growing Together for the Comprehensive Protection of Early Childhood, Childhood and Adolescence” and related regulations.
- **Design and print** the “Guide for Assistance to Displaced Children, Adolescents, Youth, and Teachers or at Risk of Internal Forced Displacement,” the “Operational Manual for Assistance to Displaced Children, Adolescents, Youth, and Teachers or at Risk of Internal Forced Displacement,” and the law, “Growing Together for the Comprehensive Protection of Early Childhood, Childhood and Adolescence” and related regulations.
- **Disseminate materials for students and teachers nationwide on** the human rights-based approach; the impact of forced displacement due to violence; protection mechanisms established in the “Guide for Assistance to Displaced Children, Adolescents, Youth, and Teachers or at Risk of Internal Forced Displacement” and the “Operational Manual for Assistance to Displaced Children, Adolescents, Youth, and Teachers or at Risk of Internal Forced Displacement.”
- **Harmonize, design, and print education regulations with a human rights-based approach** to incorporate protection mechanisms against threats and violations of the rights of girls, boys, adolescents, and teachers in the Educational System.
- Implement actions to **prevent, protect, and restore the rights of children and adolescents against school violence** and forced internal displacement as a cause of school dropout and social risk.



## JOBS AND LIVELIHOODS

Expand access to economic opportunities and durable solutions for people forcibly displaced in El Salvador or at risk of being displaced, to promote their self-sufficiency and conditions of respect and dignity.

- Design of **information and awareness campaigns** on the rights of displaced populations and existing services.
- **Creation of a specialized centre** that promotes technical/vocational programmes, access to tertiary education, livelihoods, and the promotion of labour insertion (in coordination with private companies) for forcibly displaced populations.
- **Promote programming for technical skills training and life-skills training**, prioritizing access for forcibly displaced populations.
- **Design of a local inclusion model** for refugees and asylum-seekers that includes actions from a legal, economic, and social perspective.
- **Priority access to job placement programmes** for displaced or at-risk populations.
- **Strengthen awareness-raising processes with the private sector** for hiring vulnerable, displaced, or at-risk populations, refugees, or asylum-seekers, in favour of diversity and inclusion.
- **Provide access to income-generating programmes and services** that favour inclusion and economic autonomy for women who are forcibly displaced or at risk, referred from the Ciudad Mujer Centers and territories.



## HEALTH

Expand specialized medical and psychosocial care adapted to the needs of victims of forced displacement by the National Health System of El Salvador, through services provided with quality and warmth, in favor of their dignity, inclusion and respect for human rights.

- **Design and implement information and awareness campaigns** on the rights of displaced persons, deported persons in need of protection, refugees, and asylum-seekers to access health services.
- **Develop a specialized protocol for the comprehensive health care** (medical and psychosocial) of displaced persons, deported persons in need of protection, refugees, and asylum-seekers.
- **Provide specialized training to health system officials** on psychological, psychiatric, and psychosocial care for people affected by forced displacement (internally displaced people, deported persons with protection needs, refugees, and asylum-seekers).
- **Coordinate comprehensive mobile care** (medical and psychosocial) for health services in shelters and reception spaces to care for displaced persons, deported persons with protection needs, refugees, and asylum-seekers.
- **Design a model of psychological/psychosocial care for people affected by violence** (internally displaced people, deported persons with protection needs, refugees, and asylum-seekers).
- **Design internal forced displacement indicators for inclusion in the Ministry of Health's Information System** for the analysis of the impact of internal displacement on health, as input for the design of programs and interventions.
- **Include within its policies and protocols comprehensive health care** (direct medical care, psychosocial care, care for chronic diseases, special health conditions) to guarantee continued care and access to specific medications for displaced persons, deported persons with protection needs, refugees, and asylum-seekers, without discrimination.