



MIRPS FUND (COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK FUND)

The Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) of the Organization of American States (OAS), in its role as the entity responsible for administering and managing the MIRPS Fund, continues to make significant efforts to ensure its effective implementation and execution. These actions are carried out in close coordination with MIRPS States, in response to their requested support and in alignment with the commitments outlined in their National Action Plans. All efforts complement existing mechanisms and aim to strengthen the regional response to displacement challenges in Central America and Mexico.

In this context, the DIS—together with MIRPS States and strategic partners—has carried out various activities during the second quarter of 2025.



PROJECT CLOSURE IN DARIÉN STRENGTHENS PROTECTION AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES

On April 15, in the community of Ipetí, in Panama's Darién province, the closing event for the project "Strengthening the care, integration, and protection of refugees, asylum seekers, and host communities" was held. This initiative, led by the Ministry of Government of Panama and financed by the MIRPS Fund with support from the Government of Spain, marked a milestone in the region's inclusive and humanitarian response.



Indigenous Emberá women among project beneficiaries





Through this intervention, more than 800 refugees, asylum seekers, and members of host communities received basic assistance and hygiene kits, improving their access to minimum protection conditions in Darién. Additionally, 75 indigenous women were supported with seed capital and training spaces focused on strengthening their entrepreneurial skills, as part of a strategy to enhance their economic autonomy and the sustainability of their livelihoods.

Omaira Casamá, President of the Ipetí Embera Women Artisans Association (AMARIE), and Sara Omi, Emberá leader

TANGIBLE PROGRESS ON THE GROUND

Driven by the contribution of the Government of Spain, the MIRPS Fund's First Project Portfolio represents a milestone in the regional response to displacement. Four of the six projects—aligned with the national plans of MIRPS States—have been completed, while the remaining two continue to advance according to schedule. This first generation of initiatives continues to deliver tangible results in host communities and high human mobility contexts across Central America and Mexico, consolidating effective, coordinated implementation with direct impact.

These actions have directly benefited **more than 24,000 people**, more than half of whom are women and children, with a focus on those facing heightened protection risks.

Beyond the direct impact on affected populations, the projects have also strengthened institutional response capacities, promoted pathways for labor market integration, improved access to essential services, and facilitated the delivery of seed capital—creating real conditions for the integration and sustainability of displaced populations in the region.





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



The Refugee Department will continue implementing the **Border Presence Project**, a key initiative aimed at strengthening institutional response in border areas.



The General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners (DGME), through its Refuge Unit, will present the Final Report of the project “**Strengthening the Identification and Referral of Persons Applying for Refugee Status and/or with Profiles of Special Vulnerability through the Modernization of Costa Rica's Refugee Unit Platform.**”



The National Council for Early Childhood, Children and Adolescents (CONAPINA) will virtually present the results of the project “**Enhancing the Livelihoods of Returnee Children and Adolescents in need of Protection and their families.**”



The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare will continue implementing the project “**Facilitating the Labor Inclusion of the Population Applying for Refugee Status and Refugees in Guatemala.**”



The Human Rights Secretariat of Honduras (SEDH) will virtually present the results of the project “**Strengthening the governmental response to assist internally displaced persons due to violence.**”



The Ministry of Government will present the Final Report of the project “**Strengthening the care, integration and protection of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in Darién, with special emphasis on children, adolescents and women.**”

These initiatives incorporate a cross-cutting approach to rights and inclusion.



It is expected to benefit more than 100,000 people in the MIRPS States.

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The MIRPS Fund remains open to receiving new contributions and continuing the implementation of field projects and initiatives in MIRPS countries.

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