



### MIRPS Regional Technical Team on Jobs and Livelihoods

#### **Joint session with local governments, civil society organizations, and refugee-led organizations on labor integration initiatives.**

21 August 2025. 9:00 a.m. Central America time.

#### **Concept Note and Agenda**

The countries that are part of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) recognize the urgent need to strengthen employment opportunities and sustainable livelihoods for displaced people. To this end, they are working to implement strategies focused on linking labor supply and demand, technical and vocational education and training, entrepreneurship, fair recruitment, the development of work and life skills, and the recognition and certification of professional qualifications, among others.

Local governments, civil society organizations, and refugee-led organizations all play a fundamental role in advancing these efforts. Their proximity to communities, operational flexibility, and capacity for innovation have facilitated the implementation of effective programs that complement and strengthen public policies. Through collaboration between the MIRPS Regional Technical Teams on Jobs and Livelihoods and on Local Governance, as well as the MIRPS Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism, it is possible to consolidate these joint initiatives, address current challenges, and expand both their impact and their replicability to support the integration of displaced people.

#### **Objectives of the meeting**

- Identify good practices for coordination between central and local governments in MIRPS countries and members of the Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism in the implementation of labor integration programs.
- Explore effective mechanisms for inter-institutional coordination and strengthen strategic partnerships to facilitate displaced people's access to formal employment, entrepreneurship, and vocational training.
- Promote the implementation and scaling-up of successful models that can be replicated at national and regional levels.

#### **Expected results**

- Identification and systematization of good practices in coordination between central governments, local governments, and civil society organizations in the implementation of labor integration programs for displaced people in MIRPS countries.
- Development of joint recommendations to improve the implementation of labor integration programs at national and regional levels.

- Strengthening of the collaboration network among institutions that make up the MIRPS Public Employment Systems, local governments, and the MIRPS Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism, with initial commitments for cooperation in socio-economic integration initiatives.

### **Participants**

- Members of the MIRPS Regional Technical Team on Jobs and Livelihoods.
- Members of the MIRPS Regional Technical Team on Local Governance.
- Representatives of member organizations of the MIRPS Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism.