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MIRPS 2026

Regional Action Plan

ACRONYMS

CAM	OAS Committee on Migration Affairs
CONARE	National Commission for Refugees
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
ILO	International Labour Organization
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
MIRPS	Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework
OAS	Organization of American States
PAC	Chile Plan of Action
PDD	Platform for Disaster Displacement
RCM	Regional Conference on Migration
SICA	Central American Integration System

I. Introduction

The Government of El Salvador assumes the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) for 2026 with the vision of strengthening the mechanism as an appropriate platform to articulate public policies, technical cooperation, and strategic partnerships to respond comprehensively to displacement in the region. In a context characterized by changing dynamics of human mobility, MIRPS constitutes a key instrument for translating political commitments into concrete action at the regional, national, and local levels.

The MIRPS 2026 Regional Action Plan sets out the programmatic priorities and lines of intervention that will guide the joint work of Member States during the period. Its actions are aimed at strengthening the implementation of regional and national commitments through results-based management.

The Plan prioritizes the strengthening of national asylum systems; mechanisms for the prevention, assistance, and protection of internally displaced persons; as well as the design and implementation of initiatives that promote local integration, durable solutions, and the sustainable reintegration of returnees with protection needs.

The Government of El Salvador, as Pro-Tempore Presidency, is particularly committed to strengthening responses to the specific needs of women, children, adolescents, and other groups in situations of vulnerability. The Plan incorporates regional coordination on disaster- and climate change-related displacement, aligning the MIRPS agenda with advances in risk management, territorial resilience, and adaptation, in coordination with other regional processes and strategic partners.

The Plan promotes governance, monitoring, and resource mobilization mechanisms to ensure the effective implementation of actions, the measurement of results, and sustained progress toward the mechanism's shared objectives. It also foresees the engagement of civil society organizations, refugee-led organizations, academia, the private sector, the MIRPS Support Platform, and international organizations, in coordination with other regional mechanisms such as the Regional Conference on Migration, the Quito Process, the Chile Plan of Action, and the OAS Commission on Migration Affairs, among others.

The MIRPS Regional Action Plan 2026 is conceived as a strategic tool to highlight the national progress of MIRPS countries in protection, integration, and durable solutions. It will contribute to strengthening the coherence, sustainability, and impact of national and regional responses to displacement, grounded in cooperation, shared responsibility, and respect for human dignity and human rights.

II. Objectives

General Objective:

To advance a comprehensive regional response across MIRPS countries that strengthens the protection and integration of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons, through effective asylum systems, meaningful access to rights, and the facilitation of sustainable solutions.

Specific objectives:

- Enhance the quality, efficiency, and equity of national asylum and refugee systems through the adoption of legal and institutional reforms, the digitalization of case management, the implementation of differentiated processing modalities, expanded access to legal assistance, strengthened staff capacities, and improved provision of information to asylum-seekers.
- Ensure that refugee status determination procedures for children and adolescents reduce processing times and effectively guarantee respect for their best interests, in accordance with international humanitarian standards.
- Expand effective access for refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons to national protection systems, while strengthening mechanisms for the assistance, protection, and reintegration of returnees with specific needs, thereby contributing to social cohesion in host communities.
- Increase the economic self-reliance of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons by facilitating their labour market inclusion through government employability mechanisms, in accordance with each country's capacities and in full respect of labour rights, as well as through the recognition and certification of skills, knowledge, and competencies.
- Integrate the protection of persons displaced by disasters associated with climate change into the national protection and disaster risk management policies of MIRPS countries, strengthening institutional capacities and response mechanisms, in coherence with the commitments established in the Chile Plan of Action.

III. Regional Action Plan Priorities

- **Strengthening national asylum and refugee systems:** Continue advancing actions to reinforce asylum and comprehensive assistance systems by promoting more efficient, fair, and modern procedures, with particular emphasis on the protection of children and adolescents, as well as populations that have been historically excluded.
- **Promotion of durable solutions and socioeconomic inclusion:** Foster the effective integration of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons by expanding access to decent work

opportunities, education, and livelihoods that strengthen self-reliance and contribute to social cohesion in host communities.

- **Protection and comprehensive management of displacement linked to climate change:** Strengthen prevention, protection, and response actions related to displacement caused by disasters associated with climate change, promoting the exchange of good practices and regional approaches to address other drivers of human mobility.
- **Strengthening MIRPS and regional coordination:** Reinforce MIRPS as an effective regional mechanism for the articulation of public policies, technical cooperation, and strategic partnerships, enhancing coordination with other regional mechanisms and harmonizing agendas to advance shared priorities, generate synergies and complementarities, and achieve concrete results in the comprehensive response to displacement in the region, based on a principle of shared responsibility.

IV. Expected results and activities

Priority 1: Strengthening National Asylum Systems
<p>Result 1: National asylum systems operate with more accessible, efficient, and modern procedures, supported by legal and institutional reforms, the incorporation of new technologies, differentiated processing modalities, expanded access to legal assistance, strengthened technical capacities of personnel, and improved information provision to applicants.</p>
<p>Implementation: Regional Technical Team on Reception, Admission and Case Processing</p>
Activities
<p>P1-R1-A1: Exchange of good practices with countries and regional mechanisms on differentiated procedures for refugee and asylum-seeking children and adolescents, and dissemination of a systematization document.</p>
<p>P1-R1-A2: Exchange of experiences on the use of technological tools, including artificial intelligence (AI), in asylum procedures, and organization of a webinar focused on the use of AI for protection purposes—specifically addressing its risks and possible adaptation alternatives—along with the dissemination of a systematization document.</p>
<p>P1-R1-A3: Preparation of a document outlining financing opportunities for digital transformation initiatives aimed at facilitating efficient case processing and strengthening research functions (including country of origin information and jurisprudence).</p>
<p>P1-R1-A4: Design and implementation of a structured regional training programme (virtual diploma course), jointly articulated between MIRPS, MERCOSUR, and the Quito Process, including sessions on interview techniques, the application of eligibility criteria, and the assessment of manifestly well-founded and manifestly unfounded claims. The programme will also include modules on mental health and self-care for eligibility officers.</p>
<p>P1-R1-A5: Third Regional Meeting of CONAREs to strengthen national asylum and refugee systems, in coordination with the Quito Process (modality to be confirmed).</p>

Priority 2: Promotion of Durable Solutions and Socioeconomic Inclusion
<p>Result 2: The effective integration of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons into host communities is strengthened, and the number of returnees with protection needs receiving comprehensive support for their sustainable reintegration in their communities of origin or destination is increased.</p>
Activities
Implementation: Regional Technical Teams on Jobs and Livelihoods
<p>P2-R2-A1: Exchange of experiences on the implementation of local integration models for refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons, and dissemination of a systematization document.</p>
<p>P2-R2-A2: Regional meeting on integration, in coordination with the Quito Process and with the support of the International Labour Organization (ILO).</p>
<p>P2-R2-A3: Promotion of the regional strategy for the certification of competencies, with the support of the ILO.</p>
Implementation: Pro-Tempore Presidency, in coordination with the Regional Technical Teams on Internal Displacement and Local Governance.
<p>P2-R2-A4: Virtual session on experiences in the implementation of strategies for the reintegration of returnee populations among MIRPS countries, and dissemination of a systematization document.</p>
<p>P2-R2-A5: Exchange of good practices on the reconstruction of the “social fabric” and the resolution of community conflicts for the prevention of displacement, and dissemination of a systematization document.</p>
<p>P2-R2-A6: Exchange of good practices with the Quito Process on lessons learned from the implementation of the Social Cohesion Toolbox developed with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).</p>
Priority 3: Protection and Comprehensive Management of Climate-Related Displacement
<p>Result 3: Institutional capacity to prevent, address, and protect persons displaced by disasters is reinforced, enabling more timely, coordinated, and effective responses.</p>
Activities
Implementation: Pro-Tempore Presidency, in coordination with the Regional Technical Teams on Internal Displacement and Local Governance.
<p>P3-R3-A1: Mapping of instruments and institutions responsible for responding to disaster-related displacement, in collaboration with the Platform on Disaster Displacement, in coordination with the Chile Plan of Action (PAC).</p>
<p>P3-R3-A2: Exchange of good practices with the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) on displacement related to climate change.</p>

Priority 4: Strengthening of MIRPS and Regional Coordination
Result 4: MIRPS achieves measurable progress in the implementation of its strategic actions and priorities, alongside demonstrable advances in regional coordination and institutional consolidation.
Activities
P4-R4-A1: Regional trainings on MIRPS to strengthen the work of the MIRPS National Technical Teams.
P4-R4-A2: Sessions to ensure the continuity of MIRPS results-based management and statistical inclusion processes, aimed at strengthening tools for monitoring MIRPS commitments.
P4-R4-A3: Three plenary meetings with MIRPS countries and their National Technical Teams to review progress and challenges related to the implementation of the Regional Action Plan.
P4-R4-A4: Working meetings to strengthen regional coordination with other mechanisms, including the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), the Quito Process, the Platform on Disaster Displacement, the Chile Plan of Action, and the OAS Commission on Migration Affairs (CAM/OAS), among others, in order to reinforce the regional framework for protection and solutions, avoid duplication, and coordinate efforts.
P4-R4-A5: Creation of a repository of academic studies, inputs from civil society organizations and refugee-led organizations, contributions from local governments, as well as private sector experiences relevant for national and regional planning.
P4-R4-A6: Awareness-raising activities for students and future employers on the contributions of displaced persons, in coordination with the MIRPS Dialogue Mechanisms with Academia and the Private Sector.
P4-R4-A7: IX MIRPS Annual Meeting, to be held in person with representatives of MIRPS countries, to conclude the Pro Tempore Presidency period and hand over the mandate to the Government of Guatemala.

V. Coordination with other Regional Mechanisms

MIRPS identifies areas of complementarity with the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), the Quito Process, the Chile Plan of Action (PAC), the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), the OAS Committee on Migration Affairs (CAM), and other regional mechanisms addressing human mobility, migration, international protection, and displacement. This convergence enables progress toward a more comprehensive, coordinated, and coherent regional response, enhancing synergies in areas such as:

Integration and Certification of Skills:

MIRPS constitutes a key platform to promote the integration of refugees and the reintegration of returnees with protection needs. In particular, the certification of labour skills for these populations is a strategic area to foster their socioeconomic inclusion and contribute to development in host communities. There is significant potential for collaboration with the RCM, whose approach focuses on the certification of migrants' skills for integration purposes.

Disaster Displacement:

The response to displacement resulting from the adverse impacts of disasters and climate change represents a point of convergence among MIRPS, the Platform on Disaster Displacement, the Chile Plan of Action, and the Regional Conference on Migration. Coordination with these spaces offers opportunities to complement efforts in prevention, preparedness, response, and durable solutions, integrating protection and climate resilience approaches.

Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents in Contexts of Mobility

Differentiated protection for refugee and migrant children and adolescents aligns with initiatives of the SICA Commission, as well as with the RCM and the *Inter-American Declaration on the Protection and Integration of Migrant and Refugee Children and Adolescents in the Americas* (AG/DEC. 111 (LIII-O/23)). These convergences strengthen the potential to develop harmonized protocols, regional referral pathways, and joint mechanisms for the guarantee of rights.

VI. General timeline

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Troika meetings at the technical level										
Virtual plenary meetings										
Session on MIRPS implementation at the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP)										
Meetings with Pro Tempore Presidencies (PPTs) of other regional mechanisms										
Sessions of the Regional Technical Teams										
Mid-year report										
Negotiation of the MIRPS 2025 Political Declaration among MIRPS Permanent Missions to the OAS										
Annual Report										
IX MIRPS Annual Meeting										