



The Department of Access to Rights (DAR) of the Organization of American States (OAS) continues to strengthen the implementation of the MIRPS Fund in coordination with Member States and strategic partners, within the framework of the National Action Plans. During the first quarter of 2026, various activities were carried out to strengthen the regional response to displacement.

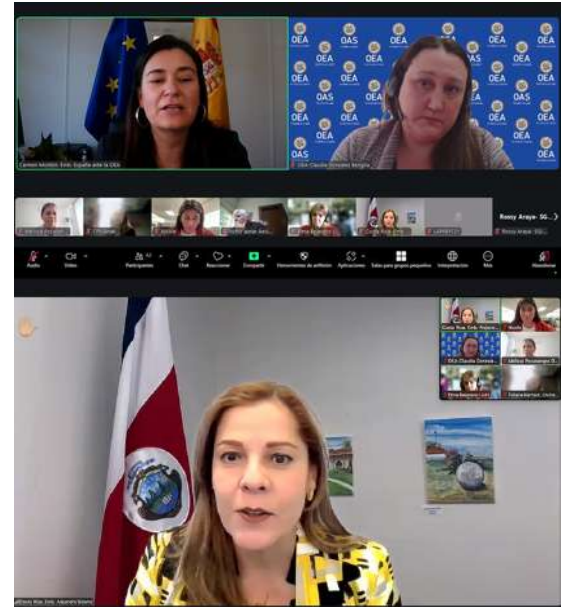


## **COSTA RICA PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF MIRPS FUND PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN ITS ASYLUM SYSTEM**

On January 20, 2026, the results of the project “Strengthening the identification and referral of asylum seekers and/or individuals with specific vulnerability profiles through the modernization of Costa Rica’s Refugee Unit platform” were presented. The project was implemented by the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners (DGME).

The initiative contributed to improving services for more than 32,000 asylum seekers during the first year of operation of the modernized platform, through the review and optimization of service workflows from the first point of contact.

Key achievements include clearer, more accessible, and more efficient processes, as well as strengthened institutional capacity to identify vulnerability profiles.



Through the **modernization of the Refugee Unit**, the following results were achieved:



**A reduction in waiting times**  
of 20 minutes per person



**Improved confidentiality and efficiency in the process**  
Through multifunctional service booths and case code assignment



**A 30% increase**  
In the activation of protocols for unaccompanied minors



**A 35% increase**  
in streamlined, accelerated, simplified, and merged processes



**Facilities adapted in accordance with Law 7600**  
on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

The presentation brought together national authorities, technical teams, and representatives of Spain, as the funding partner, who highlighted the importance of continuing to strengthen the asylum system through more efficient and sustainable processes. More information [here](#).



## PANAMA PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF A PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION FOR PEOPLE ON THE MOVE IN DARIÉN

On March 24, 2026, the results of the project “Strengthening assistance, integration, and protection of refugees, asylum seekers, and host communities in the province of Darién, with special emphasis on women, children, and adolescents” were presented. The project was implemented by the Ministry of Government of Panama.

The initiative was carried out in a context of high migratory pressure and included actions focused on humanitarian assistance, social inclusion, and livelihoods support, targeting both people in mobility and host communities.



**+800** 

**Refugees, asylum seekers, and members of host communities benefited**

through the provision of:



**500 hygiene and basic assistance kits**



**230 school kits**



**75 seed capital grants**



The project was funded with USD 100,000 from the MIRPS Fund.

The results presentation event was attended by national authorities, technical teams, and representatives of Spain, as the funding partner, who highlighted the value of inter-institutional coordination and the impact of such initiatives in advancing more comprehensive, sustainable, and people-centered responses.

More information [here](#).

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



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



The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MINTRAB) will launch the Electronic Platform for Work Permits for Foreigners (PEX), whose modernization was made possible through the implementation of the project **“Facilitating labor inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees in Guatemala.”**



The Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR) will sign an agreement for the implementation of the project **“Institutional strengthening of the operational capacity to recognize the identity of persons seeking recognition of refugee status, with particular emphasis on children and adolescents in Mexico.”**



### JOIN THE MIRPS FUND

The MIRPS Fund remains open to new contributions to continue implementing field-based initiatives.

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Learn more about the MIRPS Fund here.



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