



**Comprehensive Regional
Protection and Solutions Framework**
Addressing forced displacement in Central America and Mexico



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REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

**MIRPS PRO TEMPORE PRESIDENCY
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Acronyms

CAM	Committee on Migration Issues of the Organization of American States
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 Action Plan
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 Committee on Migration Issues, 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:

- ▶ To 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 processes, the implementation of differentiated processing modalities, expanded access to legal assistance, strengthened staff capacities, and improved provision of information to asylum-seekers.
- ▶ To 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.
- ▶ To 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.
- ▶ To 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
- ▶ To 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. Priorities of the MIRPS Regional Action Plan 2026

To promote 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 and refugee systems, effective access to rights, and the facilitation of sustainable solutions.

In line with the Heredia Declaration, the MIRPS Regional Action Plan 2026 will focus on the following priorities:

1

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.

2

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.

3

Protection and Comprehensive Management of Climate Change-Related Displacement: 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.

4

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 and Refugee Systems

Result 1: National asylum and refugee systems operate with more accessible, efficient, and modern procedures, supported by legal and institutional reforms, the use of new technologies, differentiated processing modalities, expanded access to legal assistance, strengthened technical capacities of personnel, and improved provision of information to applicants. In addition, refugee status determination procedures for children and adolescents ensure the effective respect of their best interests and timely access to fair procedures, in accordance with international standards.

Implementation: Regional Technical Team on Reception, Admission and Case Processing.

Activities

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.
P1-R1-A2:	Exchange of experiences regarding 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.
P1-R1-A3:	Preparation of a document on financing opportunities for digital transformation initiatives aimed at facilitating efficient case processing and strengthening research functions (including country of origin information or jurisprudence).
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 interviewing techniques, 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.
P1-R1-A5:	Third Regional Meeting of Refugee Status Determination Commissions (CONAREs) to strengthen national asylum and refugee systems, in coordination with the Quito Process (modality to be confirmed).

Priority 2: Promotion of Durable Solutions and Socioeconomic Inclusion

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.

Implementation: Regional Technical Team on Jobs and Livelihoods

Activities

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.
P2-R2-A2:	Regional meeting on integration, in coordination with the Quito Process and with the support of the International Labour Organization (ILO).
P2-R2-A3:	Promotion of the regional strategy for skills certification, with the support of the ILO.

Implementation: Pro Tempore Presidency, in coordination with the Regional Technical Teams on Internal Displacement and Local Governance

Activities

P2-R2-A4:	Virtual session on experiences in the implementation of reintegration strategies for returnee populations among MIRPS countries, and dissemination of a systematization document.
P2-R2-A5:	Exchange of good practices on rebuilding the social fabric and community conflict resolution for the prevention of displacement, and dissemination of a systematization document.
P2-R2-A6:	Exchange of good practices with the Quito Process on lessons learned from the implementation of the Social Cohesion Toolkit developed with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

Priority 3: Protection and Comprehensive Management of Climate Change-Related Displacement

Result 3: Institutional capacity to prevent, address, and protect persons displaced by disasters is reinforced, enabling a more timely, coordinated, and effective response.

Implementation: Pro Tempore Presidency, in coordination with the Regional Technical Teams on Internal Displacement and Local Governance.

Activities

P3-R3-A1	Mapping of instruments and institutions responsible for responding to disaster-related displacement, in collaboration with the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and in coordination with the Chile Action Plan (CAP).
P3-R3-A2:	Exchange of good practices with the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) on climate change-related displacement.

Priority 4: Strengthening MIRPS and Regional Coordination

Result 4: MIRPS achieves measurable progress in the implementation of its actions and strategic priorities, alongside demonstrable advances in regional coordination and institutional consolidation.

Activities

P4-R4-A1:	Regional trainings on MIRPS aimed at strengthening the work of MIRPS National Technical Teams.
P4-R4-A2:	Sessions to ensure the continuity of MIRPS Results-Based Management and Statistical Inclusion initiatives, 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 (PDD), the Chile Action Plan (CAP), and the Committee on Migration Issues of the Organization of American States (CAM/OAS), among others, in order to reinforce the regional protection and solutions framework, avoiding duplication and coordinate efforts.
P4-R4-A5:	Creation of a repository of academic studies, inputs from civil society organizations and refugee-led organizations, local governments, and private sector experiences to support 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 El Salvador's Pro Tempore Presidency period and hand over the mandate to the Government of Guatemala.

V. Coordination with Other Regional Processes

MIRPS identifies areas of complementarity with the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), the Quito Process, the Chile Action Plan (CAP), the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), the OAS Committee on Migration Issues (CAM/OAS), and other regional mechanisms, as well as global frameworks such as the Global Refugee Forum, which address human mobility, migration, international protection, and displacement. This convergence enables progress toward a more comprehensive, coordinated, and coherent regional response by leveraging synergies in areas such as:

Integration of People in Human Mobility and Skills Certification:

MIRPS serves as a key platform for promoting the integration of refugees and the reintegration of returnees with protection needs. In particular, initiatives related to the certification of labor competencies for these populations play an important role in facilitating their socioeconomic integration and contributing to development within host communities. In this area, there is significant potential for collaboration with the RCM, whose approach focuses on the certification of competencies of migrants' skills for integration purposes.

Disaster Displacement:

Addressing displacement resulting from the adverse impacts of disasters and climate change represents an important area of convergence between MIRPS, the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), the Chile Action Plan (CAP), and the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM). Coordination with these mechanisms provides opportunities to complement efforts in prevention, preparedness, response, and durable solutions, while integrating protection and climate resilience approaches.

Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents in Human Mobility Contexts:

Differentiated protection for refugee and migrant children and adolescents aligns with initiatives promoted by the SICA Commission on Children and Adolescents, as well as with the work of the Regional Conference on Migration (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. Overall Timeline

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Technical-Level Troika Meetings	■					■				■
Virtual Plenary Meetings	■					■				■
Session on MIRPS Implementation at the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP)	■									
Meetings with the Pro Tempore Presidencies (PTPs) of Other Regional Mechanisms		■				■				
Sessions of the Regional Technical Teams		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Mid-Year Report						■				
Negotiation of the 2026 MIRPS Political Declaration among MIRPS Permanent Missions to the OAS										■
Annual Report										■
IX MIRPS Annual Meeting										■



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