

# COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PROTECTION & SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK



MIRPS



## BEST PRACTICES OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

### ONE

#### Reception & Admission

Strengthen the capacity to **identify, refer and document** people with protection needs.



### BELIZE

English as a second language courses, with a total of 190 students graduated from the basis and technical levels.

### TWO

#### Immediate & persistent needs

Provide humanitarian **assistance, legal orientation** and **integration** services for refugees, displaced people, returnees and people in transit.



### MEXICO

Temporary Unique National Population Registry Card (CURP) to facilitate access to state services of health, education, finance, labour, among others. 24,970 CURP have been issued (Jan-Sept 2019).

### THREE

#### Support to host countries & communities

Strengthen the institutional **response** and **coordination** with local authorities, the civil society and private sector in host areas to promote social **inclusion** and socioeconomic **participation**.



### HONDURAS

Municipal response plans to internal displacement as interinstitutional roadmaps in San Pedro Sula, El Progreso and the Central District.

### FOUR

#### Enhance opportunities of durable solutions

Promote **public policies** specifically for refugees, displaced people and returnees, while integrating them to existing programmes that encourage their **self-reliance**.



### PANAMA

Employability for refugees, asylum seekers and host communities through the Talents without Borders programme thanks to partnerships with the private sector. Over 125 people have been trained and 45 companies have been engaged.

**BELIZE****COSTA RICA****EL SALVADOR****GUATEMALA****HONDURAS****MEXICO****PANAMA**

Opening of **six new information centres** for people of concern, in collaboration with the Belizean Tourism Industry Association and the Community Resources Centre of Bella Vista, thus expanding the reach to new asylum seekers.



Production and exhibition of videos and drawings to **raise awareness and prevent xenophobia** in collaboration with the Embassies of Mexico and Costa Rica and OAS in Belize.



Third edition of the '**Empléate**' Challenge to facilitate access to employment for refugees and asylum seekers. **300 people, 13 companies** and government entities, civil society, the academia participates by providing legal counseling, registration and information on the asylum system.



Launch of the second edition of **Living Integration Trademark** that recognises the commitment from private and public companies in raising awareness of the contributions from refugees to communities, companies, institutions and host countries. **39 participants representing 27 institutions** registered to obtain the mark.



**Creation of the National Technical Team** and development of participatory consultations with key actors, with the aim of gathering inputs and designing the **National Plan** that addresses forced displacement, prioritizes actions and establishes regional follow-up indicators. 170 people participated in the focus groups, including displaced people or those at risk, asylum seekers, refugees, NGOs, State institutions and international and cooperation organizations.



**Political endorsement** of the MIRPS national plan.



Education and labour opportunities within the tourism sector for asylum seekers and refugees through the **Turi-Integra** programme, with the participation of 109 host community members and 21 refugees.



Recognition of the **R Identity Document as valid** for refugees to obtain criminal record certificates within the Judicial Branch, and to open bank accounts.



**Opening of a consulate** in Tijuana and a Mobile Consulate Matamoros City to provide assistance to Honduran asylum seekers in the United States that are being returned to Mexico.



Finalization of the **Internal Displacement Profiling study (2004-2018)** which gathers evidence of the impact, humanitarian assistance needs, vulnerabilities, response capacity and protection mechanisms available.



**Increased presence** of the COMAR in Palenque (Chiapas), Monterrey (Nuevo León) and Tijuana (Baja California), to facilitate access to the asylum procedure, to address specific needs and issue temporary CURPs, among other actions.



The **alternatives to migration stations** programme for asylum seekers has provided regular temporary permanence status to **8,277 people** throughout 2019 (Jan-Sept).



Presentation of the **Talent without Borders employability programme** to new staff from the Ministry of Government (Interior). This programme is being implemented by ManpowerGroup, HIAS and UNHCR since September 2018, with a total of **214 participants** to date.



**Capacity strengthened for 250 migration inspectors** who work in the airports of Tocumen, Howard and Albrook.

## PROGRESS BY THE PRO TEMPORE PRESIDENCY

Online meeting with United Resident Coordinators of MIRPS countries to strengthen and enhance strategic partnerships in achieving common goals

Continuation of the exercise to quantify national investment within the Global Refugee Forum strategic areas, and of the financial requirements

MIRPS meeting with the civil society, proposal of a structured and permanent dialogue mechanism, and presentation of the civil society's position on the progress and challenges of the MIRPS

Presentation of the II Annual MIRPS Report, which includes the updated national plans, best practices, priorities for each State and an executive summary of the quantification exercise

II Annual MIRPS meeting and adoption of the Mexico City Declaration on international protection, shared responsibility and regional solidarity actions in MIRPS countries



## PRIORITIES DECEMBER 2019

### Preparation for the MIRPS High Level Event in the framework of the Global Refugee Forum

The first Global Refugee Forum (GRF) that will take place on 17 and 18 December 2019 at the Palais des Nations (Geneva, Switzerland) will focus on: responsibility-sharing, education, employment and livelihoods, energy and infrastructure, solutions and protection capacity.

The GRF, convened at the Ministerial Level, is a unique opportunity for UN Member States and other actors to i) present pledges of contributions that will move forward the objectives of the Global Compact, and will provide tangible benefits for refugees and their hosts; ii) highlight key achievements and best practices at the country, regional and global levels.

The MIRPS will host a High Level Event on the eve of the GRF - on 16 December - that will focus on the current forced displacement challenges being faced in Central America, on reviewing the first two years of implementation, lessons learned from 2019 and priorities for 2020. States will present their investments and funding gaps in priority areas identified through the quantification. The Friends of MIRPS, donors, cooperating states and other collaborators like the private sector will have the opportunity to present their pledges in support of MIRPS priorities.



Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama adopted the **San Pedro Sula Declaration** in 2017, and agreed to jointly implement the **Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS)**. The MIRPS is a concrete application of the **Global Compact on Refugees**, which encourages regional cooperation among countries of origin, transit and destination for a greater **responsability sharing in matters of prevention, protection and durable solutions**.

It also entails a **participatory approach** by directly involving people with protection needs and populations impacted by violence and insecurity. On the other hand, it integrates regional and international organizations, as well as cooperating States (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Spain, Switzerland and Uruguay), which are committed to the **humanitarian and development agenda**.



## MIRPS AT A GLANCE

**353,210**

Refugees & asylum seekers from North of Central America worldwide

**100,260**

Refugees & asylum seekers in MIRPS countries to end of 2018

**245,500**

Internally displaced people in North of Central America

**+230,000**

People with protection needs from **Nicaragua**, **Venezuela** (refugees and migrants), y **extra-continental**s in MIRPS countries

**SEVEN**

member states

**ON**

coordination mechanisms:  
**Pro-tempore Presidency** (Mexico, 2019) supported by the **Technical Secretariat (UNHCR-OAS)**

**TWO**

years of **implementation**

**TEN**

regional and international coordination mechanisms:  
**IACR, SICA, UNSDG LAC, ICRC, CLAMOR, RROCM, REDLAC, GREAT MIRPS, CCPDH, Red Integrarse**