

THE MIRPS: a regional CRRF application



In line with the long tradition of regional cooperation in responding to protection challenges, six States of the region - **Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama** - adopted the **San Pedro Sula Declaration** on October 26, 2017, agreeing to work together in the ongoing development and implementation of a **Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS in its Spanish acronym)**.

The MIRPS is a pioneering initiative in the application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (Annex 1 of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants) and a concrete contribution of the region in the development of the Global Compact on Refugees.

STATE LED PROCESS, MULTIPLE ACTORS

The MIRPS is a State-led initiative, supported by UNHCR together with the wider UN system, the Organization of American States (OAS), the Central American Integration System (SICA) and other relevant partners.

The MIRPS is the result of an extensive consultation process that translated national priorities and commitments into comprehensive and detailed national plans. The MIRPS constitutes a regional cooperation framework between countries of origin, transit, and destination, that promotes shared responsibility mechanisms, strengthens protection, and enhances solutions for refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, and returnees with protection needs.

This regional process is also a clear expression of collaboration between governments, civil society, private sector, academia, regional and international organizations and development banks. The MIRPS serves as a practical tool to mobilize the support of the international community.



NATIONAL ACTIONS PLANS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

The National Action Plans identify specific programmes and prioritized actions, as well as the corresponding resources needed to strengthen the national and international protection systems and promote comprehensive and sustainable solutions.

The MIRPS also puts forward action plans by 15 regional and international organizations, including both SICA and the OAS, which complement the national chapters by proposing cross-border, coordinated programmes and initiatives.

Further, the MIRPS includes ten cooperating States that have committed to actively support the MIRPS, identifying specific areas they will support through financial assistance and technical cooperation. In line with the spirit of the Brazil Plan of Action, four States from South America participate in this shared responsibility mechanism, as an example of South-South cooperation.



NEXT STEPS

As agreed in the San Pedro Sula Declaration, the MIRPS is understood as a dynamic and collaborative process, as reflected in a practical, detailed and living document. Thus, the six MIRPS states have agreed to work jointly to fine-tune their national chapters and to develop regional cooperation and responsibility sharing mechanisms, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. Furthermore, the OAS was invited to develop a follow up mechanism for the implementation of the MIRPS and to facilitate the coordination and exchange of best practices.

