



## MIRPS FUND

### WHAT IS THE MIRPS FUND?

The MIRPS FUND is the specific Fund for voluntary contributions to the Regional Comprehensive Framework for Protection and Solutions to Forced Displacement in Central America and Mexico called the MIRPS FUND, unanimously approved by the Permanent Council of the OAS on May 27, 2020. The approval of this fund fulfills a mandate given to the OAS General Secretariat by the highest political body of the Organization during the OAS General Assembly held in 2019 in the city of Medellin, Colombia.

The MIRPS FUND is one of the mechanisms for collecting and channeling financial resources through voluntary contributions to allow the 7 MIRPS

countries (Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama) to comply with the commitments under this framework and address the challenges posed by forced displacement in this region, in order to protect and improve the living conditions of people who have been forcibly displaced and their host communities. But also in light of the additional challenges intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic, which will require additional investments and efforts to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons and returnees in need of international protection in this region.

### WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE MIRPS FUND?

The MIRPS FUND is open to contributions from OAS member states, permanent observer states to the OAS, other member states of the United Nations, international organizations, entities - public or private, national or international, as well as individuals.

### WHAT CAN THE MIRPS FUND FINANCE?

The MIRPS FUND can finance the following types of activities:



Institutional strengthening activities of MIRPS States.



Activities on knowledge management, training and technical assistance, and exchanges of experiences for the benefit of the MIRPS States.



Implementation of initiatives and projects in the field in the MIRPS States.



Activities to evaluate progress in the implementation of the MIRPS at the national and regional levels, including the organization of periodic meetings and other types of follow-up activities.



Activities to strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms in support of the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.

**The MIRPS FUND** will support the priorities, areas and sectors that the 7 MIRPS States have defined at the national and regional levels.

**THE MIRPS FUND** can also finance activities related to MIRPS operations in particular activities of the MIRPS Technical Secretariat.

### WHO ADMINISTERS THE MIRPS FUND?

The OAS General Secretariat, through the Department of Social Inclusion as the area designated as the Technical Secretariat of the MIRPS, will be responsible for the administration and financial management of the Fund, in accordance with OAS rules and procedures.