



# MIRPS FUND

## IN ACTION

The Department of Social Inclusion (DIS) as responsible for the administration of the MIRPS Fund, continues to manage the mobilization of resources and the coordination of the support required by the MIRPS States, through various activities developed during the period from October to December 2023, among which are highlighted:



Ceremony for the signing of the agreement between the GS/OAS, MINGOB and City of Knowledge Foundation.

Rubén Farje, GS/OAS Representative in Panama; José Samaniego, UNHCR Regional Director for the Americas; Juana López, Vice Minister of Government; Roger Tejada, Minister of Government; Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the OAS Department of Social Inclusion; Vilma Falconett, Director of Public Relations of the City of Knowledge Foundation; Guzmán Palacios, Ambassador of Spain in Panama.



### GS/OAS and Panama sign agreement to support more than 800 refugees and refugee claimants in the Darien region

On October 4, 2023, an agreement was signed in Panama City between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Ministry of Government of the Republic of Panama and the City of Knowledge Foundation, for the implementation of the project that sets the starting point of the project "Strengthening the care, integration and protection of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in the Darien province".

This project will benefit more than 800 refugees and asylum seekers through:

- ✓ The delivery of basic humanitarian assistance kits for health and hygiene (taking into account the differentiated needs of women, men, girls and boys);
- ✓ The delivery of school kits for children and adolescents;
- ✓ Training in microenterprises and basic equipment to women entrepreneurs in the area.

More information [here](#)



## GS/OAS and Costa Rica agree to strengthen assistance and protection for more than 23,000 refugees and asylum-seekers

On November 10, 2023, Costa Rica joined the countries in the region that are implementing initiatives financed by the MIRPS Fund, by signing the agreement that sets the starting point for the implementation of the project called "Strengthening the Identification and Referral of Persons Applying for Refugee Status and/or with Profiles of Special Vulnerability through the Modernization of Costa Rica's Refugee Unit Platform."

With the implementation of this project, improvements will be made to the procedures of the Refugee Unit of the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners, to provide more agile attention to persons requesting refugee status and deserving international protection. Some 23,000 people will benefit directly, as well as approximately 10,000 other people applying for refugee status with some type of vulnerability, located throughout Costa Rica. More information [here](#)



Ceremony for the signing of the agreement between the GS/OAS, DGME and the Foundation of the University of Costa Rica.

José Moya, Delegate of the UCR Foundation; Eva Martínez, Ambassador of Spain in CR; Milagro Martínez, Representative of the GS/OAS in CR; Marta Vindas, General Director of Migration and Foreigners; Paola Porras, Deputy Director of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship; Federico Martínez, Senior Protection Officer of UNHCR.

These projects, which will be implemented during 2023 and 2024 with Spain's contribution, will provide humanitarian assistance, access to opportunities to provide durable solutions that contribute to the prevention of forced displacement through sustainable and safe integration into host communities and the full enjoyment of their rights.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

- ✓ Continue working to conclude the signing of the implementation agreements for Guatemala, Mexico and Belize, in order to begin with project execution.
- ✓ Continue with the execution of the projects in Honduras, El Salvador, Panama and Costa Rica; and report the progress made.

## JOIN THE MIRPS FUND

The MIRPS Fund is open to receive new contributions, and to continue implementing initiatives and projects on the field in the MIRPS States.

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