



The Department of Social Inclusion (DSI), responsible for the administration and management of the MIRPS Fund, has made significant efforts to implement the Fund, in line with the support required by the MIRPS States and in addition to the existing mechanisms to respond to the challenges of forced displacement in Central America and Mexico.

In this regard, the DSI in coordination with the MIRPS States and strategic partners, has developed several activities during the second quarter of 2024.



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Delivery of humanitarian assistance cards within the framework of the project "Enhancing the Livelihoods of Returnee Children and Adolescents in need of Protection and their families".



As part of the project's activities, on April 24 of this year, CONAPINA delivered the first of three humanitarian assistance cards to the project's beneficiaries living in the central region of the country. This support will enable them to meet their basic needs while they continue their technical specialization studies, in order to generate the livelihoods that will allow them to integrate into their communities of origin.



Beneficiaries of the project, authorities and technical teams from CONAPINA, GS/OAS, Embassy of Spain, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency and El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO).



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On June 27, 2024, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala, through the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MINTRAB), signed the agreement that sets the starting point for the project “Facilitation of labor inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees in Guatemala”.

This initiative is part of the first portfolio of projects of the MIRPS Fund, launched with the pioneering contribution of Spain.

Its implementation will modernize the process of obtaining work permits.

This project will directly benefit all refugees and asylum seekers, facilitating their inclusion in the labor market.

More information [here](#)



Symbolic signing of the agreement.



Symbolic signing of the agreement by Miriam Roquel Chávez, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, and Dacia Aragón, representing the OAS General Secretariat in Guatemala.

Accompanying them were Besem Obenson, UNHCR Country Representative in Guatemala; and María Clara Girbau, Ambassador of Spain in Guatemala.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER



BELIZE

Project: “Public Awareness Campaign and Border Presence”

The evaluation of the proposal by the High Level Selection Committee (CSAN by its acronym in Spanish) is expected to be completed in order to take the necessary steps to begin project implementation, thus adding one more initiative to the First Portfolio of MIRPS Fund Projects.



COSTA RICA

Project: “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”.

To date, the diagnosis of the current situation of the flow of people using the Refugee Unit of the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners has been completed. Therefore, the following period will see the start of improvements to the Unit, taking into account the characteristics of the population of interest, as well as issues of accessibility and inclusion, allowing the implementation of more agile processes.



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Project: “Enhancing the Livelihoods of Returnee Children and Adolescents in need of Protection and their families”.

As a last phase of the project, once the beneficiaries have completed their technical specialization process through the scholarships granted in the framework of the project, seed capital will be provided to support the creation and strengthening of ventures that will enable them to obtain the necessary livelihoods for their integration into their communities of origin.



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At present, administrative procedures are in the final stage, and therefore, during the next quarter, the project is expected to begin its execution.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER



HONDURAS

Project: “Strengthening the response of the of Honduras for the care of persons internally displaced by violence”.

LThe Secretariat for Human Rights (SEDH by its acronym in Spanish), through the Directorate for the Protection of Persons Internally Displaced by Violence (DIPPDV by its acronym in Spanish), will continue providing humanitarian assistance and coordinating inter-institutional protection measures for internally displaced people (IDPs) by violence and/or at risk of displacement. In addition, part of this population will benefit from the delivery of seed capital to generate livelihoods.

In addition, training will begin for DIPPDIV staff and the municipalities of La Ceiba and Catacamas, on protection, humanitarian assistance, risk and context analysis, international protection, protection by area and differentiated approach, among others, to improve attention to IDPs by violence, coordination of the response at central and local levels, and the construction of response measures to prevent displacement and durable solutions.



PANAMA

Project: “Strengthening the care, integration and protection of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in the Darien province”

It is expected to begin the process of supporting the entrepreneurship of women members of the host communities, providing alternatives for the identification of skills and economic autonomy through workshops and coaching, as well as the delivery of seed capital.

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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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