



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 third quarter of 2024.

### EL SALVADOR



**60 families received seed capital as part 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 September 16, CONAPINA delivered seed capital to the 60 beneficiary families of this initiative. The objective is to promote entrepreneurship that will generate durable solutions, thus promoting their social and economic integration in host / origin communities.



The event was attended by Maricarmen Plata, OAS Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity; Sonia Álvarez Cibanal, Spanish Ambassador to El Salvador; Cindy Mariella Portal, Vice Minister of Diaspora and Human Mobility; and Linda Amaya de Morán, Executive Director of CONAPINA. Special attendance was also noted from Carmen Montón, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OAS.



### HONDURAS

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On September 17, the Human Rights Secretariat (SEDH by its acronym in Spanish) of the Republic of Honduras presented progress on the project “Strengthening Governmental Response to Assist Internally Displaced Persons in Honduras.” During the presentation, it was highlighted that to date, over 80 individuals have benefited from the project’s priority areas, which include:

- 1) Improving immediate response through the provision of humanitarian assistance and inter-institutional coordination to ensure the protection of over 25 families;
- 2) Creating durable solutions for 4 families by linking them to livelihoods through the provision of seed capital; and

3) Strengthening the capacities of the municipal governments of La Ceiba and Catacamas with the goal of consolidating assistance for internally displaced persons, in line with the provisions of the Law on the Prevention, Care, and Protection of Internally Displaced Persons.

More information [here](#)



Participants included Héctor Becerra, Deputy Secretary for Human Rights Protection; Diego Nuño, Ambassador of Spain to Honduras; Wilson Paz, Director General for Migrant Protection at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras; Maricarmen Plata, OAS Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity; and Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS. Special attendance was also noted from Carmen Montón, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OAS.





## PANAMA

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On September 27, seventy-five Panamanian women from the Ipetí Emberá Artisan Women's Association (AMARIE) received the first of two seed capital installments from the Ministry of Government of Panama, thanks to the MIRPS Fund. The capital, delivered at an event held in the Ipetí community, will help strengthen the livelihoods of these women and their families.

This support is part of the project “Strengthening the care, integration and protection of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in the Darien province.”



The event was attended by Aulina Ismare, National Chief of the Wounaan People; Raquela Carpio, Governor of the Emberá Wounaan region; Juan Francisco Borrell, Deputy Minister of Government of the Republic of Panama; Sara Omi, Advisor on Indigenous Affairs to the Ministry of Government and Indigenous leader; Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the OAS Department of Social Inclusion; Rubén Farje, OAS Representative in Panama; and members of the AMARIE Association.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER



### BELIZE

#### Project: “Public Awareness Campaign and Border Presence”

The signing event for the agreement between the OAS General Secretariat and the Ministry of Immigration of Belize is scheduled for the next quarter, marking the launch of another initiative added to the First Project Portfolio.



### 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”.

Improvements to the Refugee Unit will be completed by the end of December. These upgrades will take into account the specific characteristics of the population of interest, as well as accessibility and inclusion considerations, enabling the implementation of more efficient processes.



### EL SALVADOR

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

Project activities are scheduled to be completed in December, thus initiating the closing period.



### GUATEMALA

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The project implementation planning stage will begin in order to proceed to the project execution stage.



### HONDURAS

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

The implementation of the project is 70% complete and the final stage of execution will begin, which is scheduled for completion in January 2025.



### PANAMA

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

The second and final disbursement of seed capital for women entrepreneurs from the host communities will take place at the end of November. Additionally, the process of coaching and follow-up will continue.



### VII MIRPS ANNUAL MEETING

On December 5 in Belize City, the VII MIRPS Annual Meeting will be held, where the results and progress of the implementation of the First Project Portfolio of the MIRPS Fund will be presented.

#### 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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