



MIRPS

**Comprehensive
Regional
Protection and
Solutions Framework**



TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIRPS IN BELIZE

Through the quantification process undertaken in 2020, each MIRPS State assessed the financial needs and activities required to implement their priority commitments, highlighting where they can meet their own needs, and where international cooperation is required.

As one of seven countries in who adopted the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS in Spanish), Belize is expanding its operational capacity to respond to forced displacement in the region through the adoption and implementation of the commitments in their National Action Plan.

Belize prioritized one commitment which was also pledged during the Global Refugee Forum: investments within the national ITVET system, establishing foundation basic language and computer literacy training, together with demand-driven courses in key economic sectors associated with climate change, benefiting refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and Belizean youth.

DISPLACEMENT CONTEXT

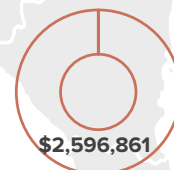
Belize continued to be a country of destination for forcefully displaced persons seeking refuge from widespread violence and rights violations, perpetrated by organized criminal groups in the north of Central America. The impact of the pandemic is causing a considerable contraction in economic activity, declining outputs in tourism and agriculture increasing the vulnerability of various population groups including asylum seekers and refugees.

QUANTIFICATION PRIORITIZED AREAS

**Total requirement
\$2,596,861**



EDUCATION



**Total Financing
required**

**Asylum seekers
in Belize***

2,134

**Refugees in
Belize***

29

*Official data provided to UNHCR by end of 2019



EDUCATION

Establish demand-driven technical and vocational training in key economic sectors associated with climate change, benefiting refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and Belizean youth

Through a long-term contribution to green growth and sustainable economic development, Belize seeks to match a young and capable workforce found among its refugee, migrant and Belizean youth population with the green industries a low-lying Caribbean state, like Belize, needs to ensure a healthy economy in the face of climate change.

The programme builds skills development for economic inclusion and stability through investments in the existing network of institutes for technical and vocational education and training (ITVETs) that enable the delivery of course content responding to the needs of the labour market and facilitating investments in the green economy.

The proposal expands course enrolment capacity in foundational skills in basic English language and computer literacy training needed to enter the formal labour economy. The second phase trains workers, engineers and technicians in specific sectors, that also provide the knowledge, skills and competencies, to develop an economy that promotes resource efficiency, reduces waste and advances more environmentally conscious practices.

The scope and variety of the second phase courses will be based on existing labour market needs, as well as in coordination with private sector partners to identify growth opportunities in key economic sectors associated with environmental sustainability, benefiting refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and Belizean youth in finding last economic inclusion while supporting the hosting community in its development a green economy.

DURATION	BENEFICIARIES	IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES	ESTIMATED BUDGET
2021-2022	Phase 1 a) Professional training: 40 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; b) Language and computer literacy training: 1,108 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Phase 2 a) Professional training: 250 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; b) Language and computer literacy training: 1,156 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.	Ministry of Education, Youth, Sport and Culture; Cayo Centre for Employment Training (CET), Institute for Technical Vocational Education and Training (ITVET).	Total Required Financing: \$2,596,861 National Financing: \$0 Financing Gap: \$2,596,861

As one of seven countries in who have adopted the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework, Belize is expanding its operational capacity to response to forced displacement in the region through the adopt and implement national action plans, aligned to country specific commitments and priorities. This includes making the necessary arrangements to ensure safe reception and admission of people forced to flee, facilitating access to safe spaces and shelters, engaging community and municipal leadership, promoting durable solutions and livelihoods, as well as fostering an environment of peaceful coexistence.

Through a State-led quantification process, the inter-ministerial MIRPS National Technical Team have assessed the financial resource requirements and steps required to implement select national commitments, defining specific costed activities in a number of key areas. This was informed by consultations and working sessions which brought together national counterparts in the areas of planning, financing and international cooperation with the technical support from the UNHCR-OAS MIRPS Secretariat and the Pro-tempore Presidency. This process served to strengthen the national planning process to implement MIRPS national action plan, and is a basis for partnership engagement and resource mobilization. Key consideration was given to identifying commitments that aligned closest to the humanitarian context and prevailing protection needs, and were dependent on establishing new partnerships and forms of financing to implement.



The expanded summaries of the aforementioned programmes can be access with the QR code

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