EMERGENCY DECLARATION

STATUS REPORT N° 2 - SOUTHERN BORDER, HONDURAS

EVENT

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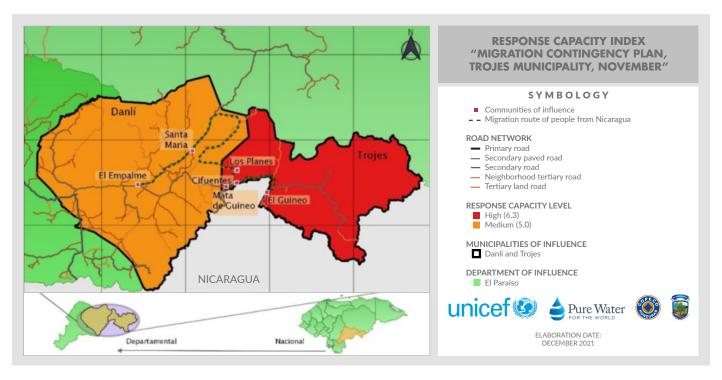
LOCATION
Municipalities of Trojes and Danlí, El Paraíso
department, Honduras

COVERAGE TIME
April 16th to April, 25th, 2022

DELIVERY DATE
26/04/2022



MAP







IN THE LAST 9 DAYS WERE REPORTED:





Q2MUNICIPALITIES

SOURCE: COPECO and Municipality of Trojes



SITUATION ANALYSIS



The number of irregular migrants entering Honduras continues to rise, according to figures from the Permanent Contingency Commission (COPECO) and the municipality of Trojes, department of El Paraíso, which show that the average number of people entering the shelters located in Trojes and Danlí exceeds 500 per day. However, it is estimated that the figure could be even higher due to the fact that there is an under-registration given the number of uncontrolled or "blind" points through which migrants are entering Honduran territory.



Estimates by Bruno Barahona, departmental sub-commissioner of COPECO in El Paraíso, and Oscar Vasquez, municipal councilor of Trojes, indicate that **in the last 9 days some 5,166 people have entered the country** through the Trojes border crossing, some of whom have receive attention in four reception centers located in the municipalities of Trojes (Carlos Roberto Reina and Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro) and Danlí (Jesús está Vivo and Sagrado Corazón de Jesús).



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in its report of April 22 refers that **among** the groups of migrants who have entered Honduran territory 67% are male and 33% female and highlights among the nationalities of origin Cubans, Venezuelans, Haitians, Congolese and Vietnamese, among others.



The National Migration Institute (INM) reported that between January 1 and April 4, 2022, 21,407 people entered the country irregularly through different points, about 574 people on average daily, who were stuck in Trojes and Danlí, where they had to pay the administrative penalty of U\$200 for entering the country irregularly, many of them did not have the means to make this payment.



Following the emergency situation declared in the municipalities of Trojes and Danlí, the INM declared on April 12 an exception to the payment of the fine for all migrants who entered the country during Holy Week (April 13 and 17) to help avoid overcrowding at the border. Additionally, migration officials and other authorities were asked to facilitate the transit of irregular migrants in the territory, in a sign of concern on the part of the national authorities regarding the situation of migrants.



On April 15, the INM informed that it has established a monitoring system in view of the possibility of the formation of a new caravan of Hondurans intending to travel to the United States, which it was expected could be joined by foreigners who have entered Honduran territory in an irregular manner.



The migratory flow to the United States could experience a rise, after the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) of that country made known last April 1 that Title 42 or public health statute established by the government of Donald Trump in 2020, which had suspended asylum for irregular migrants, will be rescinded as of May 23, 2022.



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) through its representative in Honduras, Andrés Celis, highlighted, on April 13, that the migratory crisis that is being registered in the southern border of Honduras demands to promote coordinated and solidary responses. He described that there is a combination of a massive movement of people seeking a better life -migrants-, with people who have not been able to stay in their place of origin -refugees. At the same time, he pointed out that the authorities and civil society have little capacity to absorb and respond to the movement of people and warned of the risk that migrants arriving in the area run of falling or remaining under the control of human trafficking mechanisms, vulnerabilities and risks in terms of sexual freedoms and rights.







Photos in accommodation provided by families in Danlí and on a street

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER RESPONSE

On April 20, Actions Against Hunger began response operations with funds from SIDA (Swedish Agency for Development Cooperation), which will allow us to serve 12,510 direct beneficiaries and 31,500 people indirectly.

The beneficiaries of the project will be migrants in transit in 2 shelters, one in the municipality of Danlí (Jesús está Vivo with capacity for 150 people) and another in the municipality of Trojes (Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro of the Catholic Church with capacity for 100 people) and will focus on 4 main sectors: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Food Security, Emergency Shelter and NFI and Protection.



INTERVENTION AREAS

- FOOD SECURITY through the distribution of food rations for 12,510 people according to agedifferentiated caloric and nutritional standards.
- WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE through which improved services will be provided based on a diagnosis of each shelter, which may include, among others, the installation of hand washing stations or additional water points. *Distribution of hygiene and MHM kits to direct beneficiaries (differentiated by gender and age). *Toilet kits with implements for cleaning and disinfection of shelter facilities during the project period. *Transportation of water to the shelters in coordination with local institutions. *Drinking water distribution to direct beneficiaries according to Sphere standards.
- **PROTECTION** through the distribution of printed material with information and orientation for migrants with a multicultural approach (3 languages) and awareness campaign in local media (radio and television) to prevent discriminatory, violent or xenophobic attitudes, focused on guaranteeing the protection of the rights of people in transit.
- **EMERGENCY SHELTER and NFI** to provide cooking equipment and kitchen utensils to shelters to be used by staff and/or migrant population for cooking. Repairs and maintenance in shelters such as installation and signage of doors and locks for showers and bathrooms, wire mesh, etc.



IDENTIFIED NEEDS



- Food kit
- Medical attention



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- Hygiene and prevention kit
- Toilet kit for shelters
- Hygiene promotion activities
- Water for comsumption
- Drinking water for shelter
- Biosecurity kit
- Vector control in shelter



HOUSING, ACCOMMODATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Mattresses
- Improved physical facilities in the shelter
- Improved occupancy of shelter space
- Dinning area
- Training on shelter management issues
- Improved solid waste management



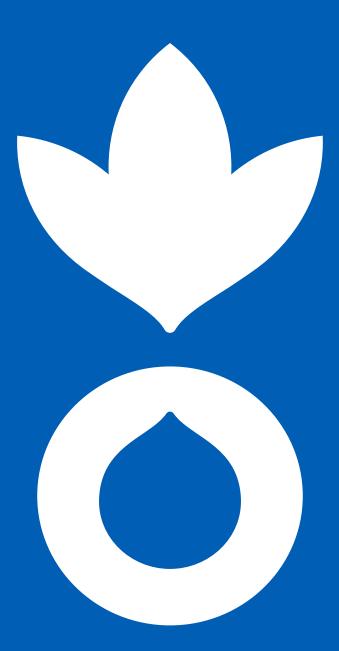
PROTECTION

- Psychological care
- Reestablishment of contact with family members

NEXT STEPS

Start operation and direct assistance in the field.

- Report on the evolution of the emergency situation.
- Opening of an Action Against Hunger office in the municipality of Danlí in May 2022.
- Mobilize resources to address unmet needs.
- Providing assistance in two shelters (Trojes 1 and Danlí 1).
- Ensure close collaboration with organizations, authorities and the Humanitarian Country Team also working in the field.



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