Alert: Migrant Caravan Honduras, September 30, 2020



SITUATION

During the night of Wednesday the 30 September 2020, the city of San Pedro Sula in Honduras was the meeting point for approximately 2000 people who organized themselves via social media to leave Honduras in an effort to reach the United States. This is the first Caravan (the name these massive migration efforts are given by media) since the Covid19 outbreak and since Guatemala has become part of an agreement as a third-safer country signed with USA in 2019. In consequence transit in Guatemala and Mexico is riskier due to reinforced security measures and an increased rejection towards migrants in these countries. CASM expects that in the following days, returnees will massively arrive to San Pedro Sula. This alert is to provide assistance for a dignified and secured return.

NEEDS

The caravan have put the region in a state of crisis. The affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: Safe shelter and basic non-food items, safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, protection services

The dire situation is further compounded for The affected people.; more specifically for unaccompanied childrenbecause they do not count with protective family and are exposed to diverse types of violence. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis: National government; ACNUR, ACNUDH- UN Agencies; Cruz Roja Hondureña RCRC Movement.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by CASM. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (Humanitarian Ream, Protection Cluster) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

ACT Alliance has been working in Honduras since 2014, now helping/planning to help people affected by the Migrant Caravan through the pre-existing

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