

Migrant caravan arrives in the Mexican state of Puebla



Most of the migrants plan to continue their journey until they reach the north of Mexico to cross to the U.S. | Photo: La Jornada

Mexico City, December 9 (RHC)-- About 400 migrants who make up the caravan that is traveling through Mexico arrived in the state of Puebla to rest on Wednesday, after traveling about one thousand kilometers in the past month and a half.

The head of the State Interior Ministry of Mexico, Ana Lucia Hill Mayoral, reported that 387 people spent the night in Puebla before continuing to the border with the United States, after transiting through the

Mexico-Puebla highway to San Miguel Xoxtla.

Mexican authorities specified that part of the caravan, after crossing through the state of Veracruz, decided to rest another day before continuing the trek. Hill assured that the migrants, mostly from Haiti and Central American countries, have received shelter, medical attention and food since their arrival in Puebla on Tuesday.

In Mexico City, the migrants plan to regularize their stay in the country and, subsequently, most of them will continue north to cross to the United States.

Nearly a thousand people left Tapachula, Chiapas, on October 23rd, but the caravan has been reduced as some have given up due to fatigue and others have accepted offers from the country's authorities to normalize their legal status in Mexico.

For its part, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has warned about the situation of migrant children in Tapachula, Chiapas, indicating that they are in unsanitary and unsafe places while waiting for the normalization of their legal status.

UNICEF said that the space is too small for the amount of people it is sheltering, and the children have no place to rest or play, in addition to the risk of contagion with COVID-19.

According to the UN children's organization, nearly 84,600 people are in Tapachula's Olympic Stadium awaiting their resolutions and, of that total, 40 percent are children or adolescents.

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