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# “Caminantes”

a picture of the migrant journey



The director of the CNA, Gabriela Castellanos, spoke with Latin Americans who hope to quickly cross through Honduras to advance on the migratory route.

An improvised camp, full of tired but relieved faces, waiting to cross Honduras as soon as possible to get closer to their destination, the United States, is the reality portrayed in the documentary series "Caminantes" (Walkers), presented by the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA), with testimonies of migrants who cross the country on their way north.



Coming from different nationalities, this journey turns them into a family, with shared experiences and signs of solidarity that make more bearable a trip they undertook without the certainty of achieving their goal.

The executive director of the CNA, Gabriela Castellanos, visited the east and west of the country to document the immigration situation.

The production shows the entry and exit of migrants complying with official controls at "Las Manos" and "Agua Caliente" or through blind spots on the border between Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, in addition to collecting the impressions of the people during their forced stay in Honduran territory.

### Step by step

According to data from the United Nations Refugee

Agency (UNHCR), migrants intend to be in Honduras for as little time as possible, because this is not their destination and that is very clear.

Their journey obliges them to cross the territory of Honduras from one end to the other, from the east, in the city of Danlí, El Paraíso, or in Choluteca in the south, to the border with Guatemala, in the west of the country.

"Caminantes"(Walkers) also reaches the border of Agua Caliente, between Honduras and Guatemala, documenting how migrants say goodbye to the country with gratitude, but do not stop their march, to see other landscapes and face other difficulties.

### Corruption and migration

In 2021, the CNA presented the study "The impact of corruption as a determining factor for migration",

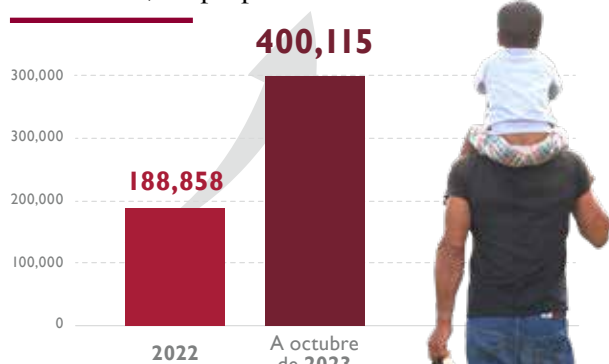
which analyzes this phenomenon with a political, social, and economic approach.

Honduras has low human development indexes, but with a high perception of corruption, because citizens consider that the fight against this scourge is only a political discourse without taking concrete actions.

In addition to this, times of political crisis, such as the coup d'état, presidential reelection, and natural disasters, triggered strong economic crises, causing high unemployment rates, which drives migration.

"Caminantes"(Walkers) is a CNA production that makes visible the difficulties faced by migrants with only one desire, to change their future.

As of October 18, the National Migration Institute (INM) of Honduras recorded an entry of 400,115 migrants. The figure shows a considerable increase in the number of transit migrants, which in 2022 reached 188,858 people.



The figures reveal that the largest number of migrants come from Venezuela, Cuba, Haiti, Ecuador, and Colombia, but there are citizens from more than 120 countries from all corners of the world.



All episodes of the "Caminantes" (Walkers) series are available on our YouTube channel, on Spotify and on our social networks on X, Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok.



Identified financial loss: L.10,723,103,742.52

151 Cases

118 Unpunished cases

28 Prosecuted cases

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