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The Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW/TX) is currently monitoring the immigration crisis in Del Río, Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border. Reports list that there are around 10,000 people under the Del Río International Bridge, many of them Haitian nationals, awaiting processing and entry into Texas. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said in a statement: "To prevent injuries from heat-related illness, the shaded area underneath Del Rio International Bridge is serving as a temporary staging site while migrants wait to be taken into USBP custody."

Local officials are seeking federal help, and Governor Abbott initially indicated that he was closing this border entry per CBP guidance, although it appears that officials are still processing applicants. NASW/TX strongly encourages CBP, the United States Border Patrol and the Department of Homeland Security to send additional resources to support those persons still waiting processing in potentially hazardous conditions out under the Del Río International Bridge.

Those interested in supporting relief efforts are encouraged to donate to The Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition at <https://vvbhcoalition.com/>.