



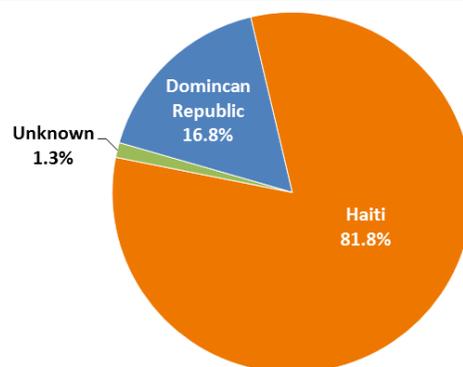
Movement Trends and type of returns by Border Crossing Points (BCPs) © IOM 2015

This document represents a summary snapshot of monitoring activities conducted by IOM and border monitoring partners at the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The monitoring was put in place following the movements observed at the border before and after the 17th June 2015 expiration of the registration component of the National Plan for the Regularization of Foreigners (PNRE¹ in Spanish), established in the Dominican Republic. Monitoring of border movements began as of the first week of June 2015. Up until the 16th of June, figures are based on partial observations of border crossing points. The network's current structure covers 100% of border crossing points as of July 2015.

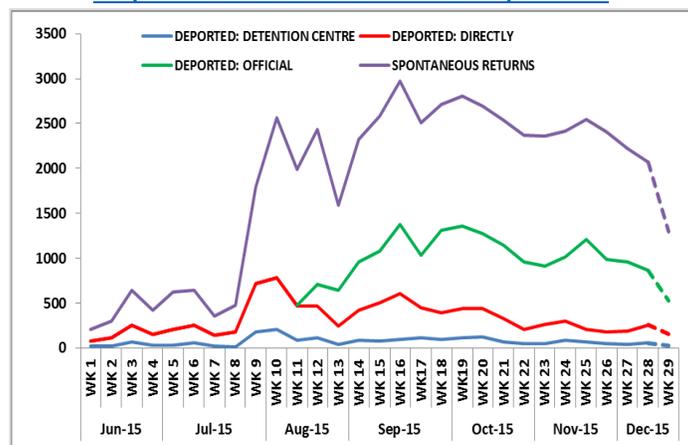
CUMULATIVE² HIGHLIGHTS³

- **30,414 households** representing **55,220 individuals** crossed the border into Haitian territory
- **34.9%** were female while **65.0%** were male
- **874 presumed unaccompanied minors** were identified
- **2,215 households** declared having been registered in the **PNRE** corresponding to **4,865 individuals**
- **32,698 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- **10,114 individuals** claim to have been deported
- **12,408⁴ individuals** were **officially deported** at the three official border crossing points of **Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladères** and have been voluntary registered.

Graph 1: Breakdown by Claimed Place of Birth



Graph 2: Movement Trends observed per week⁵



¹ Plan Nacional de Regularización de los Extranjeros

² Individuals are registered each time they enter Haiti. The figures reflected in this report include 404 individuals who have been registered twice.

³ All figures in this SitRep reflect information gathered on a voluntary basis from returnees, and therefore may not be representative of the totality of returns.

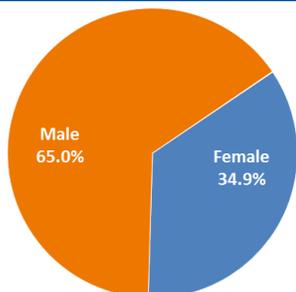
⁴ The figures of official deportations are as of 15th August 2015.

⁵ The figures used in the graph are based on data entry already completed and do not reflect the total figures observed (average time for completion is 2 weeks)

Sex Breakdown

Of the 55,220 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, **34.0%** were **female** and **65.0%** were **male**.

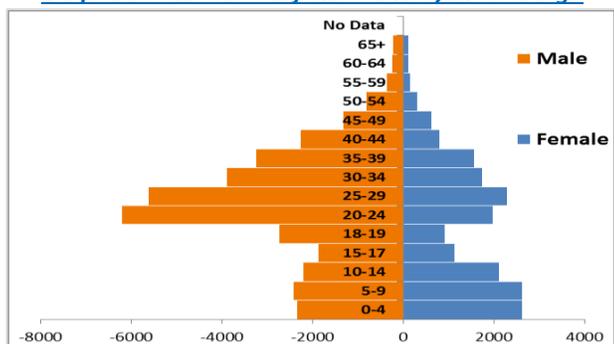
Graph 3: Breakdown of returnee population by sex



Age Breakdown

The majority of the returnee population reported being between the ages of **18-59 years old**, with individuals from this age group representing **67.0%** of the overall returning population. A reported **31.5%** are aged **0-17 years old** and **1.4%** falls into the elderly category.

Graph 4: Breakdown of returnees by sex and age

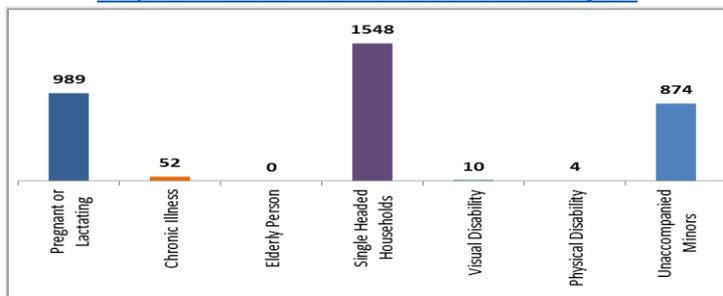


Types of vulnerabilities

Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered **874 cases of presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs)**. After referral to the relevant government authorities (IBESR) and their partners (UNICEF), 502 of the potential caseload referred were identified as UAMs and the appropriate actions were taken to assist them:

- **331** were reunited with their parents
- **145** were reunited with other relatives
- **18** are still awaiting family reunification. (please refer to the UNICEF Flash Update on Bi-National situation - 15 December 2015)

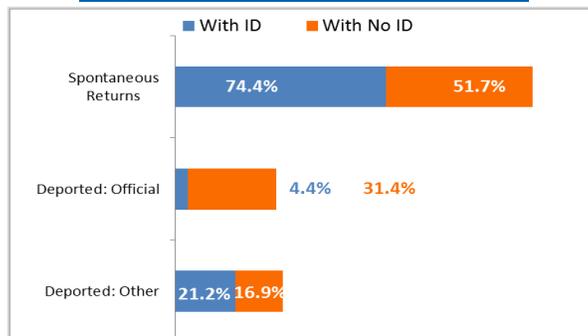
Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified.



Documentation

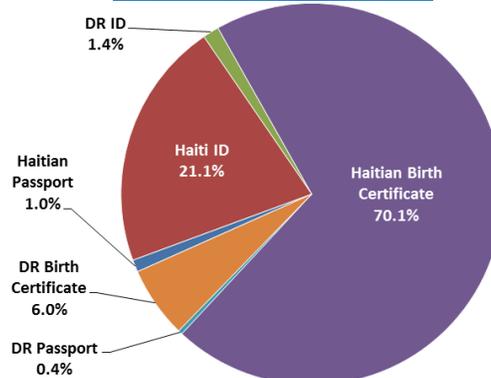
30.4% (16,792 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while **2.6% (1,417 individuals)** reported having Dominican documentation. A reported **67.0% (37,011 individuals)** did not possess any type of documentation.

Graph 6: Returnee documentation status



The most common ID document presented by the returnee continues to be the **Haitian Birth Certificate**, corresponding to **70.1%** of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is the **Haitian ID (CIN or NIF)** which represents **21.1%**.

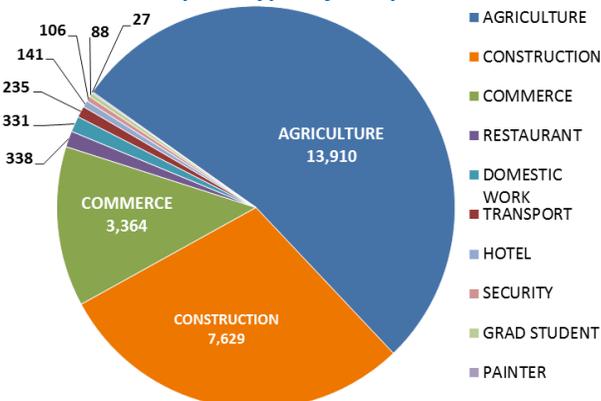
Graph 7: Types of documents



Occupation

The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is **agriculture (13,910 households)**, followed by **construction (7,629 households)** and commerce (**3,364 households**). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

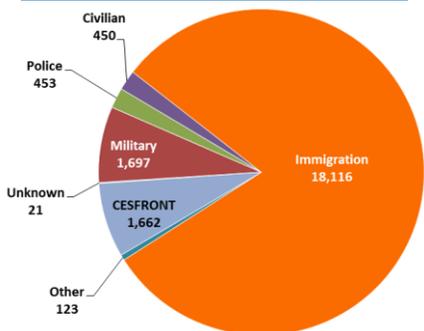
Graph 8: Types of occupation



Entry on Haitian Territory

Of all 55,220 individuals interviewed, **32,698 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While **10,114 individuals claimed** to have been **deported** into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), **12,408 individuals** have been **officially deported** by the DR Immigration (DGM).

Graph 9: Total returns by Authority

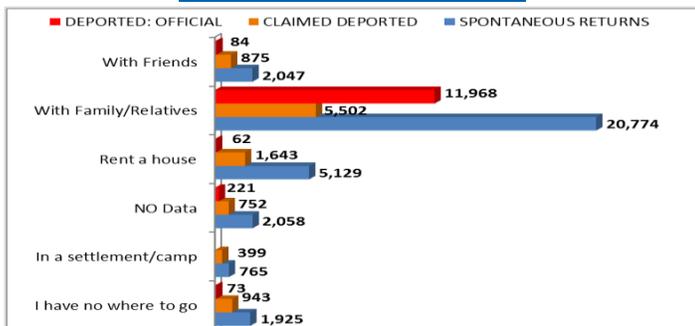


Destination and Intentions

When questioned regarding their intended destination, the following three communes have been most commonly indicated by returnees:

- **Cornillons/Grand Bois** as indicated by **3,021 households**
- **Anse-à-Pitres** as indicated by **2,164 households**
- **Fonds-Verettes** as indicated by **1,646 households**

Graph 10: Intended Destination



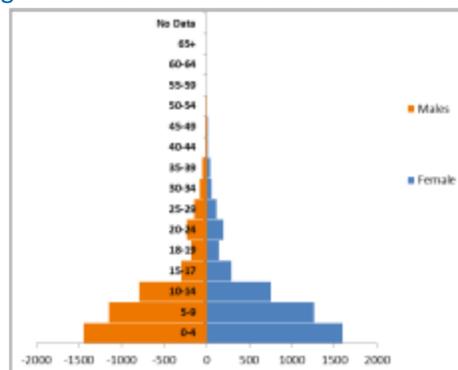
Irrespective of the type of returns, the trends observed during previous SitReps remain the same. The returnees have, most commonly, provided the following answers

- Intention to stay with relatives.
- Intention to rent a house
- Having nowhere to go
- Intention to stay with Friends
- Intention to go to In a settlement/camp

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic

Of all returnees, 4,312 households (corresponding to 17,242 individuals) have at least one member who was born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of **9,304 individuals** born in the DR, **5,607** of which were born before January 26th 2010. Subsequently, **724 individuals** were verified by UNHCR as being born in the DR before January 26th and as such will fall within UNHCR's mandate. (please refer to the UNHCR Statistical Update - December 8th 2015)

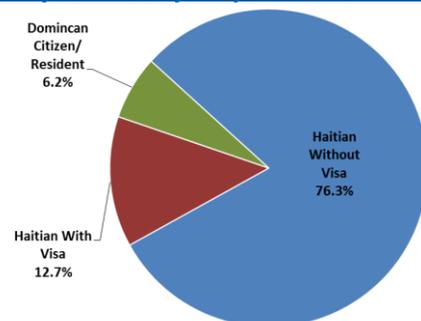
Graph 11: Age and sex breakdown of individuals born in the DR



Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

When asked about remaining family members in the DR, **34,479 individuals** (6,464 claimed deportees, 20,583 spontaneous returnees and 7,432 officially deported individuals) have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. Further questioning regarding the status of these remaining families has revealed that **76.3%** are **Haitians without visa**, **12.7%** are **Haitians with visa** and **6.2%** are **Dominican citizens** or have a **Resident status**.

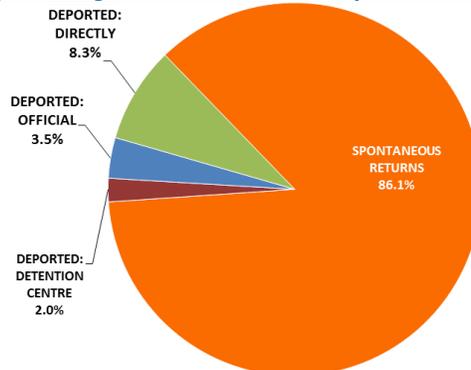
Graph 12: Status of returnee's family members remaining in the DR



Registration in the PNRE

Of the 30,414 households interviewed by the network, **2,215 households** (representing – **7.3%** of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the **Dominican PNRE**. Of these 2,215 households, **86.1%** returned spontaneously to Haiti, **10.3%** claimed to have been **deported** and **3.5%** have been **officially deported** into Haitian territory.

Graph 13: Registration in the PNRE by return status



OFFICIAL DEPORTATIONS: PROFILING

A total of **12,408 persons** have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of **Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères** and have been voluntarily registered. Most of these deportations were conducted by **DR immigration authorities (DGM)**. The majority of returnees are individuals and not households/families. Indeed, a total of **12,268 households** corresponding to **12,408 individuals** have been officially deported.

Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs

Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladères	2,579	2,590
Malpasse	4,088	4,115
Ouanaminthe	5,601	5,703

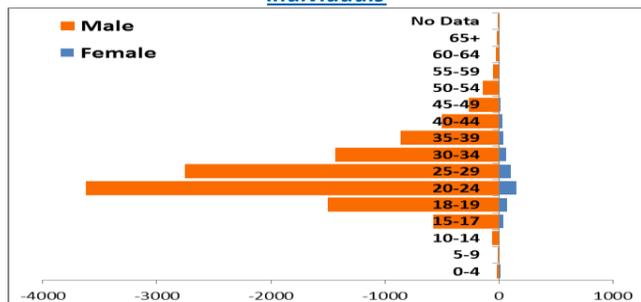
Breakdown by gender and Age

Of all the 12,408 individuals officially deported, **95.4%** were **male** and **4.6%** were **female**.

The majority of the officially deported individuals have reported being between the ages of **18-59 years**, individuals from this age group representing **93.7%** of the deported population. A reported **5.9%** are aged between **0-17 years** old and a mere **0.3%** falls into the elderly category.

The **average age** of officially deported individuals is **26.47 years old**.

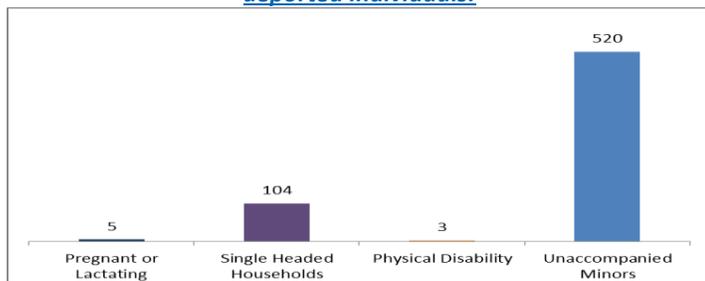
Graph 15: Age breakdown by sex and age of officially deported individuals



Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported

Among the people officially deported, **520** were **presumed unaccompanied minors (UAM)**. These presumed UAMs were referred to the relevant government authority (IBESR) and their partners for appropriated care and status determination.

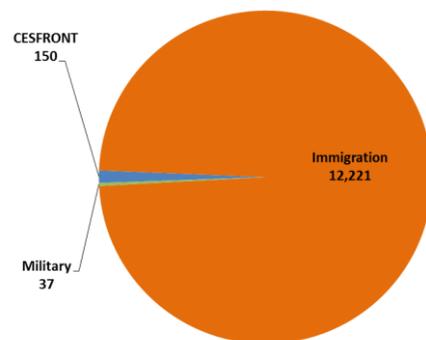
Graph 16: Most common vulnerabilities assessed among official deported individuals.



Deportation Procedures

Of all official deportations, **12,221** have reportedly been carried out by the **General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish)**, **150** by the **CESFRONT** and **37** by the military.

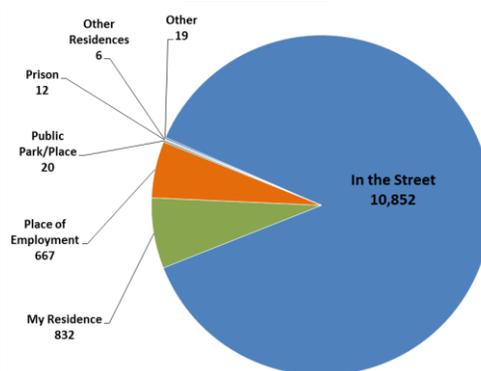
Graph 17: Authority carrying out official deportations



When questioned about the location from which they were deported, the respondents have indicated the following:

- **10,852 individuals** apprehended in the **street**
- **832** were apprehended in their **residence**
- **667** were apprehended in their **place of employment**.

Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were apprehended

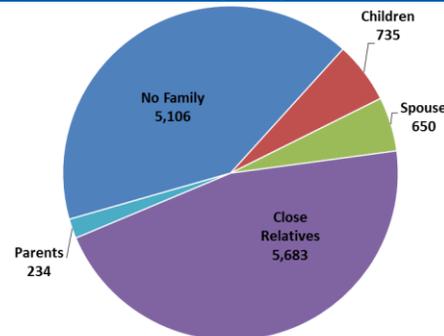


Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

A reported **7,302** of officially deported individuals have indicated still having **family members remaining in the DR**. They have indicated the following:

- **5,683** have **close relatives** remaining
- **735** have **children (daughter/son)** remaining in DR
- **650** have their spouse (**husband/wife**) still in DR

Graph 19: Returnees family status in the DR



WEEKLY REPORT: Border monitoring activities from 18th to 25th December 2015

This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of December 18th to 25th 2015.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,637⁶ individuals** were observed crossing the border into Haitian territory this week.
- **36 presumed unaccompanied minors** were identified during this week and referred to the relevant authority for follow up; **23** of these presumed unaccompanied minors were **officially deported** into Haitian territory.
- **1,062 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- **227 individuals** claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory
- **Official deportations** continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères; a reported **349 individuals** were officially deported into Haitian territory this week of which **348 individuals** accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various official BCPs.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT TRENDS

- Significant decrease of movement during this week compared to the previous week.
- Overall deportations (Claimed Deportations 227; official deportations 348) are lower than spontaneous returns (1,062 individuals).
- Spontaneous returns continue to be mainly assessed in unofficial border crossing points.
- 164 Individuals interviewed at non official border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory, while 63 persons claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti.

Table 2: Summary of monitored movements for this week⁷

Entry Status	Number of Returnees
Deported: Other	227
Deported: Official	348
Spontaneous Returns	1,062

Official Deportations

This week a total of 348 individuals officially deported were registered at the three border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères. Most of these deportations were carried out by the DR Immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals rather than households/families. Indeed a total of 345 households, corresponding to 348 individuals were officially deported this week.

Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs this week

Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladères	236	236
Malpasse	44	45
Ouanaminthe	65	67

Deportation: The act of a State in the exercise of its sovereignty in removing an alien from its territory to a certain place after refusal of admission or termination of permission to remain (*Glossary on Migration*, p 18, IOM)

Spontaneous (migration) return: An individual or groups who initiate and proceeds with their migration plans without any outside assistance. (*Glossary on Migration*, p 62, IOM)

Official Deportations: Government organized returns which are carried out at the official Border Crossing Points (Ouanaminthe – Dajabon, Belladeres- Elias Piña, Malpasse-Jimaní, Anse à Pitres-Pedernales) between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (border schedule). Before official deportations, relevant returnees receive an official notification regarding the impending deportation. Furthermore, information regarding the time and point of deportation are communicated to the Haitian authorities (Haitian Embassy/consulate). Official deportations are mostly carried out by the DR Immigration (DGM).

Other Deportations: Any forceful return which does not follow the aforementioned guidelines (also referred to as *claimed deportation*)

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⁶ The difference between the previous SitRep and the current one is higher because the data is based on date of entry into Haiti and not date of data entry into the database.

⁷ The figures represented in this table correspond to the individuals who accepted voluntarily to be registered between the period from Thursday 17th and Wednesday 23th of December 2015.