



# HAITI—HURRICANE MATTHEW

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### Highlights

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- IOM launched USD 20 Million appeal for Hurricane Matthew response
- A 26-truck IOM convoy carrying 28,500 NFIs left Port-au-Prince for the most-affected areas in the South of Haiti
- IOM teams registered 319 families in the South and Grande Anse departments

### Situation Overview

*On the morning of Tuesday 4 October, Hurricane Matthew, the first Category 4 to hit the country in the past 52 years with winds up to 150 mph (240 km/h) barreled into southern coastal towns including Jeremie, Les Cayes, Port Salut, Dame Marie and Jacmel, causing major damage to homes, schools and other public buildings.*

- **1.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance ; 2.1 million individuals have been affected (UN-OCHA)**
- Estimated casualties range from **300 deaths** according to the Directorate of Civil Protection (DPC) up to **over 900 deaths** according to international media (The Telegraph)
- **80% of electricity network destroyed** in the Southern peninsula and **90% of homes** in the South and Grande Anse department have been damaged or destroyed by the Hurricane
- **Land access** to the most affected areas **remains difficult** and **remote rural areas** are slowly being assessed
- **192 temporary shelters** are housing **61,537 displaced individuals** according to the DPC
- **279 latrines destroyed or damaged** in Camps in Port-au-Prince, increasing risks of **cholera epidemic**
- Important damages were reported to makeshift tents housing returnees/deportees from the Dominican Republic in Anse-a-Pitres (Belle Anse)

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## IOM RESPONSE

### Assessments

- 34 multi-sectorial (CCCM/DRR/Protection) IOM emergency staff are **carrying out rapid assessments** of the situation in Grande Anse and South departments



### NFI and Shelter

- An NFI convoy of 26 trucks carrying emergency NFI items left the IOM main office in Port-au-Prince for Les Cayes and Jeremie
- Three (3) of these trucks carrying 4,500 NFIs arrived in Les Cayes and were being unloaded at the Departmental Emergency Center (COUD)
- The remaining 23 trucks transporting 24,000 NFIs will continue their onward journey to Jeremie tomorrow to replenish stocks
- The convoy was escorted by the Haitian National Police (PNH), MINUSTAH/UNPOL and UNDSS



*IOM staff oversee the loading of the 26 truck NFI convoy in Port-au-Prince*



### Emergency Registration and DTM

- IOM led a CCCM coordination meeting in which the findings of the camp assessments were presented: out 13,850 shelters in all camps approx. 600 were destroyed and another 700 were damaged by the hurricane.
- The Haitian Government reiterated its priority to close all remaining IDP camps and urged partners to focus on durable camp closure rather than humanitarian assistance (distribution, etc.).
- Registration and DTM activities currently conducted by IOM and Civil Protection were also presented.

#### *Grande Anse:*

- IOM teams registered 5 evacuation shelter and registered 191 families (932 individuals) in Jeremie (zone 2)
- IOM/DPC jointly assessed 5 sites within Jeremie (CCCM, NFI, Protection) - one of which was found to have spontaneously closed
- IOM and ACTED carried out 2 NFI distributions reaching 106 families

#### *South:*

- 128 families were registered in temporary shelters in the localities of Port-a-Piment, Arniquet and Saint Jean du Sud
- In all towns in the South assessed, IOM distributed hygiene and water chlorination items to local health centers and local authorities

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