

 127,977 IDPs in the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince

 14,522 repatriated migrants arrived in Haiti

 USD 42.3 million requested
USD 12.8 million received in 2023



IOM distributed non-food items to IDPs in Port-au-Prince © IOM 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

On 8 May 2023, the IOM Director General declared a Level 3 emergency for the Haiti Response following the system wide scale up declared by the Emergency Relief Coordinator.

With the relocation assistance provided by IOM, 642 internally displaced persons (IDPs) left informal displacement sites in the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince for safe and dignified housing.

IOM provided reception and post-arrival assistance to 573 repatriated Haitian migrants who arrived in May 2023, many of them facing high protection risks upon their return to Haiti.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Gang violence continues to spread across the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince (MAPAP) and other parts of the country. The Haitian National Police (HNP) is conducting operations throughout the country to arrest gang members and reduce their operational radius. In parallel, the vigilante movement Bwa Kale, which emerged from citizens responding to gang violence, reportedly killed more than 160 suspected gang members since the end of April 2023. Demonstrations took place in May in various regions of the country against gang violence and the high cost of living.

Access remains challenging due to widespread insecurity. Major national routes connecting the capital to the north and west of the country remain blocked while large parts of the MAPAP remain under the control of gangs.

Due to the continued violence in the country, close to 130,000 people remain displaced across the MAPAP, about 62% living with host families and 38% living in informal displacement sites. Humanitarian needs also exist with regards

to the thousands of Haitian nationals repatriated from neighboring countries each month.

IOM Haiti continues to respond by providing lifesaving assistance and collecting data using the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) to inform the humanitarian response. Moreover in May, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster was activated, which is co-led by IOM and the Government of Haiti to strengthen coordination among humanitarian actors in providing access to basic services to the internally displaced populations.

Considering the intensification of humanitarian needs, on 8 May 2023, the IOM Director General declared a Level 3 emergency for the Haiti response to mobilize additional support for the humanitarian response in country. As such, IOM aims to reinforce its support to displaced populations and vulnerable migrants upon their return to Haiti, especially migrants repatriated from the Dominican Republic by the land border.

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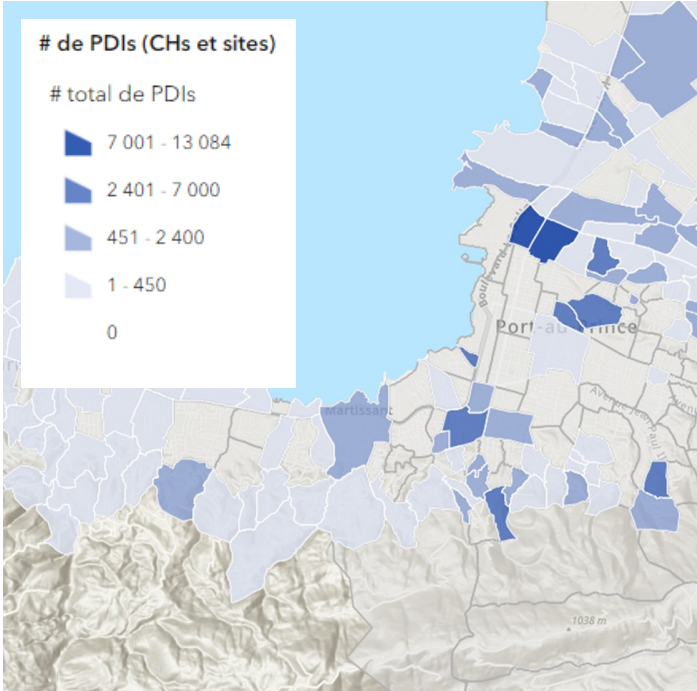
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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO IDPs

IOM continues to provide direct protection assistance, including safe housing and medical assistance, to individuals, and families residing within displacement sites and in communities that host internally displaced persons (IDPs).

The majority of displacement sites in which IOM intervenes are located in zones with limited humanitarian access, characterized by movement restrictions, ongoing hostilities or direct interference in humanitarian assistance amongst other factors. These zones include parts of Delmas, Port-au-Prince, Cité Soleil and Carrefour municipalities. Humanitarian access to most of the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince is classified as severity level 2. Humanitarian access for IOM and its implementing partners is reassessed on a daily basis.

In May 2023, 642 persons (173 households) were supported with relocation assistance, which consists of a rental subsidy allowing IDP households to leave informal displacement sites and to move to safe and dignified housing. Additional support was provided to IDPs in May, including medical support and the distribution of shelter kits and hygiene articles.



IOM has produced an [interactive map](#) on displacement in the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince to provide key information on districts and levels of displacements.

Ninety-two per cent of relocated IDPs lived in Cité Soleil district before their displacement. The other relocated IDPs used to live in Croix-des-Bouquets, Port-au-Prince, Pétiön-Ville and other municipalities. Most IDP households (31%) found their new accommodation in the Delmas district. Medical follow-up was provided to pregnant women who benefitted from relocation assistance, as well as to individuals suffering from chronic diseases.

According to an [assessment](#) carried out by IOM between February and March 2023, adequate shelter is a priority need for IDPs in 40% of localities that host IDPs. Other priority needs are food, means of subsistence and health.

In May 2023, IOM organized DTM workshops in Hinche (département du Centre) and Gonaïves (département de l'Artibonite) for local authorities on the collection of data on population displacement and launched an interactive map on displacement in the MAPAP.

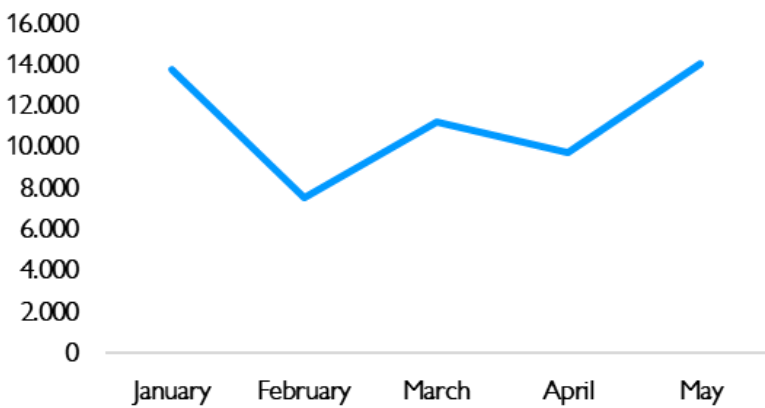
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO IDPs BY IOM

	642	Individuals relocated (through rental subsidy)
	2 303 ¹	Non-food items distributed (incl. kitchen sets, mattresses, blankets, solar lamps, etc.)
	462	Shelter and fixing kits distributed in sites
	482	Cases of medical care (consultations, follow-up and medical referral)
	93	Individuals supported with psychosocial activities

1. Includes items from the IOM common pipeline distributed by partners.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO RETURNING MIGRANTS

TOTAL REPATRIATIONS TO HAITI SINCE JANUARY 2023



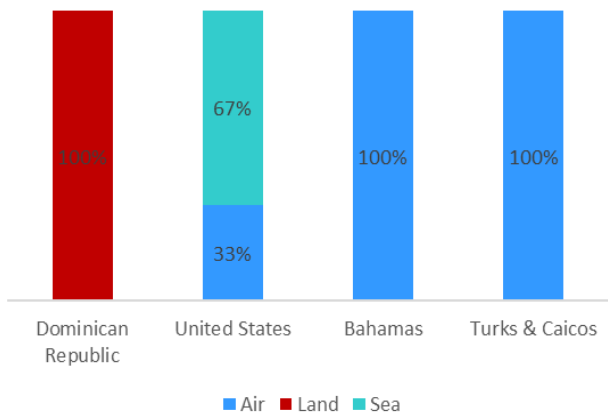
In May 2023, 14,522 migrants were repatriated to Haiti from neighboring countries, about 4,000 more than the previous month. This is due to an increase of repatriations by the Dominican Republic. Among the migrants repatriated to Haiti in May, 2,242 (15%) were female and 559 (4%) were minors.²

REPATRIATING COUNTRIES

	May 2023	
Dominican Republic	14,091	97%
United States	254	2%
Bahamas	43	0%
Turks and Caicos	134	1%
Cuba	0	0%
	Since January 2023	
Dominican Republic	56,493	93%
United States	1,399	2%
Bahamas	1,284	2%
Turks and Caicos	1,257	2%
Cuba	552	1%

REPATRIATING COUNTRIES AND MODE OF ARRIVAL IN MAY 2023

In May 2023, 97% of migrants were repatriated by land, 2% by air and the remaining 1% by sea. Repatriations from the United States by sea resumed in May and, as a result, 170 migrants were repatriated to Haiti by boat during the month.



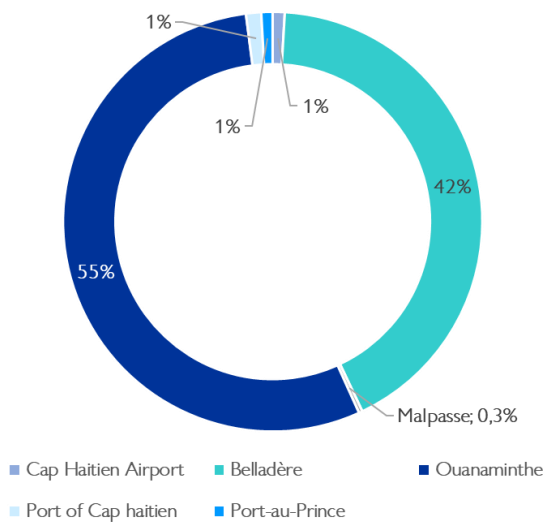
Fifty-five per cent of all repatriated migrants arrived at the border point in Ouhanaminthe, 42% at the border point in Belladere. Less than 1% arrived at the Malpasse border point. Migrants repatriated through the airport of Port-au-Prince arrived from the United States and the Bahamas.

The migrants repatriated through the Cap Haitien airport arrived exclusively from Turks and Caicos Islands. 170 migrants were repatriated by boat arriving at the port of Cap Haitien.

Since January 2023, a total of 60,985 persons have been repatriated to Haiti, of which 3,286 by air through the airports in Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitien, 1,206 by sea, and 56,493 across the land border.

² Persons under 18 are considered minors.

ARRIVAL LOCATIONS



IOM ASSISTANCE TO RETURNING MIGRANTS

Most repatriated migrants are extremely vulnerable upon return to Haiti, as they generally arrive with few, if any, belongings. They are often in immediate need of humanitarian assistance, having faced various health and protection risks during their journey and/or on arrival. IOM provides the following on-site services upon arrival



Food and beverage during the registration process



Unconditional and multipurpose cash assistance
Cash for transportation for migrants repatriated from the Dominican Republic



Hygiene kits for everyone, including dignity items for women and girls and specific kits for babies (Hygiene kits are not delivered to every migrants repatriated from the Dominican Republic; only to the most vulnerable)



First aid and referral to medical assistance if needed



Psychosocial support and counseling services provided by trained IOM psychologists



Family reunification support for unaccompanied / separated children with the Institute for Social Welfare and Research (IBESR)



Phones available to call friends and relatives



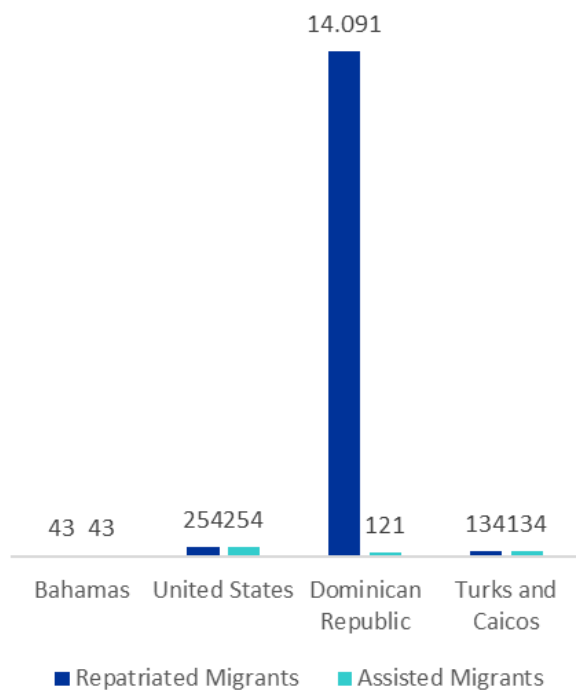
Protection screening by trained staff to identify vulnerable migrants and referrals to special services



8840 Availability of feedback and complaints mechanisms through IOM's free hotline 8840

While all migrants repatriated from the United States, Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands were assisted, a large gap exists with regards to vulnerable migrants repatriated from the Dominican Republic. Only a small fraction of the 14,091 repatriated migrants who arrived at the land border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic could be assisted in May 2023.

This low assistance rate is due to the sheer size of repatriations by land combined with enormous needs and high protection risks migrants are exposed to during their journey and upon arrival. Additional funding is needed to ensure that the needs of returning migrants are met at scale.



➡ Click [here](#) for additional publications on IOM's work in Haiti.



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