

## HAITI EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT JUNE 2023



77 12,896 repatriated migrants arrived in Haiti



USD 42.3 million requested USD 19.3 million received in 2023



Visit with USAID to IDP sites in Port-au-Prince on 10 June © IOM 2023

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Haiti experienced heavy rainfall on 2 - 3 June, which lead to the displacement of 9,119 individuals in the Ouest department. In response to the event IOM contributed to a joint distribution of NFIs and food kits carried out with humanitarian, governmental, and local partners.

Five new NGO partners joined the IOM Common pipeline during June 2023 and have now access to relief items which they can distribute in the case of a disaster. A total of 15 partners have signed agreements with IOM to be able to request prepositioned NFIs from the pipeline.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Due to gang violence 194,624 people are currently displaced in Haiti, the majority of which in the Ouest department, where the capital Port-au-Prince is located. Internally displaced persons (IDPs) are also present in Centre and Artibonite departments.

Most of the displacement sites in which IOM intervenes are in zones with limited access characterized by movement restrictions, ongoing hostilities, or direct interference in humanitarian assistance amongst other factors. IOM is in the process of contracting implementing partners for Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities for those areas.

Access outside the capital area is also limited as major routes towards the north and the south are affected by gang presence, which hinders road movements.

Repatriations to Haiti remain at very high levels. In June 2023, a total of 12,896 migrants were repatriated to Haiti, the vast majority of which through the land border with the Dominican Republic.

Besides the heavy rainfalls at the beginning of June, Haiti also experienced a magnitude 5.5 earthquake which hit the Grand'Anse department on 6 June causing the death of 4 persons.

### **IOM RESPONSE**

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

A total of 23 monitoring visits were made to IDP sites in the Delmas and Tabarre districts to assess urgent needs, and 16 meetings were held with site committees in the same districts. Among the priority needs recorded, food, access to clean drinking water and health assistance were highlighted. Additional risks are related to the low level of hygiene and sanitation in the sites, the overcrowding in accommodations on certain IDP sites and conflicts among the inhabitants of sites.

In response to the flooding, rapid assessments of accessible sites were made to inform the response. The monthly CCCM Cluster coordination meeting for June, was held in early July (July 6, 2023) to coincide with visits of the global cluster, and was attended by 20 partners.

#### **Protection**

During June 2023, 196 IDPs were reached through various sensitization activities organized in the IDP sites in the Metropolitan Area of Portau-Prince MAPAP), which included activities stress management, child protection, feedback including IOM mechanisms, the hotline. sexually transmitted diseases, and services available to survivors of gender based violence (GBV).

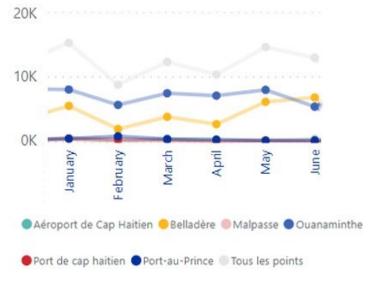
206 beneficiaries were assisted with mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) activities, of which 107 were women. Individual counselling sessions were held with beneficiaries who have lost family members during armed clashes as well as with survivors of GBV.

Protection assistance was also provided to 235 repatriated migrants arriving at the airports and at three border points with the Dominican Republic (Ouanaminthe, Belladere, Malpasse). During June 2023, 12,896 individuals were repatriated to Haiti.

Since the beginning of the year, 73,880 persons have been repatriated to Haiti, of which 93 per cent from the Dominican Republic.

The other migrants were repatriated from the United States (2%), the Bahamas (2%), Turks and Caicos Islands (2%) and Cuba (1%). In 2023, 3,578 of the repatriated migrants were under the age of 18.

Repatriations to Haiti by point of entry since January 2023



Based on the individual protection needs, IOM assists vulnerable repatriated migrants with food and beverage during the registration process, unconditional and multipurpose cash assistance and cash for transportation, the distribution of hygiene kits, including dignity items for women and girls, first aid and referral to medical assistance, psychological support and counselling provided by trained personnel, and with family reunification for support unaccompanied separated children in coordination with the Institute for Social Welfare and Research (IBESR).

IOM operates a free hotline (8840), which is available for feedback and complaints from the affected population.

#### Health

During June 2023, IOM provided direct health assistance to 144 IDPs, including 68 girls, 64 boys, 6 men and 6 women.

Seven mobile clinics were conducted in IDP sites in Delmas commune. The most recurring health problems among the IDPs assisted were scabies, hypertension, gastritis, urinary tract and vaginal infections. Four cases were referred to hospitals for further treatment. A total of 44 scabies kits were distributed.

# Shelter and Non-Food Items (S-NFI)

In response to the flooding, IOM contributed to a joint distribution of NFIs and food kits carried out with humanitarian, governmental, and local partners. 600 beneficiaries were reached. As part of the flood response, a total of 2,000 tarpaulins, 2,000 fixing kits and 3,250 blankets were channeled through the common pipeline managed by IOM.

A total of 456 IDPs (113 households) in the MAPAP were assisted with rental subsidies to allow them to leave informal displacement sites for secure and appropriate housing.

Among the assisted beneficiaries were 136 women, 65 men, 109 girls and 146 boys. Of the relocated IDP households, 75 had originally lived in the Cité Soleil commune, 12 in Croix des bouquets, 2 in Delmas, 16 in Port-au-Prince and 8 in Pétion-Ville. Among the beneficiaries of relocation assistance were particularly vulnerable IDPs referred by the protection unit, including three survivors of GBV.

Rental subsidies were also granted via mobile transfers to 631 IDPs in the Sud department in the communes of Saint-Louis-du-Sud.

Cavaillon and Les Cayes, who had been displaced in the earthquake of 2021.

IOM Haiti maintains NFI stocks which partners can request via IOM's Common pipeline in seven locations across the country: Anse-a-Pitre, Belladeres, Gonaives, Jeremie, Port-au-Prince, Camp Perrin, Cap-Haitien.

Assistance provided to IDPs by IOM in June 2023

1,087	Individuals assisted with rental subsidy
7,250	NFIs channeled through the IOM common pipeline (incl. tarpaulins, fixing kits and blankets)
144	Cases of medical care (consultations, follow-up and medical referral)
206	Individuals supported with mental health and psychosocial support activities

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

During the reporting period the desludging of a latrine pit in Delmas 19 has started, which will benefit 800 individuals. IOM is also planning the construction of additional latrines in Delmas 19 and similar interventions in the Delmas 65 site. Also this month, a survey tool to assess WASH needs in IDP sites was developed and tested.

In addition, field visits were conducted to assess Cholera Treatment Centers to be rehabilitated in the Centre department.

### Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

Mobility tracking was conducted in 646 localities in three departments during June 2023. According to the mobility tracking, 134 209 persons are currently displaced in the Ouest department, which constitutes an increase by about 12 per cent as compared to the previous tracking carried out in February - March 2023. The presence of 28 975 IDPs was recorded for the Centre department and 22 440 for the Artibonite department. The mobility tracking also identified 40 748 former IDPs who were able to return to their homes.

The DTM team conducted various trainings between 2-18 June in the departments of Ouest, Artibonite and Centre to prepare for the mobility tracking. The 168 participants were from

the local community and were trained on DTM methodologies and tools.

Daily monitoring of migratory movements between Haiti and the Dominican Republic was conducted in partnership with the local NGO "Groupe d'Appui **Rapatriés** aux Réfugiés" (GARR), which is collecting information on the number of migrants on the move at 30 crossing border points and carrying out surveys among migrants.

To support the flood response, DTM published an <u>Emergency Tracking Tool report</u> to locate populations displaced during the emergency event and to inform of the priority needs of the affected population.



Training on mobility tracking in Hinche, Centre department,15 June 2023, © IOM 2023



Training on mobility tracking in Desarmes, Artibonite department, 10 June 2023, © IOM 2023

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