



A symbolic key handover ceremony for a newly rehabilitated evacuation shelter in the South Department. © IOM Haiti 2023



194,624

internally displaced persons (IDPs)



93%

of displacement is due to gang violence



11,552

repatriated migrants arrived in Haiti
(September 2023)



Funding received for 2023¹

31%
Received:
USD 24.8m

Requested: USD 80m

1- Funding received for 2023 across all objectives of [IOM Haiti's crisis response plan \(CRP\)](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Dominican Republic closed air, sea and land traffic with Haiti on 15 September in the context of a dispute over the construction of a canal targeting a river that runs through both countries. Despite the closure of the border, [7,355 Haitians were repatriated](#) in the second half of September. The announcement spurred an increase in voluntarily returns in the days leading to and following the border closure due to fear of being persecuted in the Dominican Republic, as instances of hate speech rose.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Gang violence continues to cause displacement in the Port-au-Prince Metropolitan Area (MAPAP), now expanding to other areas, notably in the Centre department. Armed attacks occurred on 22 and 25 September 2023 in Saut D'Eau and Mirebalais. These attacks affected the inhabitants of several municipal sections and led to the creation of eight new sites. The Displacement Tracking Matrix's (DTM) [Emergency Tracking Tool \(ETT\)](#) indicates that 10,026 people were forced to leave their homes, adding to over 200,000 displaced people across the country.

In an effort to increase participation in the Kenyan-led multinational force, the United States announced on 23 September that they would provide logistics, including intelligence, airlift, communications and medical support to the mission, [to the tune of USD 100 million](#).

Repatriations to Haiti remain at a high level. Since January 2023, 125,087 persons have been repatriated to Haiti, the vast majority (94%) from the Dominican Republic.

IOM RESPONSE

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

During September 2023, IOM organized a training for 40 CCCM Cluster participants on humanitarian principles, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and data protection. In addition, the governmental strategy to address displacement situations in the MAPAP was presented and validated by the Cluster under the leadership of the Directorate General for Civil Protection (DGPC) during a workshop facilitated by IOM.

In coordination with the Protection Unit, various recreational activities were jointly organized for 117 displaced children at Delmas 65 site, with the participation of neighboring families. IOM also conducted 12 follow-up and monitoring visits to accessible sites to discuss day-to-day needs and issues. In hard-to-reach sites, IOM conducted 45 telephone calls to committee members to collect information about the support needed.

Protection—IDPs

During September 2023, IOM raised awareness about the IOM hotline as a complaints and feedback mechanism at one IDP site, reaching 70 participants (37 women and 33 men). As a result of previous promotion activities, the number of calls to the IOM hotline increased by 336% from August to September (from 79 to 266). Furthermore, ongoing PSEA activities were conducted in partnership with UNICEF to identify existing Community Based Complaints Mechanisms (CBCM) in active IDPs sites to reinforce their capacities, if necessary. A joint action plan was defined to reinforce the on-site capacities in terms of psychosocial and medical support provided to identified survivors of GBV.

Protection staff also provided medical assistance and psychosocial support in accessible sites around the MAPAP. During September 2023, psychological first aid was provided to 78 survivors of GBV who were referred to IOM by Médecins sans Frontières (MSF). In addition, 130 IDPs were recommended for rental subsidies after vulnerability screenings.

Protection—Migrants

In September 2023, the IOM Protection team conducted a joint mission with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to Northern Haiti to increase collaboration on the protection of children on the move. The visit included a joint workshop with the national government authority for Children and the Institut du Bien-Etre Social et de Recherches (IBESR).

During September 2023, IOM also provided assistance to 144 migrants who were repatriated to Haiti, including with NFIs, food, cash, family reunification for unaccompanied or separated children, and psychological support. The majority of migrants were repatriated through the border point in Belladère (8,610 migrants), in the Centre department.

Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

Following the displacement of population due to gang violence in Solino, Croix-des-Bouquets, Delmas, Cite Soleil (Ouest department) and Saut d'Eau and Mirebalais (Center department), IOM produced [four additional Emergency Tracking Tool \(ETT\)](#) reports. Through their assessments, the DTM team recorded the displacement of 12,792 individuals and the creation of 8 new spontaneous sites.

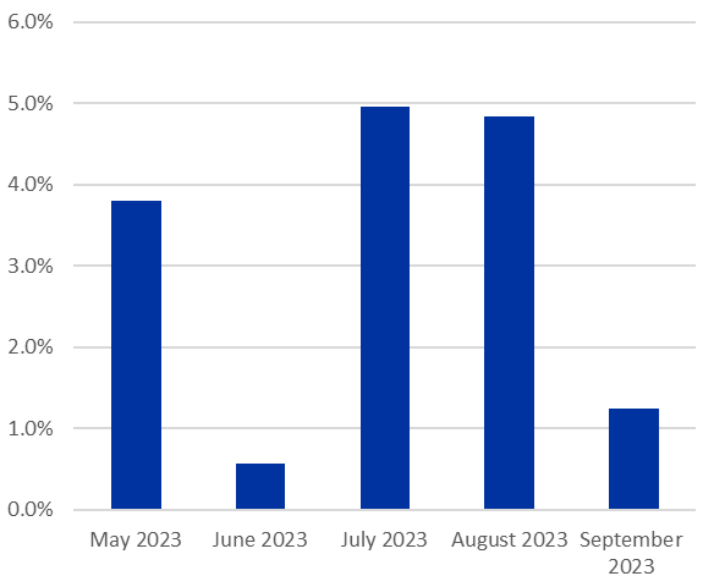
Flow monitoring was carried out by one of IOM’s partners, Groupe d’Appui aux Rapatriés et Réfugiés (GARR), along the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Within five days of the border closure with the Dominican Republic, 17,450 persons were observed at 30 crossing points (4 official and 26 unofficial ones).

In order to get in-depth information on migrants’ profiles, needs, vulnerabilities and migration experience, individual surveys were conducted with 1,669 migrants. IOM also monitored the number of repatriations at the border. The data is available on an [interactive dashboard](#) published online.

[A qualitative report on testimonies from IDPs](#) in the MAPAP was published as a complementary analysis to the quantitative reports already published by DTM as part of the fourth phase of site and neighbourhood mobility tracking assessments.

The Multisectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) for IDPs was started in the Centre and Artibonite departments, with enumerators collecting data since 16 September 2023. 1,968 interviews were conducted, which represents 95% of the sampling target. IOM also prepared analyses for the Humanitarian Needs Overview and participated in the Humanitarian Response Plan process during a workshop with OCHA and the clusters.

Figure 1: Percent of repatriated migrants provided with protection assistance (since May 2023)



Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI)

During September 2023, IOM distributed NFIs through its' partners (ICDH, FADRI, Solidarites International, GOAL, Famille Kizito, Adra, and MSF Belgique) in various displacement sites. The items distributed included 2,290 blankets, 702 fixing kits, 329 hygiene kits, 3,618 jerry cans, and 702 plastic sheets.

Additionally, 86 households were assisted with rental subsidies for apartments in safer areas of the city, including particularly vulnerable cases referred by the Protection team. IOM also conducted awareness raising on PSEA among vulnerable IDPs eligible for the rental subsidy to increase their knowledge about their rights and the importance of reporting any incidents of abuse or exploitation. This session also served as a platform to inform IDPs about available support services, such as counseling and medical assistance.

As part of IOM's efforts to support resilient housing, two houses were constructed in Les Cayes municipality using improved local construction techniques (TCLA). During September 2023, 18 local experts, who contributed to the constructions, completed their training on TCLA. It is expected that these experts will continue to support resilient construction techniques in the South department, particularly prone to natural disasters.

In terms of preparedness, IOM launched [four awareness-raising campaigns](#) with disaster risk reduction (DRR) promoters in the following municipalities: Coteaux, Roche à Bateau, Irois, and Anse d'Ainault, in the presence of local and departmental authorities including the DGPC. The DRR promoters were trained in August 2023 by IOM on community awareness-raising techniques and basic first aid and received an introduction to Risk and Disaster Management and PSEA. The promoters will carry out several rounds of awareness raising activities on preparedness during the month of October in several localities of the South department (Coteaux and Roche à bateau), Grand'Anse department (Les Irois and Anse d'Ainault) and in the North West department (Port-de-Paix).

As the last of the four planned rehabilitations of evacuation shelters was completed in August 2023, a symbolic key handover to the Director of the South Departmental Civil Protection was conducted. The buildings will provide shelter to the local population in the event of an emergency, including natural disasters. IOM is now initiating the administrative procedures to start rehabilitating one additional evacuation shelter in the South department.

86	Households assisted with rental subsidy
12,000	NFIs distributed through the IOM common pipeline (incl. tarpaulins, fixing kits and blankets)
204	Cases of medical care (consultations, follow-up and medical referral)
119	People supported with mental health and psychosocial support activities

Figure 2. Assistance provided to IDPs by IOM in September 2023 as part of protection, health, and SNFI activities.

Health

During September 2023, IOM ran eight mobile clinics covering three IDP sites in the MAPAP, which provided more than 200 medical consultations and distributed 37 scabies kits.

Ten proposals were received from potential implementing partners to provide medical assistance and run mobile clinics in IDP sites. Upon receipt, the proposals were evaluated against specific technical criteria. The partners will be contracted during the next reporting period.

IOM also participated in a meeting with the Health Cluster partners to discuss the humanitarian situation in the Artibonite department.



Displaced people gathered in a high school in Tabarre, Port-au-Prince, following armed attacks by gangs. © IOM Haiti 2023

Transition and Reintegration

During the reporting period, IOM engaged in a series of meetings and activities with community representatives, grassroots organizations, and civil society to enhance communication between state institutions and the community. A specific meeting was organized in Morne-Rouge (Cap-Haitien) with representatives from the Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Communications and local authorities to address the rehabilitation of a footbridge project, which aims to strengthen the Town Hall of Plaine du Nord.

Additionally, an assessment was conducted at the Ecole Nationale Mixte Complete Soeur Theresa de Calcutta in Delmas 33 to understand what the needs were in view of the forthcoming rehabilitation.

Ongoing projects involved the rehabilitation of a water collection and distribution point in Turgeau, with regular meetings held with the National Directorate of Water and Sanitation (DINEPA) to ensure progress. Community dialogues were conducted in Petit-Anse and Bande du Nord to prioritize rehabilitation projects, with a focus on dredging, football pitch, public square, and culvert rehabilitation. During September, two water distribution kiosks were almost completed in Cap Haitien and Balan areas.

Additional activities included assessment visits for water supply in Cite 4 and 31 in Delmas 19, creation of Bills of Quantities (BOQs) for projects in Delmas 33 and Siloé, and ongoing rehabilitation of water collection and distribution points in Turgeau.

Community dialogues in Robillard, Lory, and Milot were conducted with a focus on rehabilitation projects, including a football pitch and bridge Ti Pon Mab.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

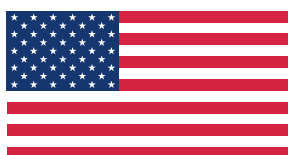
During September 2023, more than 1,200 cubic meters of water were provided to 8,720 IDPs living in 8 sites as an emergency response to the Carrefour-Feuilles gang violence as well as in sites where IOM is the WASH Focal Point. IOM is also delivering water in six additional sites in Lower Delmas through its partner. The water was provided through water trucking given the lack of alternative water supply for the IDPs.

In the Lycee Vincent site, 329 hygiene kits were distributed, cleaning materials for toilets (buckets, detergents, disinfectants, brooms) were distributed at two handwashing points, and 6 showers were built (3 for men and 3 for women). In the same site, the water network was rehabilitated, including the replacement of the pump and the repair of a handwashing point. Discussions are ongoing with the local authorities of Tabarre and the community around the site for a joint cleaning campaign involving the community and IDPs.

Meetings occurred with communities in Place Clercine, Delmas 65 and Lycee Vincent for the creation of WASH committees. One WASH committee was created in Delmas 65 (composed of 2 women and 2 men), with further committees planned to be created in the following weeks. Three focus group discussions were conducted in two sites with a total of 31 women and 32 men.

During the reporting period, IOM continued to discuss with the DINEPA to collect data and documentation to solarize the pump of boreholes in four sites as well as to rehabilitate hand pumps. In the coming weeks, IOM will organize a training on the utilization of a solar pump. WASH sector partners as well as local authorities will be invited to participate.

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