



Sensitization campaign on humanitarian norms in the site Virginie Sampeur. © IOM Haiti 2023



194,624

internally displaced persons (IDPs)



93%

of displacement is due to gang violence



23,103

forcibly returned migrants arrived in Haiti (October 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

While the closure of air, sea, and land traffic between the Dominican Republic and Haiti on 15 September 2023 continues to be in place, partial trade corridors were implemented on 15 October 2023. Despite the closure of the border, [23,103 Haitians were forcibly returned](#) in October 2023 (99% coming from the Dominican Republic). Notably, 9,148 migrants (40%) were identified at 26 non-official border points, exposing them to heightened risks along the migratory route.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Increased gang violence in the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince (MAPAP), notably in Turgeau, and the Centre department, has led to significant displacement since 13 October 2023.

Residents from St Jean Bosco - Portail St Joseph, around 4,500 individuals (1,077 households), have fled to 12 neighborhoods and 80% sought refuge in four displacement sites according to the Displacement Tracking Matrix's [Emergency Tracking Tool](#).

Forced returns to Haiti remain high. Since January 2023, 179,402 persons have been deported to Haiti, the vast majority (96%) from the Dominican Republic.

On October 9, the Dominican republic has announced a partial re-opening of the border with Haiti, to allow exports of goods.

IOM RESPONSE

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

On the occasion of the World Mental Health Day (10 October 2023), IOM raised awareness about the environmental management and its impact on mental health in three IDP sites. Field monitoring was initiated in eight new sites within the Carrefour-Feuille area, including notable locations such as Lycée des Jeunes Filles and Lycée Marie Jeanne, where the main needs identified are food, water, hygiene, sanitation and shelter.

Moreover, a roundtable discussion on displacement solutions took place with 41 participants.

Sensitization efforts on humanitarian principles, along with the distribution of pamphlets and the display of stickers in Creole and French were conducted in nine sites, reaching 2,000 IDPs.

Protection—IDPs

In October 2023, 45 beneficiaries joined IOM's awareness raising activities on the 4080 toll-free hotline as a complaints mechanism. Previous promotion activities led to a surge in hotline calls to 300 (79 in August, 266 in September 2023).

IOM, in collaboration with UNICEF, worked to strengthen Community Based Complaints Mechanisms (CBCM) on IDP sites, extending to spontaneous sites and Community Resource Centers. Three child protection sensitization activities, attended by 70 IDPs, were also conducted. IOM participated in inter-agency network meetings, preparing for Haiti's Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) national network launch and discussing Minimum Operating Standards on PSEA.

PSEA training sessions were also held with CCCM governmental and non-governmental partners (15 participants) as well as IOM staff (27 participants), as IOM has 0 tolerance Policy towards SEA.

Moreover, IOM staff provided medical and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) in accessible IDPs sites. This included sensitization sessions and assistance through focus groups for 277 beneficiaries, along with individual support for 24 cases. Additionally, upon vulnerability screenings, 184 IDPs were recommended for rental subsidies.

Protection—Migrants

IOM met with the Chief of Staff and the directors from the legal, migration, and consular departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss how to improve joint advocacy on forced returns from Turks and Caicos and the Bahamas.

During October 2023, IOM provided assistance to 1,789 migrants who were deported to Haiti. Assistance includes NFIs, food, cash, family reunification for unaccompanied or separated children, and psychological support, depending on the needs. The majority of migrants were returned through the Belladère border point (7,038 migrants), in the Centre department.

Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

Following armed attacks that occurred since 13 October 2023 in the St Jean Bosco - Portail St Joseph neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, a [DTM Emergency Tracking Tool \(ETT\)](#) was released on 18 October 2023, to inform humanitarian partners about the evolving situation. Telephone interviews with key informants revealed that residents from this neighborhood were forced to flee to 12 different neighborhoods and four spontaneous sites. A total of 4,500 individuals (1,077 households) have been displaced. Among them, 3,594 persons (80%) have sought refuge in sites, while the remaining individuals have been accommodated by host families.

In October 2023, IOM trained 46 enumerators in the Western department on the Multisectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA), as well as the Baseline round 5 for [mobility tracking](#). In the Artibonite department, IOM collected 1,170 interviews in 11 different municipalities, reaching the sampling target of 1,117 respondents, including IDPs in host communities, sites, returnees, and IDPs with families. Moreover, IOM conducted 1,101 interviews in the Western department as well as 64 interviews for the MSNA targeting repatriated migrants.

From 14 to 22 October 2023, a total of 120 interviews were conducted for Baseline Round 5 in the Western Department, as part of the 570 locations that will be assessed. Data analysis is ongoing, with the final reports expected to be published during November 2023. Moreover, IOM continued to monitor Haitian deportations, identifying 23,103 cases for the month of October 2023 (3% increase), including non-official border points.



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Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI)

In October 2023, IOM distributed 50 blankets, 16 hygiene kits, 15 jerry cans, and 10 kitchen sets through its partner Terres des Hommes Italie in IDP sites. Additionally, 23 households were assisted with rental subsidies to move to apartments in safer areas of the city, including particularly vulnerable cases.

Efforts are underway for the rehabilitation of the Evacuation Shelter at the National School of Lagaudray in Les Cayes,.

Along with the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the [awareness campaigns on hydrometeorological risks](#) launched in collaboration with Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Promoters in the South and Grande-Anse departments, IOM initiated new campaigns in Saint Louis and Port de Paix in the Nord'Ouest department to engage communities in preparedness and response efforts.

Additionally, a visit to the Kay Fanm and AJFPDH sites has been organized with firms for the rehabilitation of the centers for gender-based violence (GBV) survivors.

Eleven streetlights have been installed at Lycée Antenor Firmin to enhance safety in the area and prevent any type of violence.

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

23	Households assisted with rental subsidy
91	NFI distributed through the IOM common pipeline (incl. tarpaulins, fixing kits and blankets)
591	Cases of medical care (consultations, follow-up and medical referral)
614	People supported with mental health and psychosocial support activities

Health

During October 2023, three mobile clinics covering three IDP sites in the MAPAP provided a total of 591 medical consultations and distributing 46 scabies kits. Two implementing partners were selected to provide medical assistance and run mobile clinics in IDP sites.

Moreover, IOM met with the departmental office of the Health Ministry to discuss how to better manage mobile clinics and set up epidemiological surveillance at IDP sites. Another meeting with UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was held to discuss assistance and referrals of pregnant women in IDP sites to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

During October 2023, 1,102 cubic meters of water were provided to 8,720 IDPs living in eight sites as an emergency response to the Carrefour-Feuilles gang violence, as well as those sites where IOM is the WASH Focal Point. The water was provided through water trucking given the lack of alternative water supply for the IDPs.

IOM continues to work on solarizing boreholes' pumps, following data collection from the Regional Office for Drinking Water and Sanitation (OREPA) and National Directorate of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DINEPA). Out of six sites visited, two are suitable for the solarization activity, but space constraints for solar panels remains a challenge. Scheduled for 2024, the Solar Pump training invitation has been sent to the WASH Sector, attracting interest from 23 individuals representing 15 organizations.

Moreover, following the list received from OREPA on rehabilitation of hand pumps, an evaluation is underway to identify suitable pumps in accessible areas. Regarding the rehabilitation of Cholera Treatment Centers (CTC), the team has been evaluating the results of a survey conducted in June 2023 for final verification.

WASH committees have been formed in Place Clercine (composed of two women and two men) and Lycee Vincent (composed of two women and two men), with training planned for the committee members. Additionally, cleaning materials have been distributed in Place Clercine and Delmas 65, and a handwashing point has been installed at the Delmas 65 site.



Precarious living conditions in the site. © IOM Haiti 2023

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Transition and Reintegration

Regarding the community development programme, IOM made significant progress on the preparations for the Ecole Nationale Mixte Complete Soeur Theresa de Calcutta (Delmas 33) and the cleaning and rehabilitation of a water canal in Siloé (Delmas 75), in MAPAP, hosting returned migrants. The Turgeau water collection point rehabilitation is underway, with two visits performed in October 2023 to ensure smooth progress.

Community involvement remains a key focus, with dialogues held in Robillard and Lory, Milot (Cap-Haitian), allowing residents to express their desired rehabilitation projects. A committee was formed in Lory to oversee the Ti Pon Mab bridge's rehabilitation, and in Balan, a water distribution point's rehabilitation is close to completion. Assessment visits regarding the rehabilitation of the roads were conducted in Delmas 65, Delmas 31, and Delmas 17 in collaboration with the technical staff of the Delmas Town Hall.

Community engagement continues in Milot (North department), establishing a dialogue co-chaired with local authorities and civil society to prioritize rehabilitation projects.

Moreover, IOM launched a call for applications to recruit a consultant for a feasibility study that aims to explore the links between environmental degradation, climate change, and migration.

Evaluation visits were also conducted for a mini bridge in Delmas 65, and evaluations were initiated for two water canals in Delmas 17. IOM extended its assessment visits to Delmas 33 in Village Bethanie for road rehabilitation. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) were developed, serving as an internal comprehensive guide for the implementation of rehabilitation projects.



Réhabilitation de l'école Pierre Maurice à Delmas 31, Port-au-Prince. © IOM Haiti 2023

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