



IOM DG visited Haiti in April to highlight the severity of the crises.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In April, Haiti faced increased challenges, marked by surging deportations, causing internal displacement, and deteriorating humanitarian access. Over 20,000 migrants were forcibly returned—the highest monthly total in 2025. Simultaneously, armed violence in the Centre, West, and Artibonite departments displaced nearly 65,000 people. Belladère is effectively cut off from the rest of the country due to gang control of Mirebalais, trapping vulnerable populations, deported migrants, and humanitarian workers.

Despite growing insecurity, IOM and partners maintained their presence, delivering essential services including emergency shelter, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and medical referrals, while also supporting pregnant and lactating women, newborns, children, and elderly through tailored assistance.

Haiti Crisis Response Plan 2025

USD 84.5 m requested



1% funded

KEY FIGURES



76,492

people receiving IOM assistance



1,041,229

internally displaced persons



23,400

migrants forcibly returned

Water, sanitation and hygiene



41,866

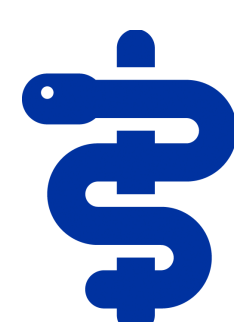
IDPs supported with WASH activities

Health and psychosocial



4,093

people received medical services



14,397

people received psychosocial services

Family reunification



24

families assisted

Displacement tracking matrix



9

information products published

Cash-based interventions



4,424

migrants received transportation assistance

Non-food items



51,120

IDPs and migrants received non-food items

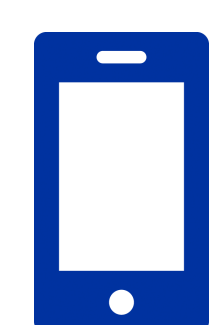
Camp management



34

IDP sites supported

Accountability to affected people



2,393

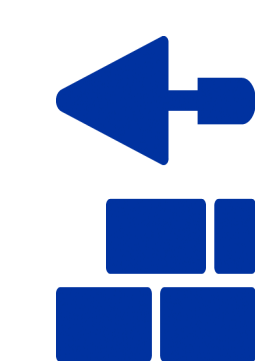
calls received through the 8840 hotline

Community stabilization



171

people were assisted with livelihood aid



11,500

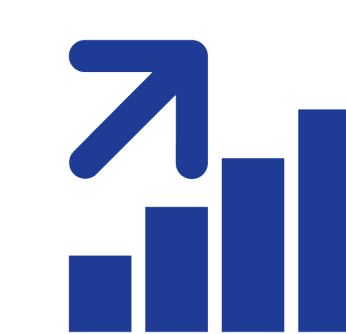
people benefited from restored community spaces

Immigration border governance



4

POLIFRONT bases provided with technical assistance



67

officers trained in border governance

Visa application center



457

visa requests facilitated

Where Hope Begins Again: IOM's Support to Deported Migrants in Haiti



An IOM staff member guides a recently deported child.

Every day, dozens of deported migrants cross the border from the Dominican Republic into Haiti. Many arrive in extremely vulnerable conditions — exhausted, disoriented, and with no clear path forward. In Ouanaminthe, in Haiti's Nord-Est department and in Belladère, in the Centre department, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), together with the Haitian National Office for Migration (ONM), stands ready to receive them with dignity, structure, and compassion.

“Some days, the stories are too heavy to carry. But we keep showing up, because they have no one else.” These words from Jean, an IOM staff member, at the Border Resource Centre (CRF) in Ouanaminthe capture the emotional toll of daily humanitarian work — and the strength behind IOM's daily operations along the Haitian border, where deported migrants arrive in vulnerable conditions.

As soon as migrants arrive on the Haitian side of the border, they are assisted by IOM and ONM teams. IOM distributes a small token to each deportee as they cross the border — a basic registration tool used to track migrants who require targeted assistance based on vulnerability criteria — a simple object, but the first step in a vital process of humanitarian assistance.

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Migrants then walk a few meters to the Border Resource Centre. Many arrive in silence, fatigued by the journey and the uncertainty that lies ahead. They are then seated and offered a hot meal, provided by World Food Programme. For some, it may be the first warm meal in days.

Following the meal, ONM staff explain the next steps: what assistance will be provided and how. IOM and ONM staff also raise awareness on the risks associated with irregular migration, and inform them on the referral system so they can access other services. This offers a sense of stability in the midst of displacement.

For many deported families, the return to Haiti is a moment of loss — but also of fragile hope. Santo, a father deported with his wife and daughter after nearly a decade abroad, expressed cautious optimism: *“Despite everything, I'm happy to be back in my country. I want to build a future for my daughter — one where she won't have to face what we went through.”*

IOM prioritizes assistance for the most vulnerable individuals — including pregnant women, unaccompanied minors, older persons, and those with medical needs. These vulnerable migrants, identified at the border, are guided to the IOM office within the ONM-run CRF. One woman, travelling alone with her two children, said quietly, *“I didn't know what would happen next — but when they called my name and gave me help, it felt like a door was opening.”*

There, they are met one by one and receive tailored assistance — including transportation support to help them travel to the province where they plan to resettle, often where family or social networks await. When needed, additional supplies such as clothing, underwear, and basic hygiene items are also distributed to restore dignity and ensure personal care.

This structured and life-saving operation is made possible thanks to the support of our donors. Continued and increased funding remains essential to sustain and expand this response, especially as the scale and frequency of deportations persist. Their contributions ensure that IOM can continue to serve those returning with little more than the clothes on their backs — and the hope of finding safety, stability, and solidarity once again.