

IOM RESPONSE TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN HAITI

10 AUGUST 2022



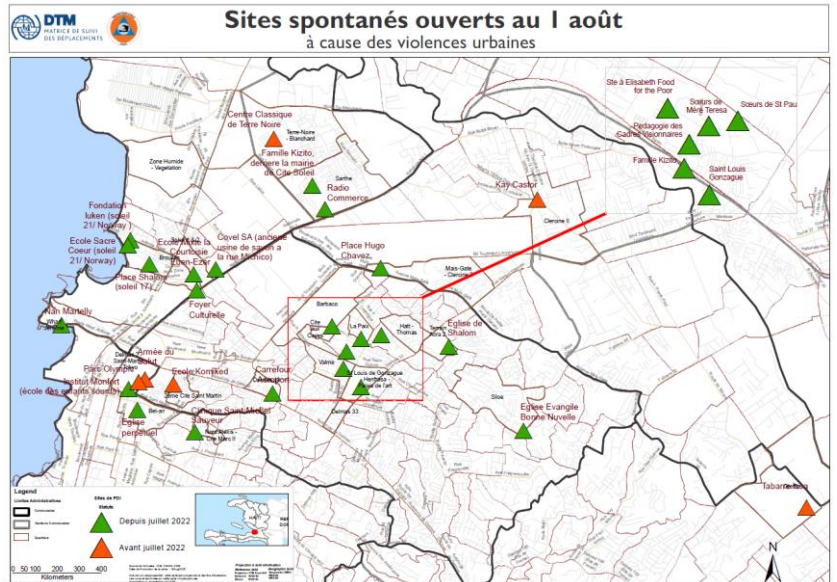
Since March 2020, an alarming increase in violence has caused the displacement of tens of thousands of families in urban and peri-urban areas of Port-au-Prince. [OCHA](#) estimates that approximately 1.5 million people, or nearly 50 percent of the capital's population, are directly affected by the violence, with restricted freedom of movement and access to basic services, and 4.5 million who need humanitarian assistance. Following clashes in the neighborhoods of Bel Air (2020) and Martissant (2021), IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) estimated that seventeen thousand people had to flee their homes in fear of their lives and were displaced in sites and host communities across the metropolitan area as of [June 2021](#). More recently, **43,332 individual displacement movements** took place between April 23 and July 22, according to estimates by IOM and the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC) through DTM's early warning system. Of these, 35,000 were triggered by armed clashes between rival gangs (400 Mawozo / Gpep and Chen Mechan / G9) in the municipalities of Croix-des-Bouquets, Cité Soleil and Tabarre in April and May, while a new wave of violence affected the commune of Cité Soleil since July 8 causing over 3,000 new displacements.

INTEGRATED RESPONSE IN CITE SOLEIL

According to data collected by the DGPC and IOM's DTM, the commune of Cité Soleil has the highest proportion of assessed neighborhoods in the Metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince reporting high or extreme needs in each of eight humanitarian sectors, including health, WASH, shelter and non-food items, food security, livelihoods, protection, education, and mental health and psycho-social support. Out of 43,332 individual displacement movements estimated by DTM and DGPC in the metropolitan area between 23 April – 22 July, **11,522 (27%) originated from Cité Soleil of whom 42% are estimated to be children**. The commune also received 6,220 new IDP arrivals within the same period, including approximately 1,300 individuals living in spontaneous sites.

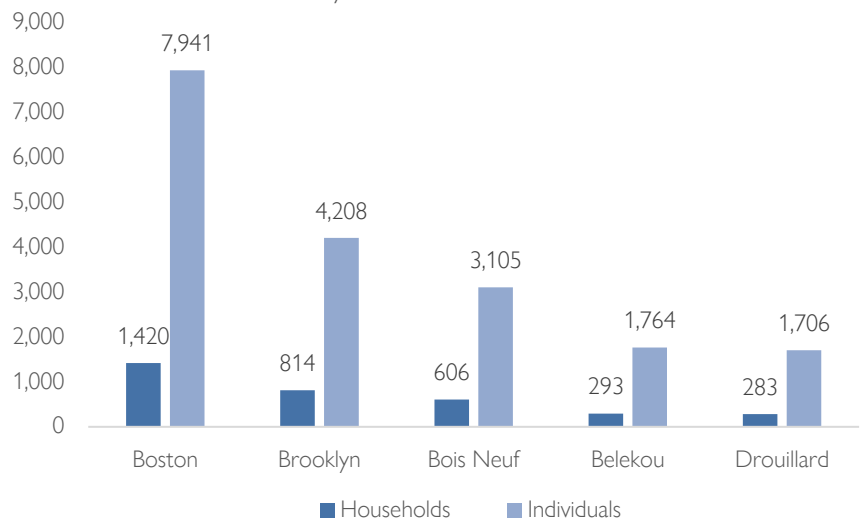
IOM participated in an inter-agency field assessment on 18 July, which revealed that dozens of houses near the frontline between the conflicting G9 and GPeP groups have been destroyed or abandoned due to the high levels of violence, particularly in the Brouklyn (Brooklyn) neighborhood. Hygiene and sanitation conditions are dramatic and made more complex by the recurrent flooding of contaminated waters due to obstructed canals. The neighbourhoods of Brouklyn, Projet Drouillard, Cité Gerard and Ti Ayiti have particularly limited access to markets and essential supplies since the frontline crosses *Carrefour La Mort*, which is the main route out of the area.

Following an escalation of armed clashes since July 8 that caused over 3,000 new displacements despite attempts by local armed groups to limit and control population movement, **IOM, WFP and UNICEF opened a humanitarian corridor to serve trapped populations**. IOM started distributing non-food items in several affected neighborhoods, reaching both IDPs and host-communities at risk of displacement. As of 10 August 2022, 12 distributions have taken place, 6 on each side of the frontline. A total of 3,600 NFI sets have been distributed including hygiene kits, baby kits, blankets, tarpaulins, fixing kits, solar lamps and jerrycans, reaching over 18,700 individuals.

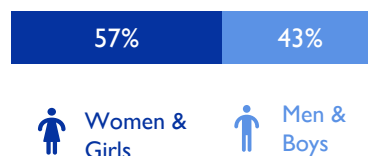


DGPC and IOM DTM have identified 24 spontaneous sites hosting new IDP arrivals since July 2022 and 6 pre-existing sites, for an estimated 7,000 IDPs living in sites

Estimated Number of Households and Individuals Reached by Distribution Area






DEMOGRAPHICS OF BENEFICIARIES



167
Persons with disabilities

IOM ASSISTANCE

-  **12** NFI distributions
-  **20,400** Individual NFI items distributed
-  **18,726** Individuals assisted

Note: Numbers are provisional as data is gathered and subject to change

INTEGRATED RESPONSE IN CITE SOLEIL - WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

In Haiti, waste management is a rampant issue, but the situation in Cite Soleil is particularly dire. The position in the lower part of the city inevitably results in waste accumulating from the upper parts of the city. This is exacerbated by the tropical seasonal rains, especially during this time of the year. In coordination with partners, IOM took the lead in starting the desludging and clearing of the waste along the roads and canals in Brouklyn. This waste was transported to the Truitier landfill following the approval and support of the two local mayors (Cit  Soleil / Truitier).




26.8m³
 Waste cleared



IDP TASK FORCE – COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

On Monday 1 August, the DGPC and the *Union des Logements et Constructions Publiques* (UCLBP) co-led with IOM the first meeting of the IDP Coordination and Management Task Force. This new forum, which brings together twice a week key government actors, national and international non-governmental organizations and UN agencies, is the result of sustained advocacy by IOM to improve operational coordination in the urban IDP response.

To inform an evidence-based prioritization of the response, the Task Force **carried out a mapping of humanitarian assistance in sites across the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince**, leveraging data from IOM’s DTM about the location and estimated population in spontaneous sites. This exercise identified important gaps, particularly in sites located in areas under the control of local armed groups. Through its participation in the IDP Task Force, IOM strives to ensure that conflict-sensitivity and protection considerations are mainstreamed by all partners in the response. IOM also continues its advocacy with government actors to identify more dignified temporary solutions during the early stages of displacement, in particular through the set up of transit centers complying with international humanitarian standards.

IOM RESPONSE IN NEW IDP SITES

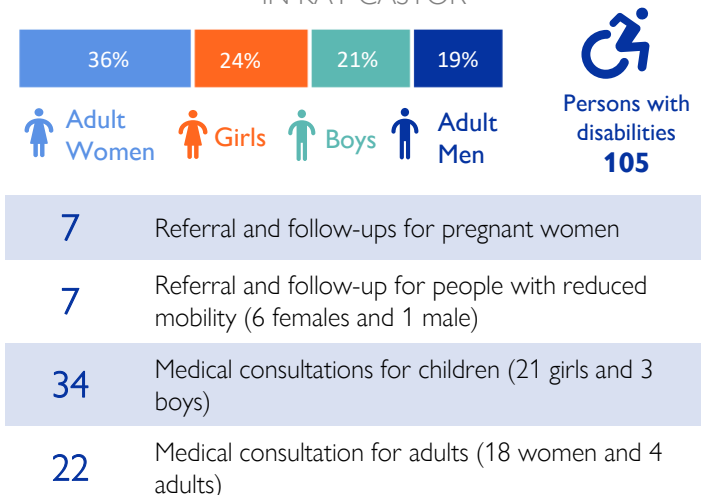
HUGO CHAVEZ

40	Hygiene kits distributed
62	Medical consultations
19	Medical kits distributed for scabies
1	Case of tuberculosis detected
20	Baby kits distributed
32	Boxes of 0 – 12 month baby milk distributed
9	Follow-up referrals for pregnant women
3	Referrals for people with reduced mobility

KAY CASTOR

On 5 August 2022, IOM undertook a registration of all IDPs residing in the site of Kay Castor in the commune of Tabarre, in preparation for their relocation and closure of the site. The IDPs had been displaced by inter-gang conflict in Croix-des-Bouquets in May. A total of 112 households were registered (264 persons).

DEMOGRAPHICS OF REGISTERED PERSONS IN KAY CASTOR



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IOM, in close coordination and collaboration with the DGPC and the UCLBP, has relocated IDPs from several sites within Port-au-Prince, allowing displaced families to return to their communities and restore spaces that were originally occupied for their purposes (schools, hospitals, sports centers, etc.).

Relocation assistance is provided by IOM to IDPs through a cash transfer program to pay rent, whereby a fixed amount of money is made available to each family to select and rent a space for one year. In addition to this rental allowance, IOM provides additional support to the most vulnerable, including transportation, medical and psychosocial support, and a short training to help beneficiaries develop an income-generating activities.

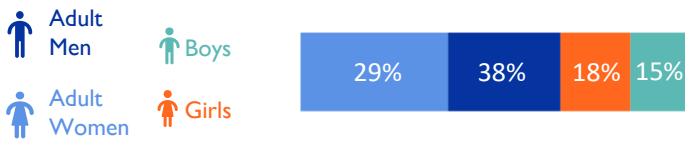
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AS OF JULY 2022

14,237
Registered IDPs
in targeted sites

4,233
Registered
households

**84% of registered
households have been
relocated**

DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE TARGET SITES



IOM ASSISTANCE

- Transportation assistance
- NFI / Hygiène kits including dignity items for women and girls and specific kits for babies.
- Specific equipment for people with disabilities
- Psychosocial support and medical insurance
- Adaptation of houses for people with disabilities

Sites	Assisted Households	Individuals	Partner	Status
Bel-Air - Lakou Mouzen	31	101	IOM	Closed
Bel-Air - Poste Marchand	48	149	IOM	Closed
Bel-Air - Fort National	52	288	IOM	Closed
Delmas 103	220	550	IOM	Closed
Parc Celtic	236	596	ADRA	Closed
Eglise St Yves	569	1,555	IOM	Closed
CS Carrefour	460	1,160	IOM	Closed
Tabarre Isa	394	2,164	IOM	In progress
Armee du Salut	1,055	3,320	IOM	In progress
Parc Olympic	496	1,566	IOM	In progress
Komiked	/	/	IOM	In progress
TOTAL	3,561	11,449		

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Signed lease agreements and households relocated

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Sites closed: Delmas 103, Lakou Mouzen, Poste Marchand, Fort National, Parc Celtic, Eglise St Yves and CS Carrefour



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RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKE OF AUGUST 14, 2021 - SOUTHERN DEPARTMENTS

On August 14, 2021, a devastating earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale struck southwestern Haiti, killing more than 2,189 people, injuring 12,268 and leaving more than 650,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance in a country suffering from alarming insecurity.

IOM, in coordination and collaboration with the DGPC and UCLBP, began a large-scale emergency humanitarian response in the departments of South, Grande Anse and Nippes through the distribution of non-food items such as hygiene kits, shelter repair kits, tarpaulins, kitchen kits, blankets, solar lamps and jerry cans. More than 30,544 items were distributed in the 3 departments in the first month following the earthquake.

The devastating earthquake also triggered the displacement of thousands of people and families in three main southern departments of the country, forced to build makeshift shelters following the partial or total destruction of their homes. As [of September 2021](#), 89 sites were identified by the DTM hosting 38,777 displaced persons.

Following the establishment of the response strategy, IOM began the relocation of IDPs from several sites, allowing displaced families to return to their communities and restore the spaces that were occupied for their original purposes (schools, hospitals, sports centers, etc.). Of the 89 sites identified in November, 32 were closed spontaneously, 11 by IOM and 7 by partners, allowing the return or relocation of more than 93% of the people displaced by the earthquake.

Relocation assistance is provided by IOM to IDPs through a cash transfer program for rent or repair. In addition to housing assistance equivalent to one year's average rent, IOM provides additional assistance to the most vulnerable, including medical support for the disabled, back-to-school assistance for large families and supplementary kits. IOM has also provided repairs to 19 key health institutions in the Grand Anse department and the south. One year after the earthquake, the population is still struggling to recover. The cost of living is rising as gang violence takes over entire neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince, the main supply route for the southern departments. Recovery needs have been estimated at nearly US\$2 billion (\$1.978 billion) by PDNA.

RELOCATION IN THE SOUTH

Estimated IDP population in sites as of July 1, 2022

2,807

Estimated number of households

948

More than **93%** of IDPs were able to return or relocate

DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE TARGET SITES



Elderly persons (+60)
2,295 / 7%

Pregnant and nursing women
1,840 / 6%

Persons with disabilities
1,894 / 6%

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IOM ASSISTANCE



More than 165,000 NFI kits distributed



More than 200 distributions



59 adapted materials for persons with a disability



147 people with disabilities who received financial assistance



19 health centers rehabilitated



324 families who received back-to-school assistance



257 individuals who have received legal support



RELOCATION ASSISTANCE IN THE SOUTH AS OF JULY 2022

Nom du Site	Ménages Assistés	Individus	Partenaire	Statu
Abri Kafou Thomas	20	46	OIM	Fermé
Abri Mormont	11	22	OIM	Fermé
Abri Philadelphia	82	199	OIM	Fermé
Abri Provisoire Laporte	32	76	OIM	Fermé
Abri Provisoire Larenn	47	119	OIM	Fermé
Centre Faugasse	50	126	OIM	Fermé
Centre Viljoin	285	633	OIM	Fermé
Kay Raynold	112	326	OIM	Fermé
Abri Suire	95	242	OIM	Fermé
Papa Numa	185	672	OIM	Fermé
Centre de Santé Publique	127	406	OIM	Fermé
Abri Marché Jeudi	249	830	CRS	Fermé
Terrain Gabion	353	1137	CRS	Fermé
Centre d'Hébergement Martineau Girodier	154	348	CRS	Fermé
Abri Lespwa	54	114	CRS	Fermé
Abri Provisoire Dumay	155	367	CRS	Fermé
Baz Anba Banbou	173	404	CRS	Fermé
Christ Capable	69	165	CRS	Fermé
Abri Ka Tijene	103	248	IOM	En cours
Eglise Mormont*	259	823	IOM	En cours
Salle de Royaume de Jehovah*	82	285	IOM	En cours
Détente Hébergement Bergeau	234	574	IOM	En cours

2,253 Families relocated

6,232 Individuals who received relocation assistance

22 Sites closed or in the process of being closed

678 Families being relocated



*The displaced persons living in the Mormont Church and Jehova Kingdom Hall have been evicted and dispersed into the local community. Although these two sites are no longer considered open, the displaced are still in need of assistance and are in the process of receiving relocation assistance.



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DONORS:

