MIGRANT RETURNS AND RECEPTION ASSISTANCE IN HAITI | AIR & SEA | SEPTEMBER 2022



OVERVIEW

In September 2022, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Haiti provided reception and post-arrival assistance to 478 adult and child migrants repatriated to Haiti by both air and sea to Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haïtien. This amounts to 21,215 repatriations in 2022, and is in addition to nearly 20,000 migrants returned and assisted in 2021. In contrast to 2021 and earlier months in 2022, when the vast majority of migrants were returned by the United States, the largest group of returned migrants in September 2022 were returned by flight from Turks & Caicos, followed by the United States, with smaller but nevertheless substantial proportions returned by other countries and territories in the region. A number of migrants were returned after being intercepted at sea by the United States Coast Guard.

The number of migrants repatriated in September 2022 (478) is much lower than preceding months, and almost 15 times smaller than in the same period the previous year (6,980). This is explained by the current context in Haiti, marked by generalized violence fuelled by violent protests and civil unrest, an increase in criminal activity, kidnappings and shootings, widespread gang warfare, both in the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince and other regions around the country. In addition, fuel shortages have had a direct impact on transportation and made it much more difficult to travel around the country. As a result, most repatriations have been put on hold.

KEY STATISTICS		September 2022	Since January 2022
Total # of migrants returned	R 2	478	21,215
Total # returned by air		395	18,668
Total # returned by sea		83	2,547

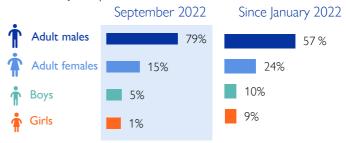


IOM staff conduct registration of migrants repatriated from the United States at the Toussaint Louverture International Airport in the capital Port-au-Prince (\bigcirc IOM Haiti Augujst 2022).

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PROFILE OF RETURNEES (%)

 Age groups of migrants returned in September 2022 and since January 2022



of migrant returns by air and sea, per week (left) and month

RETURNS BY WEEK AND MONTH

(right), and country from which migrants were repatriated 390 2021 2022 lan 207 4.523 Feb 909 1,613 Mar 601 2,561 2,923 Apr 803 May 150 5,583 286 1,896 June 917 July 86 0 1-8 Sep 9-15 Sept 16-22 Sept 23-30 Sept 130 721 Aug Sep 6,980 478 Returned from the Oct 4,730 United States 1,128 Nov Returned from other countries Dec 3,619 TOTAL 19.629 21.215

RETURNS BY REPATRIATING COUNTRY

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		September 2022		Since January 2022	
Turks &	Caicos	240	50%	1,555	7%
United	States	119	25%	14,706	69%
E Cuba		70	15%	2,913	14%
Bahama	s	49	10%	1,995	9%
Others	1	0	N.A.	46	<1%

¹ A total of **21,499** migrants have been returned from the United States between 19 September 2021 and September 2022. **Others** include Virgin Islands for April 2022 and Saint Kitts and Nevis for the rest of 2022.

REPATRIATION EVENTS



ARRIVAL LOCATION

IOM ASSISTANCE

Many returning migrants, which include unaccompanied and separated children as well as pregnant and nursing women, arrive to Haiti in highly vulnerable situations with few if any resources. Returnees are often in immediate need of humanitarian assistance, having faced a series of health and protection concerns during their journeys. IOM offers the following on-site services at airports upon arrival:

	Food and beverage during the registration process
	Unconditional and multipurpose cash assistance
	Hygiene kits for everyone, including dignity items for women and girls and specific kits for babies
•	First aid and referral to medical assistance if needed
• ••	Psychosocial support and counseling services provided by trained IOM psychologists
5	Support family reunification for unaccompanied / separated children with the Institute for Social Welfare and Research (IBESR)
	Phones available to call friends and relatives
	Protection screening by trained staff to identify vulnerable returnees and referrals to special services
8840	Availability of feedback and complaints mechanisms through IOM's free hotline 8840
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These activities are implemented jointly by IOM and the National Migration Office (ONM, by its acronym in French) in Haiti, with funding provided by:

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IOM staff discuss with members of the Haitian Red Cross as they bring repatriated migrants to be treated at a hospital in Port-au-Prince (© IOM Haiti July 2022).





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