



Photo: WFP convoy of food assistance left Les Cayes for a distribution in Maniche.

In Numbers

- **2,240** fatalities
- **12,763** people injured
- **130,000** homes damaged or destroyed
- **650,000** people affected
- **300,000** people targeted with food assistance
- **115,320** people received WFP assistance since the earthquake and **101,386** hot meals served

Highlights

- Due to the scale and the complexity of the crisis in Haiti, WFP has decided to escalate its operation to a **Level 2 (L2) emergency**.
- An **internal loan mechanism** for USD 3.5 million was approved to purchase 1,130.82 metric tons (mt) of food and assist 85,436 beneficiaries (17,087 households).
- The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis for Haiti (7 September 2021) reports 980,000 people in four departments of southern Haiti with a high level of acute food insecurity (IPC 3 and IPC 4).
- **WFP urgently requires USD 30 million to carry on the response.**

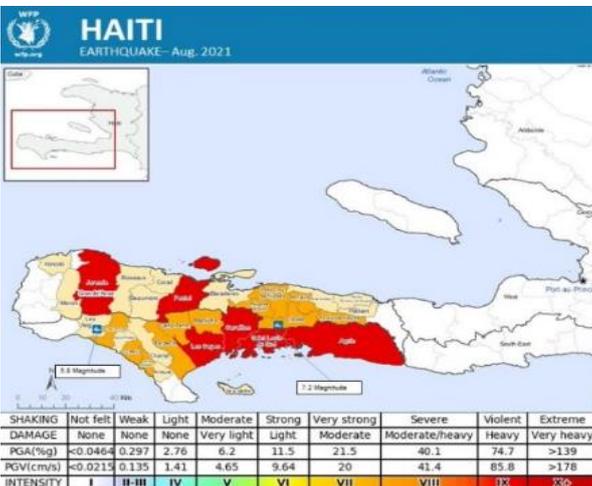
Global Humanitarian Appeal:

USD 187.3 million

WFP Requirements:

USD 30 million

Emergency Food Assistance
Common Services
Education
Nutrition



Situation Update

- A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Saturday 14 August. **Over 2,240 people died while over 12,700 were injured and 130,000 homes were destroyed or damaged.** Food, shelter and hygiene continue to be the most pressing needs among those who lost their homes and livelihoods.
- Security remains a major concern and challenge, with regular lootings of humanitarian assistance. As needs increase among the most vulnerable, large crowds of people in dire needs gathering at sites pose additional challenges during distributions.
- Sudden restrictions of movement and road blockages, caused by criminal activity and control of key routes from Port-au-Prince, continue disrupting the transportation of relief cargo, with the risk of impeding access to the southwestern part of the country.
- Despite logistics and security challenges, WFP continues to be on the front line of the response, organizing simultaneous daily distributions in rural and hard to reach areas.
- Some fuel stations in the southern cities and in Port-au-Prince are out of fuel due to the closure of ports and the volatile security situation. The Logistics Sector is currently assessing the fuel situation to map potential gaps and identify solutions. So far, WFP’s operation has not been impacted.

- WFP Haiti deployed additional staff to immediately increase capacity in the Jeremie and Les Cayes sub-offices.

WFP Response

WFP **response priorities** since the earthquake have been: **emergency food assistance, common services, education and nutrition.**



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP plans to assist 300,000 people in total with emergency food assistance and deliver up to 195,000 hot meals in hospital and internally displaced persons (IDP) sites.
- WFP is distributing in-kind food assistance every day, at multiple locations simultaneously, to ensure that those in hard-to-reach rural communities are supported in a timely manner. In the center of operation in Les Cayes, WFP is maintaining a buffer stock to ensure uninterrupted distribution of food in the event of further road blockages.
- For the current week, WFP is planning to reach over 45,000 people in the earthquake-stricken departments.
- Since the earthquake, WFP has reached a **total of 115,320 people, with over 1,300 mt** of food and **USD 285,000** in cash-based transfers in the Sud, Nippes and Grande-Anse departments.
- WFP has delivered **101,380 hot meals** to patients, family members and staff in hospitals and people internally displaced in temporary shelters in Beaumont, Duchity, Jeremie, and Les Cayes.
- **Cash-based- transfers:** Next week, WFP will start cash assistance for approximately 30,000 beneficiaries in Les Cayes.
- **Cash-for-work:** In the Sud department, WFP will support 7,500 people through a Cash-for-Work programme to conduct a 10-day work cycle four times, focusing on: rubble clearance and evacuation of connection points (i.e. roads and bridges) and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure.

Common Services



Logistics and Common Services

- WFP organizes daily convoys of humanitarian assistance to the Sud department, all secured and escorted by the Haiti National Police.
- To date, 22 convoys have been dispatched from Port-au-Prince to Les Cayes with 255 vehicles in support of 40 partners.



WFP emergency assistance at a distribution site in Beaumont

- Food supply relies mostly on road transport from Port-au-Prince to the center of operations in Les Cayes, from where it is re-dispatched to the three departments. WFP is also working on alternative supply modalities, including short-term transshipment facilities around Petite Riviere des Nippes to provide food assistance to people across the mountainous and least accessible areas of Les Nippes.
- A barge service is also available to partners from Terminal Varreux in Port-au-Prince to Carrefour, to facilitate transportation to the coastal areas. So far, WFP performed nine trips and transported cargo such as food, hygiene kits, kitchen sets and other non-food items for WFP and other humanitarian actors.
- WFP logistics provided services to set-up a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) for a medical facility of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Les Cayes. WFP is supporting Red Cross and UNICEF to erect wiikhalls for their operations in Les Cayes.



Emergency Telecommunications

- Emergency telecommunications specialists from several agencies and NGOs deployed within days of the earthquake to install a VHF tower and internet connexion at Government operation centers, United Nations facilities, NGO compounds and guest houses to ensure relief workers have access to connectivity and security communication set ups. In addition, a Push To Talk (PTT) network has been donated for emergency communications. It is being set up for WFP to ensure staff has a reliable communication system in place when deploying to the most remote areas.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- Since 14 August, UNHAS has increased rotations on the South route with 2 to 3 flights per day (from Port-au-Prince to Les Cayes and Jeremie) to respond to the immediate deployment of humanitarian staff and supplies. So far, UNHAS has

transported 804 passengers, and urgent relief supply (medicines, surgery kits, field sterilization and other assorted medical items) to affected areas. Since the earthquake, 40 flights, 15 mt of cargo have been transported between Port-au-Prince, Jeremie and Les Cayes.

Assessments

- **The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis (September 2021)** in four departments of southern Haiti (Sud, Nippes, Grand D'Anse and Sud-Est), **showed that 980,000 people currently have a high level of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3+)**. This number is expected to rise to **991,000 people** between March and June 2022 (IPC Phase 3+).
- In the Sud, Nippes and Grande Anse departments, the three earthquake-affected departments in which WFP is responding, **754,200 people are food insecure (IPC Phase 3+)**. Of these, 250,923 are in Phase 4, the Sud department being the most affected.
- According to data collected via WFP's and FAO's nationwide remote survey on food security, Grand Anse and Sud departments are experiencing a very high prevalence of insufficient food consumption (53 percent of the population for Grand Anse and 48 percent for Sud), and high prevalence for Nippes where 40 percent of the population is acutely food insecure. Results also estimate that 64 percent of the population in Grand Anse, 61 percent in the Sud and 44 percent in Nippes are employing crisis, or above crisis, levels of food-based coping strategies during the same period.
- WFP is currently working closely with its cooperating partners and the Education Sector to assess the impact of the earthquake of 14 August on schools' infrastructures in the affected areas. Preliminary data suggest that almost half of the schools supported by WFP in the Grand-Anse and Nippes departments have been damaged to varying extents. Following the finalization of this preliminary assessment, complementary field visits by specialized UN agencies, partners and WFP engineers will take place to plan school rehabilitations and reconstructions.



A family receiving WFP emergency assistance in Corail

- WFP is also assessing the market capacity in the affected regions to gradually transition to cash-based transfers, subject to market functionality, availability of financial service providers and improvement of the security conditions.

Coordination

- The Government is decentralizing the coordination of humanitarian assistance to the affected departments, mainly through the Food Security and Logistics Sectors, Meetings will be held on a weekly basis and focus on identifying needs and gaps in the response and increasing coordination at the field level.
- WFP-led Logistics Sector is actively present to offer information management and coordination services linking humanitarians to a joint strategy directed at Haiti's logistical challenges. The Logistics Sector provides an updated interactive access constraints map.

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