

# HAITI: Hurricane Matthew

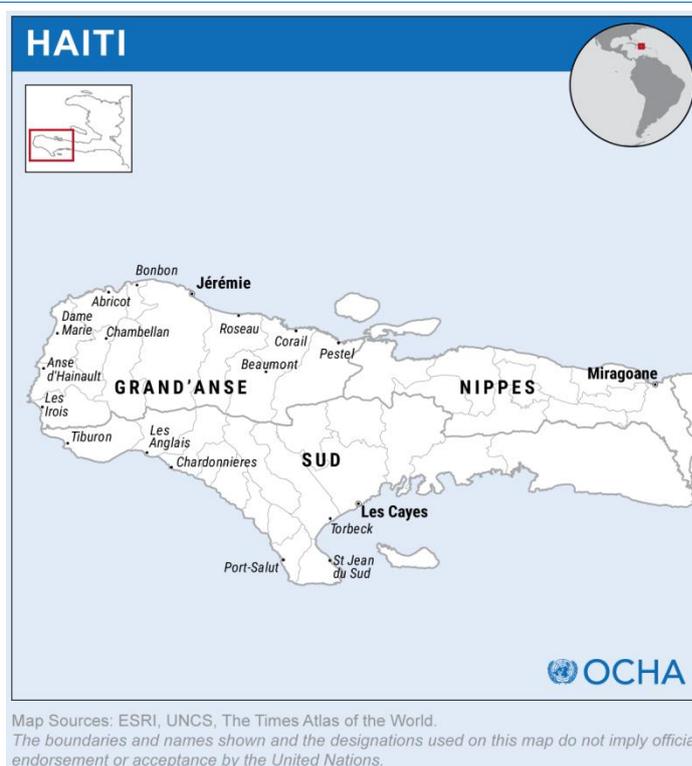
## Situation Report No. 29 (19 December 2016)



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## Main Points

- UNDP has supported the creation of Emergency employment with 123,680 daily jobs created in 10 of the most affected communes
- Access to safe water remains critical. The WASH sector reported that 42 partners in 88 communes are supporting the DINEPA in the WASH response. Water supply systems affected by Matthew are being rehabilitated by DINEPA on World Bank funds among others.
- A CERF request of 3.5 million USD is under consideration by the CERF Secretariat to assist an estimated 30,000 people, those being forcibly evicted from schools, as well as the most vulnerable people in zones of return.
- The action plan to respond to critical needs is now being rolled out in Jeremie and Les Cayes and is being complemented by a focus on hard-to-reach areas.



**170,000**

People received food in second round distribution

Source: WFP

**38,338**

Children under 5 with a global acute malnutrition risk

Source: UNICEF

**89,193**

People received Plastic sheeting

Source: Shelter/NFI sector

**142,750**

People benefited from seed distribution

Source: FAO

## Situation Overview

People displaced following hurricane Matthew continue to be sheltered in an important number of evacuation shelters more than two months after the hurricane. According to the last IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) report released on 08 December, 692 evacuation shelters have been inventoried. Of these, 344 have been assessed by DTM teams and registration data is currently available for 72 sites. Partial data show that 181 sites assessed and profiled by IOM during the DTM, are housing 9,188 households equivalent to 37,603 persons.

The occupation of schools has prevented some of the students to resume schooling and conducted to tensions and eventually lead local authorities to evict displaced populations hosted in these schools. In fact, 57% of profiled shelters are schools and approximately 11,300 people are sheltering in schools buildings, leaving an estimated 16,000 students without access to education services. Given this situation, the HCT decided to resort to CERF funding to meet the most urgent needs of those being

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evicted from shelters (mainly schools) as well as to accompany the most vulnerable people in zones of return. The CERF request is under review by the CERF Secretariat in New York and if approved will contribute to vacate schools and accompany the return of displaced population and the rehabilitation and resumption of schools for an estimated 30,000 people.

The action plan to respond to critical needs is now being rolled out in Jeremie and Les Cayes and is being complemented by a focus on hard-to-reach areas. For this purpose, an inter-sectoral coordination (ISC) meeting was held on Monday 12 December in Les Cayes and on Wednesday 14 in Jeremie to review progresses against the critical needs plan and look into the validation of the response monitoring methodology. This allowed OCHA to proceed in developing maps for the food security, WASH and shelter/ NFIs sectoral responses. Partners from all sectors in Les Cayes were requested to share distribution plans for the remote areas with WFP for flight planning and efficient use of the helicopters.

On the issue of multi-sectoral assessments in these remote areas, sector leads in Port-au-Prince are developing the tools, methodology and sampling to ensure a harmonised approach to assessing remote areas. It was agreed by the ISC in Les Cayes that the operational planning and implementation of any such assessments in the Sud would be done at the department level, drawing on local knowledge and partnerships.

Following the active/passive screening conducted by UNICEF, the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) and their partners in the affected departments by Matthew, UNICEF is projecting in the next 12 months a caseload of approximately 38,338 children under 5 suffering from global acute malnutrition in the two most-affected departments (Grand'Anse and South), of which 11,774 with severe acute malnutrition and 26,564 with moderate acute malnutrition. In the absence of a national program for the management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and especially in the two departments most affected by Matthew, UNICEF will support the MSPP in combining the management of MAS and MAM with the same product (Plumpynut) thanks to an integrated and simplified protocol.

According to the WASH sector situation report on 06 December, 475,000 people have access to safe water for drinking, food preparation and hygiene in the South, Grand'Anse and Nippes. This is 63% on a sector target of 750,000 people. Regarding the sensitization on hygiene best practices such as hand-washing in the hurricane affected areas, the WASH sector have reached 234,000 people with sensitization campaign, representing 31% out of a target of 750,000 people. The number of people with access to safety sanitation, separated Men/Women and hygienic facilities has increased despite the challenges to implement these WASH standards, from 4,300 people to 17,700 people out of a target of 200,000.

## Funding

The revised Haiti Flash Appeal seeking US\$139 million is currently 57 per cent funded. The new amount was determined by the HCT when a more precise picture of priority needs and associated financial requirements emerged after developing projects and further needs assessments. The purpose of the Flash Appeal is needed to adequately support the Government of Haiti to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs of up to 806,000 people within the first three months following the hurricane.



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## Humanitarian Needs / Response



### Early Recovery

#### Needs:

- Nearly 550,000 people affected, with particular emphasis on women, need immediate stabilization of livelihoods, access to credit for communities, and to help the rapid recovery of the local economy.

#### Response:

- UNDP has facilitated the development of 4 communal risk analysis and early recovery plans for a risk informed prioritization of short and medium term response needs. All partners are invited to align their activities to these priorities for better quality and efficiency of the humanitarian response at the communal level.
- UNDP has supported the creation of Emergency employment - immediate restoration of dignity and access to income opportunities for the affected population - toward the cleaning and recovery of critical infrastructures with 123,680 daily jobs created in 10 of the most affected communes; 19,200 meters of irrigation canal cleaned; 3,600 m of road cleared; 40,800 m<sup>3</sup> of debris and waste collected; support to the operational re-establishment of 10 communal administration (replacement of key damaged materials and equipment); creation of cash-for-work management committees (including one 100% composed of women in Abricots) and the distributions of materials and tools most of which is also being used for the resumption of agricultural activities.

#### Gaps and Constraints:

- More than 98 per cent of Haitians have been exposed to two or more types of natural disasters due to the country's long history with earthquakes, hurricanes, landslides, floods, drought, etc. The impact of disasters is particularly severe because of these vulnerabilities and deep socio-economic disparities.



### Education

#### Needs:

- At least 116,000 children between the ages of 5 and 14 require school supplies and learning materials.

#### Response:

- UNICEF has taken urgent actions to facilitate the resumption of education activities in the schools that were previously used as temporary shelters in Grand'Anse. 9 of these schools are being rehabilitated and furniture (1,680 school benches and 84 blackboards) are being delivered.
- Of the 20 schools (11 plus the additional 9 schools that were used as shelters) being rehabilitated, 4 are completely restored and already functioning and the remaining 16 will be ready to start in January.

#### Gaps and Constraints:

- Schools continued to be used as collective shelters in some parts of Grand'Anse and Les Cayes affecting the education of children.



### Emergency Telecommunications (ETC)

- As the result of a field study conducted in Jeremie and Les Cayes on how affected populations communicate and prefer to receive information, the Emergency Telecommunications working group, in coordination with Internews, will rehabilitate four community radio stations in the worst affected areas of Grand Anse and Sud. This work will start in early January.



### Food Security

#### Needs:

- The Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) conducted by FAO, WFP and CNSA in the immediate aftermath of the hurricane revealed that 1.4 million were in need of humanitarian assistance of which 806 000 in need of urgent food aid. The revision of the EFSA will be conducted by the partners between 15 and 22 December.

**Response:**

- Between 7 October and 15 December, WFP reached 720,000 people in the first round and 170,000 in the second round of distributions with a total of 11,800 metric tons of food distributed.
- Specialized nutritious food has been distributed to 12,500 children aged between 6 and 59 months and to 850 pregnant and lactating women.
- For this winter season, FAO distributed 160 tons of bean seed (DPC 40) and 6.3 million sweet potato stem cuttings. Each household received 10 kg of bean seed and 500 cuttings of sweet potato. 28,550 households (142,750 people) affected by the hurricane will benefit from this support from FAO until the end of December 2016.
- In addition, FAO will provide small fishing equipment to 1,500 fishermen from the coastal communes of the departments of the South and Grand'Anse.
- FAO mobile veterinary clinics are taking place to treat nearly 2,000 sick animals in the departments of the South and Grand'Anse.
- Since 5 December 2016, FAO, together with the decentralized structures of the Ministry of Agriculture, notably the Departmental Agricultural Directorates (DDA) and the Agricultural Commune Offices (BAC), are carrying out seed fairs in the West (Commune of Grand Goave), Artibonite (Communes of Anse Rouge, Terre Neuve and Ennery) and South (Torbeck) departments, where coupons of 1,500 gourdes are granted to farm households to buy quality seeds. A total of 3,300 farm households benefited from this cash activity, enabling them to access quality seeds. Seed fairs will also be held in the south-east department (commune of Bainet) during the next week.
- In parallel to the emergency response plan, FAO is mobilizing funds (US \$ 35 million) to support the MARNDR response plan over a 12-month period. This medium-term technical support will focus on the following 4 components: (i) Revitalization of agricultural production; (ii) Protection of domestic animals and restocking; (iii) Rehabilitation of fishing gear and equipment; (iv) Rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- So far, the shortfall for the WFP Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation amounts to 44% of requirements. USD 21 million is required to provide full food assistance rations to 800,000 beneficiaries for three months. Due to the limited funding, the ration distributed has been reduced to 83% of a full ration.
- Of the USD 9 million required by FAO under the Flash Appeal, USD 5.6 million is still missing to provide immediate crop, livestock and fisheries support to 300,000 hurricane-affected people.

**Health and Nutrition****Needs:**

- Rising cases of severe acute malnutrition, notably in Grand'Anse department have been reported according WHO/PAHO.
- The accessibility of care for women and girls in the remote localities of the departments affected by the hurricane, notably Grand'Anse and Nippes is still critical. The maternity units capacity (infrastructure and supplies particularly) regarding health care is still need to be strengthened.

**Response:**

- UNICEF is doing a catch up vaccination campaign on cholera this week complement with a Nutrition screenings. Preliminary results will be available from December 18.
- In the South department, UNICEF, MSPP and partners passive screening of 1,568 children under 5 years old by mobile clinics in 8 communes reported 60 cases of SAM (4.1%) and 60 cases of MAM (18.5%). In Grand'Anse, UNICEF partner FONDEFH conducted door-to-door MUAC screening (active) of 5,760 children under 5 years old in 3 communes, and reported 148 cases of SAM (2.6%) and 319 cases of MAM (5.5%).
- In the South Department, UNICEF, in partnership with AVSI, increased the number of functional outpatient treatment centres up to 25, from the original 8 that were left standing after hurricane Matthew. Two additional in-patient centres have also been restored.

- In Grand'Anse, and with UNICEF partners FONDEFH, Save the Children, and MDM, the number of functional malnutrition treatment centers was increased to 19 providing outpatient treatment from the original 5 left standing, and 2 that support the inpatient treatment programme.
- UNFPA has put in place an emergency tent fully equipped for the temporary delivery in health services in the commune of Beaumont, in the Grand'Anse department.
- 272 Emergency Reproductive Health Kits have been delivered by UNFPA to 15 health facilities across South, Grand'Anse and Nippes, which can serve up to 3,500 patients each for three months; the kits include condoms and other contraceptives, kits for rape treatment and kits for clinical delivery and will contribute to reducing HIV and STI transmission, prevent and manage the consequences of sexual violence, prevent excess neonatal and maternal morbidity and mortality.
- 957 women were consulted during the UNFPA mobile clinics organized in Grand'Anse and Nippes, during the last 3 weeks.
- 322 pregnant women benefited from prenatal consultations during these same mobile clinics facilitated by the midwives deployed by UNFPA in coordination with the Government in these two departments.
- 922 women benefited from health care in the maternal and neonatal health facilities in these two departments (in the same period).
- 200 births were assisted by midwives and other health providers in facilities supported by UNFPA in those 2 departments
- Save the Children (SC) mobile clinic teams end on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Support continues in four MSPP sites; Ferme le Blanc in Torbec, Mersan in Camp Perrin and Citi Med and Mouline in Beaumont.
- Up to the 12th of December Save the Children supported clinics have reached over 7,682 people including 496 pregnant women and 3,152 children under 5 years old.
- SC support Oral Respiration Patients (ORPs) in Yogues, Poteau in Torbeck and Mouline in Beaumont. They have treated 29 cases, 9 referred and 20 discharged in Poteau, 3 cases referred from Yogues and one case in Mouline.

#### Gaps and Constraints:

- The Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), presented by the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation on November 28, 2016 estimated for the health sector needs for rehabilitation and resilience amounting to USD 230 million.
- UNFPA remains concerned about the difficult realities that the women and girls of Nippes and Grand'Anse continue to face, especially with regard to consumables namely food and water.
- Needs in maternal and newborn health services are still immense.
- The sustainability of the humanitarian response must be ensured in order to guarantee women's right to health.



#### Logistics

##### Response:

- In response to the increasing need for transport to hard-to-reach communities, as of 9 December two WFP helicopters are based in Les Cayes for the transport of cargo to isolated destinations and a third aircraft (fixed wings plane) was deployed for the transport of passengers and light cargo between Port au Prince, Les Cayes and Jérémie.

#### Gaps and Constraints:

- Access to mountainous communities remains challenging because of the network of inadequate, damaged or non-existent roads.



#### Protection

##### Needs:

- Multifaceted support addressing emotional, physical and security needs for women and girls affected by the hurricane is urgently needed.

**Response:**

- UNICEF child protection support to the most vulnerable families identified during the distribution done to families in the schools is going on. Child friendly spaces are being supported in different areas of the region.
- UNFPA has organized a 3-day workshop for the strategic planning of the GBV sub-sector in Jérémie on 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, with the central coordinator of the MCFDF and its departmental coordinators from South, Nippes and Grand'Anse, representatives of the MSPP, the police sub-commissioner, representatives of the PNH, the IBESR, women's organizations (SOFA, Fanm Deside, UNOFTRAG), the IMC, IDETTE, field agents of the MCFDF for the Grand'Anse and the UNFPA consultants on GBV for the South and Grand'Anse.
- UNFPA has provided the MCFDF with office supplies and furniture, including computer equipment, to strengthen the Departmental Coordination of the Ministry.
- UNFPA provided hygiene kits to more than 600 vulnerable women in Nippes and Grand'Anse.
- IDETTE NGO carried out, from 04 to 06 December 2016, the vulnerability analysis of households that left the 4 schools in Jeremie. Out of 669 households, 105 are classified as highly vulnerable, 243 are classified as vulnerable, 321 are classified as less vulnerable and 50 have received assistance since their resettlement.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- UNFPA is concerned about the fragility of women and girls following the hurricane and the multifaceted support that they need and which is not yet fully in place.

**Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)****Needs:**

- Haiti Shelter and NFI Working Group reported that 1,579,900 persons were affected by hurricane Matthew regarding shelter and non-food items. Among them, 175,000 persons have been left without housing and 44,299 are affected female headed households.

**Response:**

- During the first 60 days of the response (October 4 – December 4), Shelter/NFI sector partners have achieved 89,193 households who received plastic sheeting;
- 67,487 households received blankets during the same period;
- 64,018 households have received hygiene kits;
- 50,847 households have received kitchen kits;
- 35,717 households have received jerrycanes;
- 23,231 people received technical information and sensitization on safer repair and reconstruction techniques;
- 21,838 households have received shelter kits;
- 7,175 households have received toolkits;
- 2,075 households have received CGI (Cash Grant Initiative) kits.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- Access to quality construction material is a real challenge as at local market stock you can find only poor quality material.
- Lack of financial resources for durable solutions is another constraint. Current funding pipeline aimed mainly at the emergency phase and additional financial resources are needed for more durable solutions for a wider caseload of affected people.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)****Needs:**

- An estimated 750,000 people require safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene.

**Response:**

- The WASH sector continues its effort to improve access to safe water for displaced families and in vulnerable areas. Support has been provided to help rehabilitating schools used as shelters by displaced families.

- Critical next steps will be to accelerate activities related to hygiene promotion and Community engagement to finalize a transition strategy from emergency humanitarian support to post emergency resilience building activities.
- The WASH sector has reported that 42 partners in 88 communes are supporting the DINEPA in the WASH response. 30 are intervening in Water, 29 in Hygiene but only 10 in Sanitation.
- 71 water supply systems affected by Matthew are being rehabilitated by DINEPA on World Bank funds and all are supported by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for chlorination.
- 36 WASH Rapid Response cholera team are active for 3 weeks in Grande Anse and South.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- Additional efforts need to be made to reach out isolated rural areas.

## General Coordination

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UNICEF convened the inaugural task force meeting on Nutrition in Les CAYES and the group has advanced with partner mapping by commune and by type of intervention. All partners were encouraged to report their activities at the section communal level, plus indicate the proportion of the population targeted by these interventions, to estimate coverage and identify gaps. WFP and its partners have agreed to conduct nutritional screening of children included in the blanket supplementary feeding program in the Sud department. The screening will take place in local health centres and is an opportunity to identify and refer cases of SAM and MAM to the relevant health structure or service.

The use of military escorts by humanitarian partners continue to be subject to a rigorous assessment of need and OCHA continue to advocate for alternatives to escorts, including an increase in local patrolling and engagement with the communities. To ensure better planning of escort requests during this end of the year, OCHA informed humanitarian partners that convoys of electoral material on 15 and 16 December by the MINUSTAH and PNH will have an impact on the number of elements (UNPOL, FPU and PNH) available for securing humanitarian convoys. MINUSTAH also reiterated its commitment to carry out the security of humanitarian convoys until January 25, 2017 in relation with the planned second round of legislative elections.

The weekly cash steering committee met on Tuesday 13 December in Port-au-Prince to discuss and review comments on cash transfer standards, discuss common beneficiary data base and share UNDPs cash for work approaches in emergency and recovery phases. The draft cash standard will be shared with the wider cash working group to gather comments and review for final use and circulation. Suggestions and action points were made in the meeting to get information on minimum basket value for all sectors and of minimum monthly household expenditure to define multipurpose grant. The 4Ws template will also be reviewed based on field suggestions to make it a useful tool for the sector. Cash working groups are also being developed at field level. The first meeting took place in Jeremie on Thursday 15 December. Participants reviewed ToRs and possible lead and co-lead. Decision will be taken in next week session. For Les Cayes, the first cash working group meeting will be on Wednesday 21 December.

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