

# HAITI: Hurricane Matthew

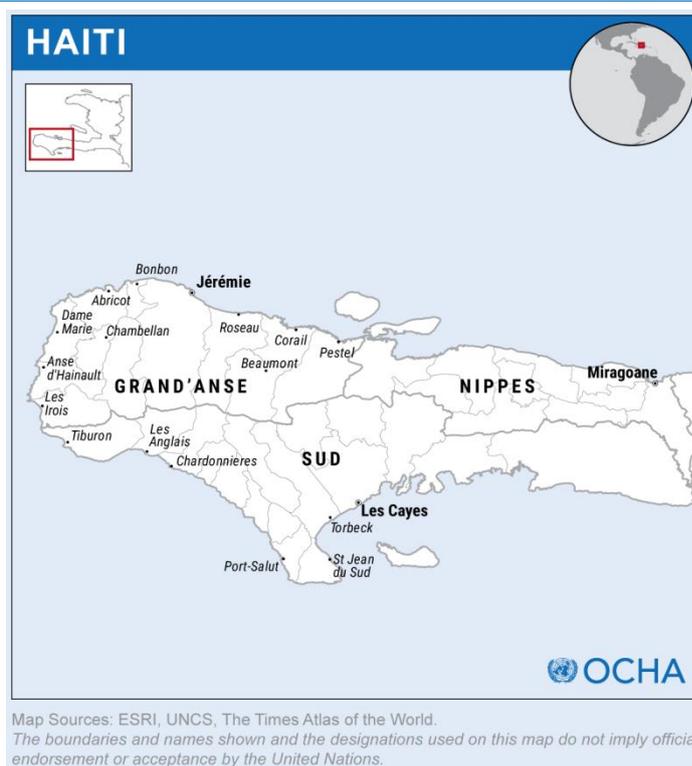
## Situation Report No. 31 (09 January 2017)



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## Main Points

- The security situation in Grand'Anse has deteriorated following the arrest of senator-elect Guy Philippe, on 05 January with many demonstrations and road blocks reported and affecting humanitarian operations which were either temporarily suspended or limited
- The preliminary results of a new Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) show that food security and availability in markets have improved in the communes affected by Matthew with the levels of inadequate food consumption decreasing in both Sud and Grand'Anse.
- The issue of school eviction in Jeremie is being gradually addressed by local authorities with the support of the humanitarian community to enable the resumption of school year on this 09 January. A total of 10 schools were identified in the Grand'Anse region with a focus on 6 schools with significant caseload, totaling 429 families.



**15,700**

Households provided with seeds three months on

Source: FAO

**807,395**

Individuals living in high-risk areas, including the hurricane zone, received cholera vaccine

Source: UNICEF

**300,241**

Individuals provided with safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene

Source: UNICEF

**1,168,849**

Beneficiaries reached with food assistance in first and second round distributions

Source: WFP

## Situation Overview

Following the arrest of senator-elect Guy Philippe, on 05 January, many demonstrations and road blocks were reported in Jeremie (Grand'Anse). As a result, on 06 January, humanitarian operations in Grande-Anse were either temporarily suspended or limited and non-essential staffs were advised to stay at home. The situation remains volatile but it is also under observations by all the key humanitarian partners so that it is not affecting the ongoing humanitarian response in Grand'Anse. Plans for daily demonstration in Jeremie from today till 14<sup>th</sup> January were communicated to the PNH by supporters of the arrested senator-elect.

Local authorities continue to push for a fully reestablishment of schools and have projected the resumption of school year on 09 January, as a new milestone to ensure the return of all children to

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school, is effective. A series of meetings were held in Jeremie during the past week with humanitarian partners to discuss the possibility of assisting the families that still sheltered in the schools and facilitate the resumption of courses for thousands of students.

A total of 10 schools were initially identified in the department of Grand'Anse (some with a very little caseload) and the humanitarian actors agreed to focus on 6 schools (5 in Jeremie and 1 in Pestel) with significant caseload, totaling 429 families. Due to the short timeframe to vacate the schools, it was identified a temporary shelter where the most vulnerable could be hosted while partners worked on durable solutions. The DPC and Mayor suggested few options (empty plots of land, other empty collective shelter) and humanitarian partners including IOM, ACTED, JPHRO outlined the strategy/methodology to carry out this relocation. WFP will include the target population of the school in their second round distribution which will be in cash and UNICEF is preparing with partners to rehabilitate the schools once vacated.

The urgency is even stronger as not all children have returned in the schools that have opened. A risk of clashes between students and people displaced in schools remains high appealing to an urgent relocation of families in order to carry out the sanitation and rehabilitation of schools. In fact, following extensive evaluation in Grand'Anse, it also revealed that education is still affected by the important number of schools destroyed or damaged by the hurricane. 175 schools were completely destroyed and 137 damaged (public and non-public schools) representing another challenge for the restart of education in the region.

The preliminary results of a new Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) conducted by FAO, WFP and CNSA show that food security and availability in markets have improved in the communes affected by Matthew and where WFP intervened in Priority one zones, mainly in Grand'Anse and Sud regions. In both Sud and Grand'Anse, the levels of inadequate food consumption decreased respectively from 79 percent after the hurricane to 41 percent two months later and from 78 percent to 54 percent. However, the need to continue providing food assistance and retargeting interventions as well as initiating recovery efforts to avoid further deterioration of levels of food security remains. Other areas of the country show high levels of food insecurity in areas such as La Gonave, North West and Nippes.

The EFSA also helped assess the impact of an introduction of the cash based transfers interventions for foods by showing that the food basket of 2,000 Kcal varies per region. Within the Nippes and Sud regions it will cost around 150 Gourdes per day for a family of 5 people, 4,500 Gourdes for a monthly family ration while in Grande'Anse and given the higher prices after the hurricane, the same food basket will cost 175 Gourdes per family of 5 people, 5,000 Gourdes a ration monthly.

The identification of priority areas for shelter assistance is ongoing using various data sources; the sector is currently mapping buildings damages per commune and per "*section communale*" for the early recovery and more durable response. Two maps for Grand Anse were released last week for Roseaux and Moron and more priority areas will be identified based on level of damages sustained by houses. Next maps for Grand Anse will target Abricot, Bonbon and Dame Marie.

A recent preliminary report by the "*Bureau du Secrétaire d'Etat à l'Intégration des Personnes Handicapées (BSEIPH)*" in Sud region illustrates the impact and the current response to Hurricane Matthew on people living with disabilities. The Sud region has about 774,976 inhabitants, according to the "*Institut Haitien de Statistique et d'Informatique*" data. Given that 10% of the population is estimated living with a disability, the report estimates that the number of people with disabilities is around 7,700 people in the Sud which likely 65% were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

The BSEIPH was able to assess a provisional number of 1,235 people with disabilities directly affected by the hurricane among them 207 people which are in specialized institutions for disability. The assessment was done in 12 communes in the Sud in collaboration with two local organizations *FONTEN* and *RANIPH Sud* and with the support of IOM and Handicap International. OCHA has been coordinating partners' response in one those specialized institutions, the SSHA School for the visually impaired.

## Funding

Launched on 10 October by the HCT, the revised Haiti Flash Appeal is currently 62 per cent funded representing US\$86.5 million on US\$139 million requested. The purpose of the Flash Appeal is 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.

Main donors to the Flash Appeal are: The United States (\$42.9 million or 50 per cent), the United Kingdom (\$5.7 million or 7 per cent), Canada (\$4 million or 5 per cent), Sweden (\$3.1 million or 4 per cent), and Ireland (\$2 million or 2 per cent). The highest non-Member State contributor to the Flash Appeal is the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) with \$10.3 million (or 12 per cent) of the total funding to date.



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## Humanitarian Needs / Response

### Education

#### Needs:

- UNICEF and sector partners have identified 1,633 schools in need of repairs, affecting approximately 190,000 children.

#### Response:

- UNICEF supported rapid resumption of classes at 40 schools in Grand'Anse through the distribution of tarps and tents, benefitting more than 10,000 children. A further 14 school structures have been rehabilitated by UNICEF, supporting the return to school of approximately 5,000 children.
- In Grand'Anse, 146 schools were able to resume classes according to UNICEF.
- Of the 28 schools that have served as temporary shelters, 19 are no longer occupied and UNICEF and its partners ACTED and CEEC have carried out sanitation work.

#### 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)

- The ICT/ETC working group is committed to helping communities' access vital humanitarian information using familiar means and technology. The working group will improve community radio stations' abilities to transmit important, localized messages and invite increased community dialogue on humanitarian issues. In coordination with *Internews*, four radio stations in the worst affected areas of Gande-Anse and Sud will be rehabilitated and provided with basic power and ICT support by the end of January 2017. This will equip them to receive, create and transmit humanitarian broadcast

content with the involvement of local communities, media, humanitarian actors and local authorities, in support of interagency and government efforts to improve community communication and feedback on the response.

- The ICT working group will continue to provide internet connectivity at the Centre d'Opérations d'Urgence Départemental in Jeremie and Les Cayes, with a hot spot for Humanitarians at the logistics bases in both locations. This service was used by 1,019 humanitarians from 217 organizations, across 16 different offices and hubs with up to 285 users connected each day. This service was provided in partnership with WFP, *Ericsson response*, *Emergency.lu* and *Telecom Sans Frontier (TSF)*.



## 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. A new EFSA has been finalized and preliminary results are expected next week.
- Due to widespread losses of crops (up to 100 percent in some areas of Grande-Anse), livestock and seeds, the next harvest expected in early 2017 could be seriously affected, exacerbating and prolonging acute food insecurity well into this year.

### Response:

- Between 7 October 2016 and 05 January 2017, WFP provided food assistance to 912,894 beneficiaries in the first round of distributions and 255,955 in the second round of distributions with a total of 14,096 metric tons of food distributed.
- Approximately 80 metric tons of specialized nutritious food has been distributed to 13,700 children aged between 6 and 59 months during the 1<sup>st</sup> round of distributions and to 10, 903 children during the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. In addition 1,400 pregnant and lactating women were assisted with specialized food in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and 2,980 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.
- FAO is in the process of planning and preparing the spring campaign.
- Care International distributed 8 tons of beans seeds and began providing cash for seeds to 20 groups of 30 people in the communes of Roseaux and Jeremie. This cash distribution will extend, as early as next week, in the communes of Moron, Chambellan and Dame Marie.
- On 30 December, the first cash-based transfers (CBT) were made through WFP's partner *CESVI* to a total of 16,960 people. More specifically, in Grand'Anse region, WFP's partner, *CESVI* provided CBT to 11,445 people in Corail and 5,515 people in Pestel.
- Meanwhile, beneficiary registration continues. In Grande-Anse, *Catholic Relief Services (CRS)* has completed the registration of beneficiaries in Anse d'Hainault and *Samatarian Purse* has completed registration in Trou Bonbon. *AVSI* is currently registering beneficiaries in Beaumont and the process is expected to be completed by 09 January. In Sud region, *AVSI* has completed the registration of beneficiaries in Camp Perrin. *AVSI* completed the registration and distribution of SIM cards to beneficiaries in Port Salut communes and the first cash-transfers will be available starting mid-January.
- In the framework of the WFP Cash Based Transfers for food security, its partner *AVSI* has engaged the "*Comite Communautaire de Coordination (CCC)*" and the "*Ministère des Affaires Sociales et du Travail (MAST)*" to finalize the list of beneficiaries for Port Salut (Grande-Anse region). *AVSI* and *CRS* are coordinating with DIGICEL to inform beneficiaries and ensure cash is available for collection at MonCash agents before mid-January.

### Gaps and Constraints:

- WFP aims to support the next planting season by implementing Cash for Assets (CFA) activities focused on agriculture for three months at a cost of approximately USD 20 million. Numbers are being adjusted based on the results of EFSA, which will help to inform the targeting and response plan. However, to date WFP has received only USD 2 million (10 percent) of the funding needed for the implementation of these recovery activities.
- Of the USD 9 million required by FAO under the Flash Appeal, USD 5.6 million is still unfunded 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 region have been reported. The rehabilitation of nutrition treatment posts in Sud and Grand' Anse to treat increase of malnutrition cases estimated in the area, is now urgent like the rehabilitation of Nutritional Stabilization Unit to treat most severe cases of malnutrition in Immaculée Conception Hospital in Les Cayes.
- An increase in diphtheria cases throughout the country have been reported and the MSPP and its partners among them PAHO/WHO are assessing the situation, defining strategies and estimating the needs, especially in terms of vaccination.

### Response:

- Cholera vaccination campaign in Côtreaux commune in Sud region was finalized by MSPP with MsF-Belgium logistical support and PAHO/WHO technical support. 13,799 people over 1 year of age were vaccinated.
- Due to an increase in diphtheria cases throughout the country, PAHO supplied MSPP with 150 vials of anti-diphtheria serum that were distributed to all regions the week of Christmas by MSPP.

### Gaps and Constraints:

- The Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), presented by the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation (MPCE), estimated that rehabilitation and resilience building needs for the Health sector amount to USD 230 million.



## Logistics

### Response:

- The WFP chartered vessel has carried out its fourth rotation and arrived in Anse d'Hainault on Thursday morning, 29 December. The Logistics Working Group is facilitating the discharge of 208 MT of food transported by sea on behalf of WFP.
- On 28 December the Logistics Working Group in Jeremie facilitated the delivery of 23MT of food items on behalf of DKH to be distributed to Bonel, and 800 mosquito nets on behalf of WHO.
- The WFP chartered vessel "Princess Sam" is in Port au Prince preparing for its fifth sea transport rotation of food and NFIs to the destination of Anse d'Hainault.

### Gaps and Constraints:

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



## Protection

### Needs:

- According to IOM registration data in public shelters, 57 per cent of households registered are female headed. 10 per cent of those households mentioned that they were contemplating sending their children to family members within Haiti while 3 per cent had received offers from strangers to take care of their children, raising concerns from UNICEF Child protection about possible protection issues for children.

### Response:

- In Sud region, psycho-social activities have been established in Camp Perrin, Chantal, Torbeck and Roche a Bateau by UNICEF Child protection, although coverage of affected areas between Les Cayes and Les Anglais remains incomplete due to difficulties in identifying partners.
- In Grand'Anse, Fanm Deside, a local women's group, and CISAME, a local psychologists' association, have both partnered with UNICEF to support referral systems, community-based mental health mechanisms, emergency accommodation, and transportation for survivors of GBV in need.
- In Grand'Anse, UNICEF partner IDETTE has been instrumental in supporting the registration process of families at risk of evictions from shelters and has been providing psycho-social support to 600 families and material assistance to 15 most vulnerable households. 50 additional families at risk of

eviction were also identified as in need of assistance and their specific needs are currently being assessed.

#### Gaps and Constraints:

- Concerns 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, remains more than two months after the hurricane.



### 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:

- The shelter sector and its partners have pursued distributions of NFIs this past weeks : as of 21 December and since the beginning of the response 37,233 blankets, 18,166 jerrycans, 38,923 hygiene kits, 29,913 kitchen kits and 92,030 tarpaulins have been distributed.
- Partners whose requests have been approved have two weeks to pick up the NFIs before cancellation and reallocation of the NFIs to others partners to avoid further delays in distributions.

#### 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 created a working group on the standardization of tools in the zones of intervention and developed an exit strategy of activities of water supply. Alternative rapid rehabilitation activities have been identified.
- In the two months since Matthew, UNICEF has delivered safe water to over 281,000 individuals, including 118,000 children on a recurring basis.
- UNICEF continues its support to National Directorate for Water and Sanitation (DINEPA) in Grand'Anse for the daily distribution of clean water to 19,200 individuals in the communes of Jeremie and Roseaux, and supports DINEPA in monitoring of the chlorination levels of the water distributed via emergency systems and ensuring close follow-up of UNICEF partner water systems rehabilitation work done in the commune of Moron, servicing around 10,000 people.
- In the Sud region, UNICEF has a new partner to ensure that 30 schools, previously used as shelters, have adequate sanitation for their reopening. A mass hygiene-sensitization campaign, using MSPP messages, took place in markets and other gathering places, reaching approximately 15,000 people in five different locations.
- UNICEF is supporting the WASH sector to identify exit strategies for each of the 18 emergency water treatment units which are to be phased out as repairs are completed on pre-existing systems. UNICEF is also assisting WASH partners in the analysis and prioritization of rehabilitation efforts for the water supply systems.

#### Gaps and Constraints:

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

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## General Coordination

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On 3 January, the Humanitarian Coordinator organized a meeting in Port-au-Prince on the situation of school shelters in Jeremie with UNICEF, UNFPA, OCHA, OHCHR, ACTED, PAM and IOM. Discussions focused on the planned evictions and about the use of a multi-purpose cash transfer in support of displaced persons that should be further reviewed by the Cash-working group in Jeremie.

On 5 January, in Port-au-Prince, members of the Core Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) convened to discuss the planned relocations of people sheltering in school facilities in Jeremie (Grand'Anse region) following the passage of Hurricane Matthew. The core inter-sector in Jeremie decided to focus on six out of 10 affected schools housing about 400 families. Of the buildings in question, five are located in Jeremie and one in Pestel. IOM added that two schools in the area had already been fully emptied, one of which hosted 70 families.

On 5 January, the Cash working group meeting was held in Port-au-Prince. During the meeting, OCHA presented the 3W cash map to the group and gave an update on the situation of the shelters-schools in Jeremie. OCHA recalled that the cash working group of Jeremie would define the modalities of the multi-use cash transfer for the vulnerable families of the shelters-schools in Jeremie and that the national cash working group should advance on the definition of values and modalities of monetary transfer and the constitution of the basket.

As part of the civilo-military coordination, on 28 December, OCHA visited the town of Roseaux-Bois, 26 km from Jeremie, to ensure the support of the security forces to humanitarian activities. The PNH, UNPOL and FPU have supported to secure NGO CESVI's operations of distribution of food to more than 5,000 people. During December 2016, at least 64 armed escort missions of humanitarian convoy and securing of humanitarian aid distributions were provided by MINUSTAH forces in support of PNH under the coordination of OCHA. A slight increase in requests for armed escorts compared to November 2016 when 55 armed escort missions were carried out.

Internews with the support of the humanitarian community focal points, released on 3 January a new report of Sak di Sak Vre ("What is said, what is true"), a digest for communities affected by Hurricane Matthew, which investigates rumors and debunks misinformation collected from affected communities. Rumors and issues addressed in this edition were related to a new disease affecting the small millet, a basic meal for Haitian and how to address it for farmers; a misinformation on the cholera vaccine and a wrong belief its causing the *shigelloses* commonly known as *cholérine* with strong diarrhoea for drinking unclean water; and on a false information that plastic sheeting may cause cancer which was demonstrated to be totally wrong.

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