

# HAITI: Hurricane Matthew

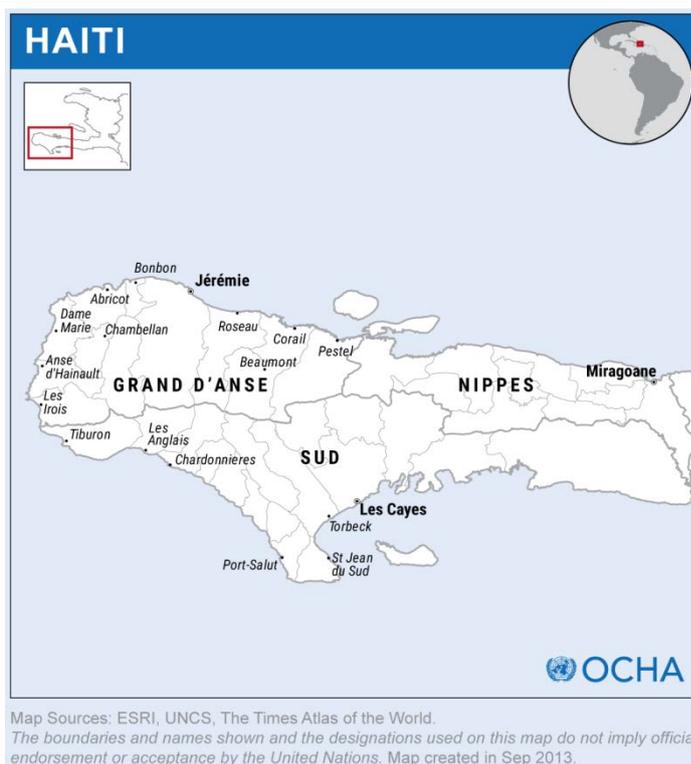
## Situation Report No.34 (2 February 2017)



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## Main Points

- A minimum expenditure basket for recurrent Multi-Purpose Grant (MPG) transfers was recently agreed for piloting in Haiti. The MPG involves three sectors: Food Security, WASH and Shelter/NFIs.
- WFP has established a hotline service to allow people affected by the hurricane to ask questions and provide feedback on assistance provided, including cash-based transfers.
- The Logistics Working Group is providing air transport support to *Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)* to deliver assistance in hard-to-reach villages and areas of Sud and Grand'Anse regions.
- With the end of the emergency phase drawing closer, a number of health partners are moving out of Sud and Grand'Anse regions.



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**2,000**

People received cash-based transfers in Port-Salut (Sud Region) last week

Source: WFP

**5,655**

Children under 5 were provided with specialized nutritious food between 19-26 January 2017

Source: WFP

**23,953**

People have received soap on a regular basis to meet hygiene needs in Grand'Anse

Source: WASH Sector

## Situation Overview

The Cash Steering Committee reached a consensus on the basket of items of the Multi-Purpose Grants (MPG) to be used for recurrent unconditional MPG transfers. The basket includes food, hygiene, and non-food items as well as a percentage for other products (transportation, medicines, communication, fuel, etc.). The transfer value will be determined on the basis of a price and gaps analysis currently underway. The MPG will be piloted in Les Cayes with CERF funding.

Another type of MPG to respond to seasonal or one-off needs will be designed with the Early Recovery and Livelihoods Sector for the rapid recovery phase. MPG distributions will require careful targeting of beneficiaries for which beneficiary selection criteria are being developed.

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With respect to Communication with Communities (CWC), WFP has established a hotline service to allow people affected by the hurricane to ask questions and give feedback on assistance provided by WFP, including cash-based transfers. Information about this service was aired on 21 January during a creole-language Internews radio programme broadcasted across Haiti. Telecommunications equipment for a Community Radio project being implemented by WFP with Internews has arrived in country. This project seeks to rehabilitate four local community radio stations to improve their ability to transmit important, localized messages and invite increased community dialogue on humanitarian issues. These radio stations should be operational by mid-March.

## Funding

The Haiti Flash Appeal launched on 10 October 2016 has received to date US\$88.9 million of the US\$139 million requested, which represents a funding level of 63.9 per cent. The purpose of the Flash Appeal was to adequately support the Government of Haiti to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs of up to 806,000 affected people following the hurricane.



Main donors to the Flash Appeal are the United States (\$42.9 million or 48.3 per cent), the United Kingdom (\$5.8 million or 6.5 per cent), Canada (\$4 million or 4.5 per cent), Belgium (\$3.8 million or 4.3 per cent), Sweden (\$3.1 million or 3.5 per cent), and Ireland (\$2.1 million or 2.4 per cent). The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has contributed \$10.4 million, or 11.7 per cent of the total funding to the Flash Appeal.

Humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's [Financial Tracking Service \(FTS\)](#) of cash and in-kind contributions by emailing [fts@un.org](mailto:fts@un.org). Inquiries from the private sector for offers of in-kind and pro-bono services can be directed to [pss@un.org](mailto:pss@un.org). Commercial offers are invited to visit <http://www.ungm.org> for more information.

## Humanitarian Needs / Response



### Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

#### Needs:

- 40 households sheltered in the school Mapou Simon in Les Cayes in the Sud Region were pressured by the community to leave the school on 22 January and remain sheltered in the neighboring area. Efforts are underway to identify a shelter partner to provide assistance to these families. 95 households hosted in three other schools in the commune of Les Cayes are at risk of eviction.
- 90 households in a school in Pestel (Grand'Anse) are also at risk of eviction.

#### Response:

- An NFI distribution organized on 27 January for the families of Mapou Simon school had to be interrupted due to security concerns and will take place as soon as possible. Vulnerability cases detected during registration were shared with protection actors.
- In the Grand'Anse Region, partners are working to assist the families in four collective centres in the city of Jeremie: Ecole Professionnelle, Lycée des Jeunes Filles, Kay Marie Flaure, and Ecole Chrétienne.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- Overall partners' capacity is insufficient to provide tailored relocation solutions to the population displaced by Hurricane Matthew in their areas of origin.


**Education**
**Needs:**

- UNICEF and sector partners have identified 1,633 schools in need of repairs.

**Response:**

- In Grand'Anse Region, 75 schools have been rehabilitated out of 202 targeted. UNICEF has rehabilitated 29 of them and is now rehabilitating an additional 53.
- Agreements were signed with CARE and the "*Conseil Episcopal pour l'Education Catholique (CEEC)*" for the rehabilitation of 18 other schools.
- 52 temporary learning spaces have been set up on the sites of destroyed schools and 45 more are in planning.
- UNICEF has provided institutional support to the "*Délégation Départementale de l'Education (DDE)*" for capacity building to monitor school rehabilitation.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

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

**Emergency Telecommunications (ETC)**

- The Telecommunications Working Group is decommissioning internet connectivity hotspots that had been set up in 16 different sites in Jeremie and Les Cayes. A common internet service remains available at each location's logistics base and at the *Centre d'Operations d'Urgences Départemental (COUD)*.
- Two satellite dishes provided by *Emergency.lu* have been recovered along with the majority of equipment provided by *Ericsson Response*.

**Food Security****Needs:**

- The new Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) conducted by "*Coordination Nationale de la Sécurité Alimentaire (CNSA)*", WFP and FAO two months after Hurricane Matthew revealed that around 1.5 million of people in the affected areas are food insecure, which represents 38 per cent of the population in the areas. 280,000 of them are severely food insecure (five per cent of the total).
- Due to widespread losses of crops (up to 100 percent in some areas of Grand'Anse), livestock, and seeds, the next harvest expected in February-March 2017 could be seriously affected. This would exacerbate and prolong acute food insecurity well into this year.

**Response:**

- Since the start of the operation, WFP has reached 921,439 people with general food distributions with a total of 15,997 MT of foodstuffs.
- Between 19 - 26 January, WFP provided specialized nutritious food to 5,655 children under the age of five and 1,781 pregnant and nursing women.
- Nearly 2,000 people received a 4,060 HTG (approximately US\$60) cash-based transfer in Port-Salut (Sud region) last week. In addition, beneficiary registration was finalized and SIM cards were distributed in Camp Perrin in the Sud Region and Anse d'Hailnault, Bonbon and Beaumont in the Grande-Anse Region.
- In collaboration with CARE, WFP is organizing field missions for the members of the "*Ministère des Affaires Sociales et du Travail (MAST)*" to visit both organisations' operations in the Sud and Grand'Anse regions to follow-up on operations and strengthen coordination between partners and local populations on the ground.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- Escort services provided by MINUSTAH were suspended from 25-31 January due to the second round of partial Senate elections and the single round of local elections that took place on 29 January. As a consequence, no general food distribution was carried out in the Grand'Anse and Sud regions during that period.

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

- Five cases of cholera were reported in Corail and 1 in Pestel last week.

**Response:**

- In Grand'Anse Region, PAHO/WHO distributed impregnated mosquito nets in all medical facilities with beds.
- UNICEF is developing a list of essential drugs that will be delivered to support health structures.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- Drug transport planning is underway despite some challenges to reach remote areas.

**Logistics****Response:**

- Air support facilitated by the Logistics Working Group has been allowing access to remote locations across Haiti where communities have been cut off as a consequence of severe flooding, landslides and damaged infrastructure. Every day, an average of 30 passengers are transported to support distributions, conduct assessments and other humanitarian activities. So far, over 2,800 passengers and 420 MT of cargo have been transported to 47 different locations on behalf of 55 organisations.
- The Logistics Working Group is also providing air transport support to *Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)* with two UNHAS/WFP helicopters to deliver assistance in hard-to-reach areas. So far, this support has facilitated the distribution of 84 MT of non-food items (NFIs) to 15 hard-to-reach villages of Sud and Grand'Anse regions.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

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

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

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

**Response:**

- 3,000 households living in very remote areas in the communes of Chardonnière, Tiburon (Sud Region) and Les Irois (Grand'Anse Region) have been identified to benefit from shelter kits through airdrops.
- A carpenter training on roof repairs is currently underway in Grand'Anse Region.
- IOM has 36,000 metal sheets in stock. These metal sheets have already been allocated to specific partners and will be distributed to specific vulnerable groups (pregnant women, GBVs, women head of households, etc.) living in remote areas.

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- Access to quality construction material is a challenge and at local markets, only poor quality material is available.
- Lack of financial resources for durable solutions is another constraint. Funding received so far was aimed mainly at the emergency phase. 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 in Sud and Grand'Anse regions.

### Response:

- In Grand'Anse Region, hand washing stations have been installed in 20 school shelters, as well as three Cholera Treatment Units (CTU) on a ratio of two hand washing points per CTU and 4 per school shelter.
- 7,000 people in school shelters in Grand'Anse have had access to sufficient and safe water for domestic use.
- 23,953 people have had regular access to soap to meet hygiene needs in Grand'Anse.
- 31,223 people were sensitized in Grand'Anse on sanitation and hygiene.
- 14,000 people have been benefitted from the water trucking system in place in Grand'Anse.
- 3,513 households have received water treatment products.
- 1,000 hygiene kits were distributed by *Première Urgence Internationale (PUI)*.
- Several rehabilitation works were launched for the "*Systèmes d'Approvisionnement en Eau Potable (SAEP)*" with World Bank funding.

### Gaps and Constraints:

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

## General Coordination

The Shelter/NFIs sector met on 27 January at the "*Centre Opérationnel d'Urgence Nationale (COUN)*". The sector carried out distributions in remote areas last week as well as trainings for carpenters. Regarding the use of cash for reconstruction, Shelter/NFI partners have developed recommendations for implementation as well as beneficiary selection criteria. A market study for "cash for rent" will be released this week.

At the health sector meeting on 25 January, a number of partners indicated that they would be pulling out of Sud and Grand'Anse regions now that the emergency phase is coming to an end. In Grand'Anse, the Canadian Red Cross, Save the Children and MSF have already stopped their activities. In the Sud Region, IMC has stopped operating mobile clinics in Les Anglais on 31 January but will continue activities in Cavaillon and MSF has stopped operating mobile clinics on 31 January but has added Port-à-Piment in its regular programme. Medical Teams International (MTI) and Handicap International will stop their activities at the end of March. The "*Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP)*" shared cholera data showing that as of 14 January: 936 cases, including 9 deaths, had been registered in January.

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