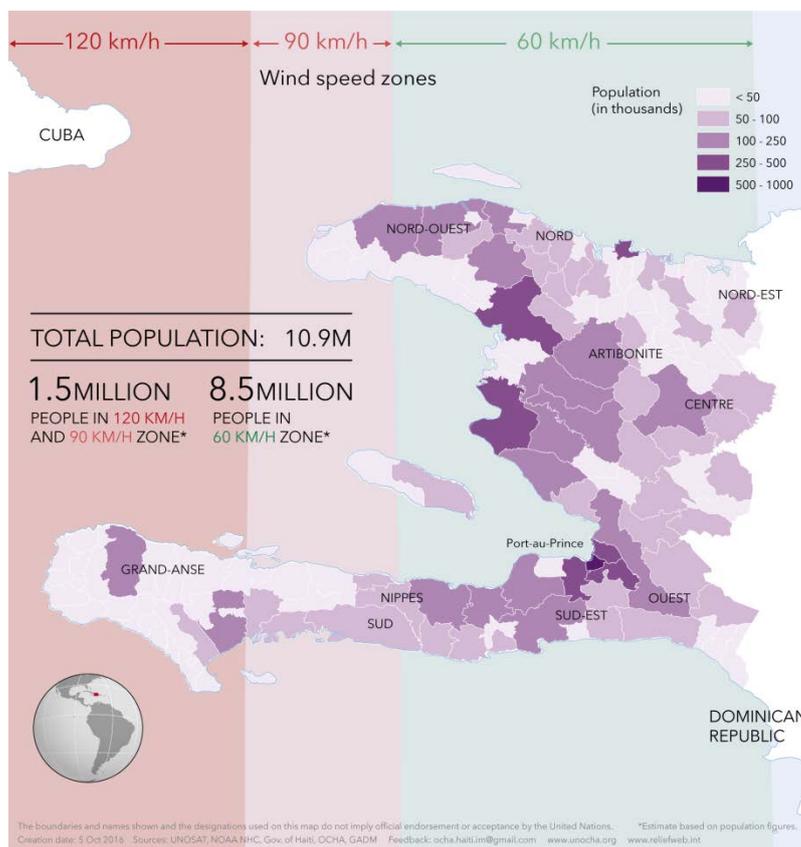




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## Highlights

- According to the information gathered by OCHA/UNDAC during an aerial observation mission, hurricane Matthew has severely affected the south part of Haiti, especially the departments of Grand Anse and South, where the wind produced severe damages. The team did not observe major landslides or floods at this time.
- According to the available information by the Civil Protection Directorate (DPC), the hurricane has made a human toll of 5 deaths, 1 missing persons, 10 wounded, more than 15 thousands people evacuated, 1,855 houses flooded, 500 houses very damaged, 348 houses destroyed and the hospital of Jeremie affected.
- One of the main roads to deliver assistance to the affected communities is inaccessible due to the collapse of a bridge in the town of Petit Goave. The roads to Grand Anse Department are also reported to be damaged.
- Phone lines have not been re-established with municipalities in the department of Grand Anse.
- A number of UN and humanitarian personnel based in that area is not yet accounted for.
- 234 shelters are open across the country and 186 temporary shelters are available in the South.
- The Ministry of Education has sent an official note announcing that schools will remain closed until the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- The Haitian authorities have postponed presidential and legislative elections originally scheduled for Sunday, October 09<sup>th</sup>, until an assessment of the damage caused by the hurricane is made.



<p><b>1,125,402</b></p> <p>Estimated affected people</p> <p><i>Source: UNOSAT</i></p>	<p><b>350,000+</b></p> <p>In need of assistance</p> <p><i>Source: Civil Protection Department (DPC)</i></p>	<p><b>15,623</b></p> <p>Evacuated</p> <p><i>Source: Civil Protection Department</i></p>	<p><b>1,855</b></p> <p>Flooded houses</p> <p><i>Source: Civil Protection Department</i></p>
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## Situation Overview

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According to the National Hurricane Center (NOAA), as of 11AM EDT on 5 October, hurricane Matthew is heading for the Bahamas after hitting Haiti hardly yesterday. A tropical storm warning is in effect for the whole country and Matthew is expected to have produced or will continue to generate total rainfall amounts of 15 to 25 inches, isolated 40 inches in Southern Haiti and 1 to 3 inches, isolated 5 inches in Northeastern Haiti.

Hurricane Matthew has made so far a human toll of 5 deaths, 1 persons lost, 10 wounded, more than 15 thousands evacuated, 152 temporarily shelters opened, 1,855 houses flooded, 500 houses very damaged, 348 houses destroyed and the hospital of Jeremie affected.

Haiti's National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN) has been activated by the Civil Protection Directorate (DPC), as well as other departmental emergency centers. However, these entities do not have any power generator capacity or satellite phones, which have impacted communication, as they are struggling to be in contact with the capital city. The Civil Protection Directorate (DPC) - the Government body in charge of the emergency - has made a projection of an estimated **350 thousand people in need** and asked the humanitarian community to help the assessment and response accordingly. The DPC has also asked to prioritize the people currently located in the temporary shelters for urgent humanitarian response.

According to PAHO/WHO, a cholera outbreak was recently reported in Randel, South department. Six deaths in were already reported before the passage of Hurricane Matthew in the same community. However, it is not yet clear if the impact of the hurricane will increase the spread of cholera epidemics in the region.

## Funding

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Once the assessment teams collect the information on the damages and needs in the affected areas, it will be possible to assess the priorities and calculate the required budget for the response.

ECHO Brussels has approved an initial funding allocation of 255,000€ through the Small Scale Response (SSR) funding instrument.

DFID has already earmarked £8 Million (approx. USD 10M) for initial regional MATHEW response. The exact allocation for Haiti will be determined in the days to come, as assessments will be received and DFID determines its regional response.

USAID is providing \$400,000 in initial assistance for humanitarian partners to rapidly provide critical relief to those impacted by the storm.

## Humanitarian Response

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### Coordination

- Following the activation of the National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN), the Government of Haiti through the Minister of Planning and External Cooperation, officially requested the assistance of the international community to support the response.
- Prior the deployment of the OCHA/UNDAC team in the South, OCHA CO has sent a field coordination support mission to Les Cayes to monitor the needs and the response on site.
- OCHA also provided satellite phones to support the national emergency management center to counteract the communication disruption caused by the hurricane.
- OCHA Haiti is maintaining the humanitarianresponse.info website, compiling the Who What Where (3W), as well as the list of contingency stocks, among other key data and information.
- In addition to other IT items offered to the COUN by OCHA and others partners, DSRSG/HC/RRC has offered 2 satellite phones, one to the Provision President and another to the Prime Minister to facilitate communication

due to the interruption of mobile phone system. Meanwhile, the Departmental Emergency Operations Centers do not have satellite phones.

### Food Security& Nutrition

- WFP has enough emergency food pre-positioned to feed up to 300,000 people for a month, if needed. Stockpiled at key locations across Haiti, these supplies can reach remote areas swiftly, even if roads are washed out or blocked. In addition, high-energy biscuits will be flown from Dubai to Miami for deployment in the wake of Hurricane Matthew according to the greatest needs.
- CARE distributed 4,800 food vouchers for the affected population in the South department.
- FAO will organize the delivery and replacement of seeds following the assessments.

### Shelter and NFI

- IOM has already NFI stock available in the South and is sending 13 teams to support shelter and NFIs needs assessment and response.
- OFDA has prepared several NFI flights to start arriving in Haiti as soon as the airport is re-opened. A large and intensive logistics operation is anticipated. OFDA has requested US Military logistical support to help moving supplies from both the airport and several warehouses located in Port au Prince to the affected departments. IOM will remain a key NFI partner based in the capital city. Other humanitarian partners have been asked to stand ready to receive and distribute these supplies as soon as they can safely be delivered to the departments. In order to quickly identify priority areas, OFDA has requested a detailed demand of supply need, together with the points of contact and distribution plans, so that it can direct US Military assets where appropriate. OCHA took part in a first meeting at the US Embassy this morning to discuss logistics and custom requirements.
- UNDP has 10,000 tarps pre-positioned for shelters, and it has offered to mobilize an early recovery expert.
- Relief agencies have pre-deployed stocks in the southern district, Grand' Anse, as well as other districts.

### Health

- Health facilities were well prepared. However, there are still no communications with some of them, especially the health facility in Cavailon where patients were transferred to another hospital. Hôpital de Immaculée Conception was evacuated.
- PAHO/WHO in Haiti has declared an emergency and deployed three experts (logistics and health coordination). They are assisting the health response with MSPP at central and local levels.
- PAHO/WHO is working in health monitoring and epidemiological surveillance in the shelters. The PAHO office in Haiti has activated its Preparedness and Response Plan for Emergencies and Disasters, as well as its Business Continuity Plan.
- The Situation Room has been established with designated staff, and the office building and equipment have been secured. Two Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) are on standby, four are monitoring the situation and 11 are following EMT information through Virtual OSOCC.

### WASH

- UNICEF and partners operating in WASH have updated the available resources in the country and are ready to provide immediate response. Moreover, it has been working with the Government and the humanitarian community to preposition crucial stocks for 10,000 people in three areas: the South, the Artibonite and Northwest. In each of these areas, an immediate response is ready to be offered to 650 families through multisectoral aid kits. These contain hygiene kits, water treatment at home, a mosquito net, a bucket and soap.
- UNICEF's partners "Emergencies and Cholera " for these zones support the Departmental Emergency Operations Centers of the DPC (Civil Protection Directorate) for any rapid diagnostic initiative and first intervention. (ACTED in the South and Grande Anse, Solidarité Internationale in the Nippes and in the South East, ACF in Artibonite and in the Northwest, the French Red Cross and Solidarité Internationale in the West, Oxfam in the Centre and in North East.)

- UNICEF also supported the DINEPA (National Directorate of Water Supply and Sanitation) for prepositioning equipment in all departments. This contingency stock meets the first assistance activities in Water Sanitation and Hygiene. A truck is immediately available to carry additional "DINEPA equipment" (bladders of water storage, slabs for emergency toilets, chlorine, etc.) in the most affected areas. Prepositioning of equipment was carried out taking into account the recent alerts of cholera cases in order to avoid the hurricane Matthew has an impact on the epidemic.

### Environment

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Haiti is leading a coordination group for rapid assessments in the South department. UNEP is also supporting the UN humanitarian system with environmental risk information to ensure that these dangers are assessed and any exposure of the population or emergency responders is minimized.

More information on humanitarian response activities is available at <http://bit.ly/2dnuCJ4>

## General Coordination

- Under the leadership of the DSRSG/RC/HC, OCHA has received an OCHA/UNDAC and AST team comprising field coordination, needs assessment and telecommunication specialists to support the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to facilitate further coordination and information management related to Matthew. The OCHA/UNDAC Team is currently working closely with key players, including the national civil protection authority, the peacekeeping mission (MINUSTAH) and the international humanitarian community to plan needs assessments in the affected areas, starting on Thursday. A reconnaissance mission has been conducted on 5 October in order to evaluate the extent of the damage in the affected areas. If needed, OCHA/UNDAC is prepared to deploy in Les Cayes and Jeremie. Additional ACAPS and MapAction are arriving in support of OCHA/UNDAC.
- OCHA Haiti has requested additional support to HQs, in particular: one Reporting Officer, one Information Management Officer, one Public Information Officer and one Administrative Officer. After assessment, OCHA Haiti will determine how many Field Coordination Officers are required.
- ECHO is determining priority emergency needs and a possible deployment of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM).
- DFID has a 4-person French-speaking team flying from the UK. The team is composed by a Team Leader and Humanitarian Adviser, a Humanitarian Adviser, a Humanitarian Affairs Officer and a Logistics Specialist. A fifth team member (Shelter Advisor), currently deployed in Jamaica, may join as well. Several team members have prior Haiti experience (post-Earthquake and/or post-Sandy).
- Needs assessment activities by multiple partners will start on Thursday in the affected areas. The assessment teams will use a form from DPC together with a MIRA form. ACTED will make sure that the data gathered through the KOBO server will be available to all partners.
- Today the joint DPC/HCT decided that the available thematic coordination mechanisms will be used and specific meetings have been scheduled to coordinate assessment and response. Coordination meetings will be held in the following sectors: Education, Food Security and Nutrition, WASH, Logistic, Health, CCCM/Shelter and Protection.
- Information Management mechanisms: the [Haiti.humanitarianresponse.info](http://Haiti.humanitarianresponse.info) is being effectively used by humanitarian partners to share information about the response activities.



**Collapsed bridge in Petit Goave** Source: OCHA/UNDAC

#### Background on the crisis

Category 4 Hurricane Matthew struck the southwest coast of Haiti at 0700 local time (1200 GMT) on 4 October. Wind speeds of 230km/h were recorded, and caused widespread damage, flooding, and displacement.

The most affected departments are Grand Anse, South, Nippes and South East, where heavy floods were recorded. West and North West departments were also affected.

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