

This report is produced by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Haiti in collaboration with humanitarian partners. It covers the humanitarian situation in Port-au-Prince following the violence that broke out on 29 February. The report mainly covers the period from 18-20 March 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has started distributing some 3,200 dignity kits to women and girls.
- International and national NGOs operating in Haiti calls for safe, immediate, and unhindered access to the affected populations and are asking State actors to work urgently to restore order and put an end to the suffering of the population.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has transported 800 kg of blood pouches to support the health response.



242K

Gallons of water distributed to displaced people since 29 February

+160K

Hot meals distributed in Port-au-Prince since 29 February¹

800KG

of blood bags transported since start of UN air transport service

\$674M

Amount of 2024 Humanitarian Appeal

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In a statement on 19 March, the Cadre de Liaison Inter-Organisation (CLIO), an alliance of 80 national and international NGOs operating in Haiti, said the latest episodes of violence further compromised the humanitarian space, forcing some organizations to continue operating under precarious and risky security conditions. CLIO's national and international member organizations continue to respond to humanitarian needs as best they can to communities affected by the crisis in Port-au-Prince and across the country. The CLIO called on the authorities to tackle the root causes of the crisis; guarantee and protect the humanitarian space, strengthen coordination and capitalize on local resources.

The Health sector continues to pay a heavy price over the latest violence, as insecurity continues to disrupt operations and to hinder access to certain sites and patient referral to health facilities. The Sanatorium hospital for the care of tuberculosis in the commune of Port-au-Prince was looted over the weekend. From March 10 to 17, La Paix University Hospital received 94 victims, including 44 wounded by firearms, while Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) received 50, including 27 people wounded by firearms. Of the 84 IDP sites housing 86,040 people across Port-au-Prince, 23 sites with 37,000 IDPs between them are receiving support in surveillance, hygiene and sensitization activities from Ouest Department Health Directorate (DSO) officials and the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). However, there is a noteworthy lack of health partners supporting health response in IDP sites. The

¹ As of 19 March

Ministry of Public Health and Population announced the reopening of the State University Hospital, which had been closed since 29 February, for early April.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Food Security

- On 20 March, the World Food Programme (WFP) reached 11,607 IDPs with hot meals. Due to the roadblocks, WFP was only able to reach 10 out of the 14 IDPs sites it had planned to support. On 19 March, the agency distributed 8,445 hot meals. In total, more than 160,000 hot meals have been distributed since the beginning of this latest crisis.

Health

- PAHO/WHO supported Ouest Department health officials with the distribution of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies such as aquatabs, water purification tablets, chlorine, gloves, boots, buckets, wheelbarrow and other items in 23 IDP sites to conduct decontamination and hygiene activities.
- PAHO/WHO medicines and medical supplies were delivered to Eliazar Germain hospital for the care of pregnant women.
- UNHAS transported 800kg of blood pouches from the Dominican Republic to Port-au-Prince to provide critical support to the collapsing health system.

Protection

- To ensure the continuity of services, UNFPA and its partners are using a hotline to provide psychosocial support, information, referral and documents GBV cases. From 29 February to 20 March, 209 persons have been assisted via the hotline.
- UNFPA and Haitian NGO Initiative Citoyenne pour les Droits de l'Homme distributed 210 dignity kits distributed in Delmas 19 displaced site as the organisations aims to distribute dignity kits to 3,200 affected women and girls.
- UNFPA and its partners Centre pour le development et santé and FADHRIS deployed today a sexual and reproductive health/sexual and gender-based violence mobile clinic in the Swaya IDP site. 205 persons (148 women and 57 men and boys) received assistance. 140 dignity kits were also distributed.

Shelter

- 3,800 people living in four sites received non-food items (NFIs) such as blankets, solar lamps, jerry cans and kitchen kits via the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Common Pipeline along with three Haitian NGOs, Association Haïtienne pour la Paix et l'Éducation, Femme en Association pour le développement d'Haiti et pour le renforcement de l'intégration sociale, et l'Organisation visionnaire dévoué pour un développement de haute modernisation.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- From 16 to 18 March, Solidarités International and the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) delivered 20,500 gallons of water to four sites that are home to over 12,000 displaced people. On 18 March, the two organizations also collected household waste at two sites.
- From 17 to 20 March 2024, IOM delivered 16,000 gallons of water to two sites (3,622 IDPs)
- On 20 March, the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) and UNICEF also delivered 3,000 gallons of water to 635 IDPs living in one site.

GENERAL COORDINATION/ ADVOCACY

- The Humanitarian Country Team met on 19 March to discuss the response to the current crisis and ways to enhance the response. Chaired by Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) Ulrika Richardson, the meeting also discussed access constraints. From 1 to 14 March, 123 access-hindering incidents were recorded across Port-au-Prince.
- On 20 March, HC Richardson participated in the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Ad-Hoc Advisory Group meeting in Haiti, chaired by Canada, which focused on supporting the 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan. HC Richardson outlined the humanitarian situation and asked for more support to address the needs; she also underlined the need to have sustainable solutions for Haiti.

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