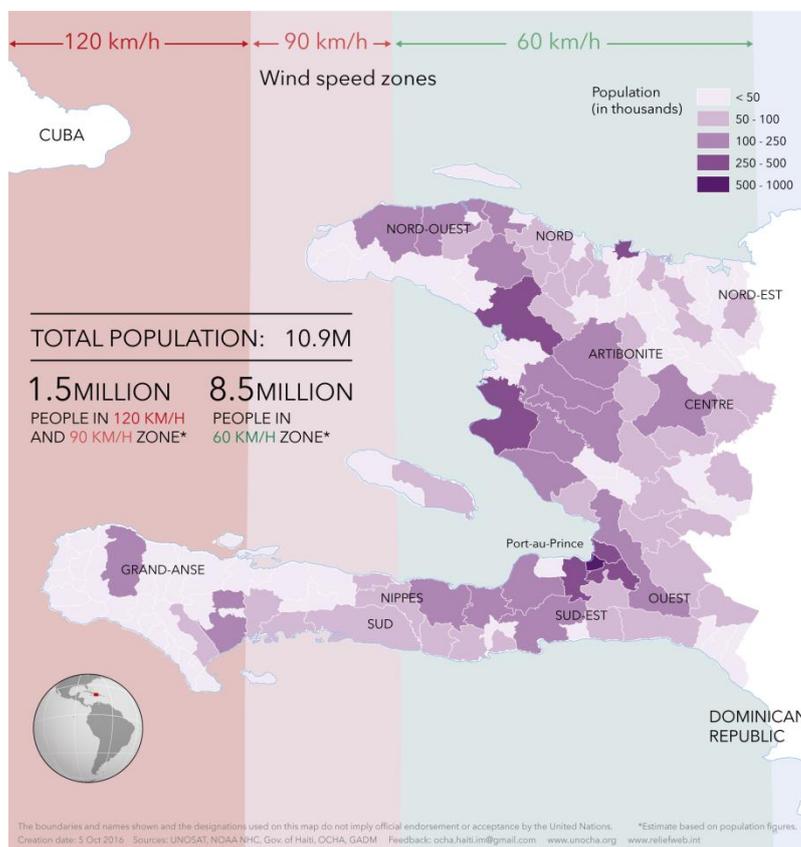




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Highlights

- **108 people killed** by Hurricane Matthew in seven departments from South-East to North-West according to data available on 6 October at noon.
- **2,000 children evacuated** reportedly from residential centres, according to UNICEF.
- **100 schools possibly affected**, mostly in the Grand South Departments (Grand Anse, Nippes, and South) representing **24,000 children affected**, according to the Ministry of Education.
- **Up to 80% of harvest lost** in some areas, WFP Office in South-East indicates.
- **Very heavy damage** is expected in Grand-Anse and the South, particularly in the cities of Les Cayes, Jérémie and Port Salut. However, the assessment phase has only just begun due to severe weather conditions and lack of ground access.



<p>108 Fatalities</p> <p><small>Source: Civil Protection Department (DPC)</small></p>	<p>350,000+ People need assistance</p> <p><small>Source: Civil Protection Department (DPC)</small></p>	<p>15,623 People evacuated</p> <p><small>Source: Civil Protection Department</small></p>	<p>1,855 Flooded houses</p> <p><small>Source: Civil Protection Department</small></p>
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Situation Overview

Hurricane Matthew made landfall near Les Anglais (south-western Haiti) on 4 October at 11h00 UTC, as a very intense Category 4 Hurricane, with maximum sustained winds of 230 km/h. It then crossed the department of Grand'Anse (south-western Haiti) and moved towards Cuba. Haiti remains in the highest alert phase 'Red Vigilance'. While rainfall activity is diminishing over Haiti, however, swollen rivers may persist for a few hours in Haiti as the watersheds continue to drain. Initial assessments are taking place today, 6 October, in Haiti over the affected areas in south-West, north-west and central departments.

According to data available on 6 October at noon, Hurricane Matthew has caused **108 deaths in seven departments** from the South-East to the North-West. The most affected departments are the South, Grand-Anse and West. The number of wounded people is also on the rise and could emerge as one of main emergencies following the hurricane.

Communications are disconnected and roads are inaccessible in the affected areas of south-west Haiti due to flooding. *La Petit Goave de la Digue*, which was a key bridge that connected the southern Peninsula to the rest of the country, collapsed on Tuesday, 4 October.

Funding

The Humanitarian Coordinator/RC/DSRSG, with the support of OCHA, is planning to launch a Flash Appeal in response to this emergency in the coming days. A CERF request will also be made.

Humanitarian Needs/Response

Coordination

- Upon the conclusion of the assessment phase, OCHA/UNDAC will determine if two coordination hubs should be established in Jérémie and Les Cayes.
- WFP will deploy two Logistic and two Program Officers to Jérémie and Les Cayes to support the OCHA/UNDAC assessment, the food security coordination efforts, and the distribution of food.
- Two WFP staff have been placed within CNSA to support the food security response coordination.
- A WFP staff is being deployed to ensure civil-military coordination.
- In partnership with UNICEF, ACTED, Solidarité Internationale, ACF, and the French Red Cross are supporting public entities for rapid diagnostic initiative and first intervention on cholera in the affected communities.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Report from WFP office in the south-east indicates several victims, up to 80% of harvest lost in some areas and roads damaged.
- WFP is working to conduct an EFSA 72h in collaboration with partners to assess the immediate food security needs.
- WFP pre-positioned emergency food to feed up to 300,000 people for a month. Subject to donor's agreement, there is an additional 3,500MT of food already in country, which could be mobilized immediately.
- WFP is also airlifting 30MT of High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) from Dubai.

Shelter and NFI

- After assessments in 14 IDP camps in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, IOM has reported 82 temporary shelters and makeshift tents destroyed and 270 temporary shelters and makeshift tents damaged.
- Before the Hurricane, UNICEF worked 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 multi-sectoral aid kits. These contain hygiene kits, water treatment at home, a mosquito net, a bucket and soap. Two trucks are ready to support transport and distribution of prepositioned supplies in the southern affected areas.

Health/Nutrition

- UNICEF is closely collaborating with WHO/PAHO for the emergency health response and supporting the Nutrition Section of the Ministry of Health to re-establish sectoral coordination at central and departmental levels to maximize preventive measures and care capacity in the affected areas. Priority is to prevent diseases outbreaks (Cholera and other water borne diseases, Zika and other mosquito-spread like Dengue and Chikungunya). An estimated 150,000 people are targeted for assistance, including 75,000 children.

WASH

- UNICEF supported the DINEPA (National Directorate of Water Supply and Sanitation) with prepositioning equipment in all departments. This contingency stock meets the first assistance activities in Water Sanitation and Hygiene. A truck will try to carry additional DINEPA equipment (bladders of water storage, slabs for emergency toilets, chlorine, etc.) in the most affected areas.
- UNICEF has identified the following WASH priorities: water production, storage and supply for shelters; treatment of collective water; treatment of household water with Aqua tabs and chlorine for the next 2-3 weeks and emergency Sanitation. The people targeted for aid are 1,200,000 persons, including 150,000 children.

Protection/Child Protection

- UNICEF Protection section supported IBESR, IOM and the DPC in the evacuation of 130 children of an orphanage of Cité Soleil. The ICRC provided them with mattresses, blankets and mosquito nets.

- According to UNICEF, of the 2,000 children evacuated in different areas of the country (some preventively), the priority is now to identify best ways to provide protection and assistance.
- UNICEF is concerned that the areas most affected by Hurricane Matthew are among some of the most vulnerable to family separation and exposure of children to violence, exploitation and abuse. While further assessments are needed, social services in those areas will need support to ensure swift identification of children in need of assistance and protection as a result of the Hurricane. Around 10,000 children are targeted for assistance.

Education

- According to UNICEF, the Ministry of Education is reporting heavy damages to school infrastructure in the Southern Departments (Grand Anse, Nippes and South). Moreover, many children are reported to have lost all their books and school supplies, while schools have been used as shelters. 156 temporary shelters are mostly in school areas. Many schools were damaged. In order to resume education immediately after the emergency;
- The Ministry of Education has already called upon partners to support affected schools. Immediate needs can be summarized as follows:
 - **100 schools possibly affected**
 - **24,000 children impacted**

Emergency Telecommunications

- Together with the OCHA/UNDAC equipment, WFP has also available a BGAN (Broadband Global Area Network) and internet modems to be deployed in the affected areas.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- MINUSTAH has made its helicopters available to NGOs and UN agencies for assessment and response missions.
- On October 5th, the US Coastguard Service provided an eight-seater coastguard fixed wing plane to over fly the coastal regions from Port au Prince following the coast to Corrail, Jérémie, Les Cayes, Jacmel and then return to Port au Prince. OCHA/UNDAC also participated in this flight.
- WFP is chartering a helicopter to assist with assessment, passengers and light cargo transportation. It is estimated it will arrive in country on Sunday.

Logistics

- The OFDA Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) called for a logistical meeting attended by DPC, IOM, WFP and OCHA to ensure logistic coordination.
- WFP is deploying 4 mobile storage units from Gonaives to stock NFIs for the global humanitarian community. Two will be deployed to Port au Prince, one to Les Cayes and one to Jeremie.
- WFP is assessing the food market availability with traders locally and internationally.
- DPC and OCHA are working to ensure the fast custom clearance of any goods arriving at the airport.
- OCHA has received an offer for assistance for customs clearance operations from DHL in the Dominican Republic.

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

General Coordination

Information Management mechanisms: The site, haiti.humanitarianresponse.info, is being effectively used by humanitarian partners to share information about the response activities.



Aerial view of Jeremie in the Grand-Anse. Credit: 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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