

HIGHLIGHTS

- The security situation in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area continues to worsen despite the Prime Minister's resignation with the geographical extension of gang-controlled areas.
- The international airport remains closed, making impossible to import essential goods, including medicines.
- Most embassies evacuated their non-essential staff this week as a precautionary measure.
- UN agencies, including PAHO/WHO, will begin evacuations of non-essential staff probably this weekend.
- The National port in Port-au-Prince is now operational; however, it remains challenging to access it, as the surrounding areas are under gang control.
- The Haitian government has extended the emergency declaration for one month and the ongoing curfew until 18 March. All demonstrations during this period are also forbidden.

Situation Overview



HOSPITALS SITUATION

- Gunshot wound admissions have decreased at hospitals and ambulatory emergency rooms, while there has been a significant increase in road accident cases, believed to be caused by people fleeing security situations.
- La Paix University Hospital (HUP, per its acronym in French), the only public hospital in Port-au-Prince capable of treating trauma cases, continues to operate with the support of PAHO/WHO in terms of medications and medical supplies. The hospital has also activated its contingency plan to increase its capacity, with PAHO/WHO's support.
- Specialist surgeons and other staff members from the still closed State University Hospital of Haiti (HUEH, per its acronym in French)) have been successfully reassigned to HUP with the support and advocacy from PAHO/WHO.
- A wounded patient was murdered inside the hospital Ste Croix in Leogane by unknown individuals, causing widespread panic among staff and patients.

PEOPLE DISPLACEMENTS:

- 362,551 internally displaced persons are reported in the country, with a significant increase between January and March 2024¹.
- Humanitarian actors are unable to access to the majority of Internally displaced persons (IDP) sites due to the deteriorating security situation of late.
- Deterioration of hygiene conditions in IDP sites.

CHOLERA SITUATION:

- After a significant decrease in the number of suspected and hospitalized cholera cases across the country over several weeks, active cholera outbreaks were reported this week in the Nord-Est, Ouest, Artibonite and Center departments.
- Resumption of data reporting through data entry on the DHIS2 platform of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), that had been halted since December 2023.

¹ OIM, Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), March 2024

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES:

- With the support of PAHO/WHO, the National Blood Transfusion Center (CNTS) has received the necessary supplies to resume its blood product qualification activities. Blood bags should also be available soon.
- PAHO/WHO has provided several oxygen concentrators to support HUP to address the current oxygen supply challenges.
- PAHO/WHO has provided support to MSF's Trauma and stabilization centers (in Cité Soleil and Tabarre, respectively), to Eliazar Germain Hospital for obstetric emergencies care, to Bernard Mevs Hospital for the resumption of its activities, and to the National Police of Haiti (PNH, per its acronym in French) for the care of the injured.
- At HUP, and the MSF-France trauma center in Tabarre, 103 casualties have been treated, among which 26 individuals with gunshot wounds.
- Médecins du Monde (MDM) Argentina has resumed mobile clinic activities in IDP sites. So far 340 consultations have been conducted.
- PAHO/WHO is supporting the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) in responding to active cholera outbreaks by strengthening surveillance in the Metropolitan area of the Ouest department through the deployment of Epidemiological Surveillance Officers (OSES, per its acronym in French).
- PAHO/WHO donated WASH supplies to the Departmental Health Directorate of the Ouest (DSO, per its acronym in French) to enhance hygiene conditions in camps being established. Medicines for the care of internally displaced persons will be supplied next week.
- PAHO/WHO supported the National Ambulance Center (CAN) with the provision of fuel for ongoing operations.