# Flooding/Earthquake - HAITI

Situation Report 1- Date 06/06/2023



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Heavy floods during the weekend resulted in the death of 51 people, 140 wounded and 18 missing persons and 13 591 houses were flooded and 820 destroyed according to the latest situation report of the General Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC).
   Regarding health infrastructure, five health facilities were impacted (3 Ouest department; and 2 in the Sud-Est department).
- A 4.9 earthquake hit the Grand' Anse area at 5:11 am this morning causing some damages to infrastructure and causing, 36 wounded and 4 deaths reported so far according to partial information published by the DGPC.
- The National Unit for the Response to Emergencies (UNGUS) of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) is coordinating the evacuation of severely wounded patients from the earthquake area to Port-Au-Prince.

## Situation in numbers

## Floods<sup>1</sup>

• Deaths: 51 Missing: 18

Wounded: 140
 Health facilities affected: 5

## Earthquake<sup>2</sup>

• Deaths: 4 Missing: 0

Wounded: 36 Health facilities affected: 0

1. Source: Sitrep 3 DGPC. 2. Source: Bilan Partiel DGPC and PAHO field teams.

## Situation Overview

## **FLOODING**

- Five health facilities were impacted by flooding in two departments. The current situation is as follows:
  - St Croix Hospital in Leogane was heavily flooded (waters have receded since). The hospital lost most medical supplies and equipment and patients were evacuated to a nearby guest house.
  - Centre Materno-infantil in Leogane was flooded but is now functioning. However, they are in need of medical supplies to treat the wounded.

- Gressier Health Center was completely flooded. Works are underway by public works authorities and tents will be provided by the DGPC.
- Belle Anse health center (Sud-Est) was flooded but is operational. Additional works are ongoing to dry and clean the space.
- Marigot dispensary (Sud-Est) was flooded but has been cleaned and it's operational.
- CTC's in all departments affected by rain were contacted and no damages or flooding were reported.

## **EARTHQUAKE:**

No complete official data has been reported to date. Data bellow was collected by PAHO field teams with health authorities and hospital staff in the departments affected.

#### **Grand' Anse**

#### • Jéremie:

- Most affected areas in the city are disadvantaged areas such as Ste Helene, lower part
  of the city and the seaside.
- So far 30 people have been reported wounded among which to severe cases that need to be evacuated to Port-au-Prince. Two community deaths have been reported so far.

#### Moron:

 A landslide caused the road to Fondelin to be cut and 2 wounded people have been reported.

#### Abricot:

- o 3 wounded people reported, caused by panic and not the earthquake.
- Some houses have cracks.
- No damages or wounded people reported so far in the communes of Dame Marie, Pestel, Corail, Bonbon, and Chambellan.

#### Sud

#### Les Cayes:

- No damages to Immaculée Conception Hospital.
- 4 wounded people reported, result of panic and not the earthquake.

## **Nippes**

### Miragoâne:

- No damages reported in St Therese de Miragoâne hospital, no wounded reported.
- The hospital director reported rumors of wounded people in Baradères, but it has not been confirmed yet.



- Medicine and medical supplies to treat the wounded from the earthquake and to recover missing stocks from flooded health facilities.
- Complete WASH activities in flooded hospitals
- Reinforce mass prevention and awareness messages against diarrheal diseases (including cholera).
- Mobilize kits for women in temporary shelters.
- Set-up event-based surveillance in shelters for displaced persons.

## **Response Activities:**

## Flooding:

- The National Emergency Operation Center (COUN) of the DGPC was activated and daily meetings have been conducted with the participation of all sectors, including the health sector.
- PAHO staff collected information from health facilities in all the affected departments immediately after the flooding. Collected information was shared with the EOC.
- PAHO/WHO surveillance teams are closely monitoring the situation of potentially epidemic diseases and those of waterborne origin, mainly cholera. A mission to the Sud-Est is already ongoing as an increase in cholera cases have been reported. Additional support has been requested by the department and PAHO will respond to the needs.
- UNGUS called a meeting with health partners to express needs and coordinate support to be provided. Additional meetings coordinated by PAHO are ongoing between UN partners to complete the request transmitted by UNGUS.
- PAHO has already prepared kits to be sent to the affected area as soon as possible, in coordination with other UN actors.

### **Earthquake**

- A health Cluster meeting will be held June 7 jointly with the MSPP.
- PAHO has been collecting information since this morning with departmental health directorates and health facilities in the departments after the earthquake.
- PAHO has prepared emergency medicine and medical supplies kits to send to the Grand' Anse department to support St Antoine de Jérémie Hospital.
- MSF will be sending a team to support the treatment of wounded people in Jérémie. PAHO will provide them with medical supplies.

# Constraints to the response:

Access to the affected area hindering the delivery of goods. As there is no UNHAS¹ flight previewed today, and the road to the Southern peninsula is still blocked by gangs, medica supplies will be delivered tomorrow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UNHAS: United Nations Humanitarian Air Service