

Hurricane Melissa – HAITI

Situation Report # 1- Date 10/26/2025

HIGHLIGHTS

- The crisis cell of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) has been activated. The health directorates of the Grand-Sud departments (Sud-Est, Sud, Nippes, and Grand'Anse) and the Ouest are on alert, with Sud and Grand' Anse on high alert.
- At least 3 dead, one in Sud-Est (fallen tree), 2 in Port-au-Prince (Fontamara commune, landslide).

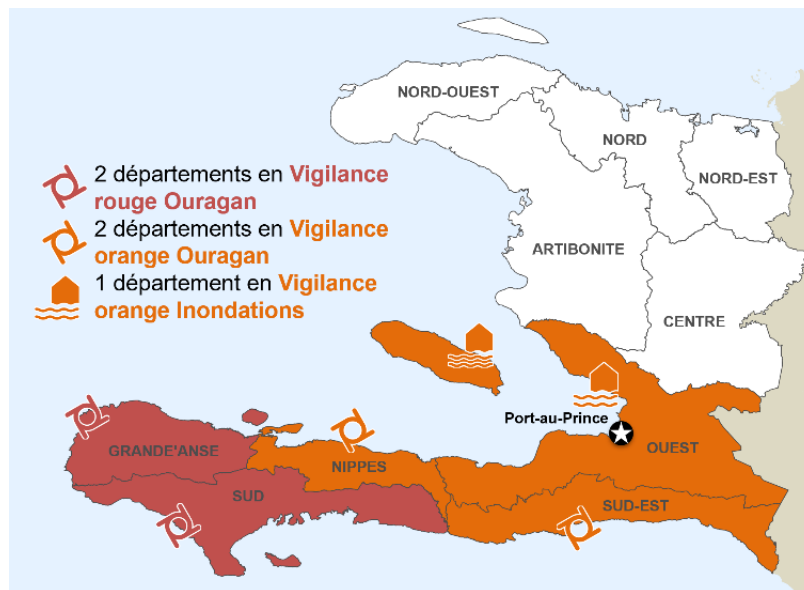


Figure 1. Departments in alert

GENERAL SITUATION

- No major damage has been reported so far in health facilities. However, in the Nord-Ouest Department, pediatric and maternity services have been partially affected by the rain due to water leaks caused by roofing issues. Actions are underway to temporarily relocate these services within other hospital areas to ensure continuity of care.
- Additionally, flooding has already begun in the courtyard of the Immaculée Conception Hospital (HIC) in Les Cayes (Sud Department) and surrounding roads due to inadequate drainage of the evacuation canals. The medical director has already taken preventive measures, including relocating certain patients — likely to the nursing school — and discharging stable patients early to minimize risks should the situation worsen. The hospital is facing power outages; however we are unable to provide fuel at the moment.



Figure 2. Hôpital Immacule Conception des Cayes

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- PAHO/WHO remains in direct and constant contact with the MSPP and health facilities in the affected departments to ensure regular monitoring of the situation, identify gaps and priority needs, and verify the implementation of preparedness measures. This coordination also includes the joint completion of the preparedness checklist ahead of the storm's arrival.
- A health cluster is previewed for Monday with major partners to organize the health response.
- The MSPP has prepositioned kits of medicines and supplies in the Ouest department ready to be deployed.
- PAHO/WHO has prepositioned emergency kits (2 IEHK, 1 trauma kit, and 1 cyclone kit) capable of reaching 11,100 people. These kits are ready for deployment at PROMESS (Tabarre, Ouest Department) to be sent as needed to affected areas. PAHO also has water evacuation pumps ready to evacuate water from health facilities if needed.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of funds, Health not included in 4M allocation from CERF.
- Communication with our staff in the departments, and even in Port-au-Prince is challenging because some of them only have electricity through solar panels and there has been no sun for the past couple of days.
- Due to road blockages, PAHO is unable to bring support by the road, and is fully dependent on UNHAS flight availability.