

HIGHLIGHTS

- *After heavy rains during the night of 28 October and all day the October 29, several flooded rivers have been reported, including Digue river in Petit-Goave (Ouest department) that caused 12 deaths (including 9 children) and 20 people wounded (one of them with multiple trauma).*
- *7 IDP sites in Leogane housing at least 1000 people are flooded.*
- *4 health facilities in Leogane are reported to be flooded.*
- *A flooded river has also caused heavy damage to the road entering Jacmel, in the Sud-Est department which might cause further delays to aid delivery.*

GENERAL SITUATION

- Notre Dame Hospital in Petit-Goave (Ouest department) received 12 deaths (people dragged by the flooded river), including 9 children, an adolescent and 2 adults. Additionally, 20 wounded people were received at the hospital, one of them with multiple traumas.
- Two people are reported wounded in Leogane (Ouest department) due to the floods in the area.
- 7 IDP sites in Leogane are flooded, and the over 1000 IDP's are still on site with rain ponchos to cover from the rain. An assessment is ongoing to gather more information.
- 53 health facilities have been contacted after the heavy rains: 4 health facilities in Leogane (Ouest) are flooded.
- After last night and this morning's heavy rains, the yard of Immaculée Conception Hospital (HIC) in Les Cayes (Sud Department) is flooded, but water has not entered the hospital wards.
- In the Nippes department vaccines continued to be relocated today due to continued cold chain disruptions in health facilities caused by power shortages linked to insufficient sunlight for solar-powered refrigerators.

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- A field assessment was conducted October 28 in four temporary shelters housing 2,416 people in Jeremie (Grand' Anse department), with the following findings:
 - Health: 12 diarrhea cases investigated (10 children, 2 adults); 3 RDTs all negative for cholera. ORS, Aquatabs, masks, gloves and gowns were distributed.
 - WaSH: All sites have functional latrines and handwashing points; however, hygiene items are urgently needed.

- The MSPP has requested PAHO's support to preposition medical, and WaSH supplies for the response to cholera in all departments affected by Hurricane Melissa in case of a resurgence of cases due to the floods.
- PAHO/WHO is deploying a kit of medicines and medical supplies to Notre Dame de Petit Goave (Ouest) to support the response to people wounded by the effects of Hurricane Melissa.

NEEDS

- Tents, hygiene kits and psychosocial support for children in temporary shelters in the Grand'Anse department.

CHALLENGES

- The shortage of funds is likely to delay the implementation of key health response activities for Hurricane Melissa.
- Communication continues to be very challenging, making it impossible to reach IDP sites and health facilities to have more information.
- Road blockages continue to prevent PAHO from delivering support by land, leaving operations fully dependent on UNHAS flight availability. The Access Working Group is still working to secure safe road access for humanitarian aid delivery to the departments.