

Hurricane Melissa - HAITI

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Although heavy rains have stopped, flooded rivers and rain continue to affect some localities.
- Amongst the most affected, are displaced populations, with several sites and temporary shelters flooded and with inadequate WaSH conditions.
- The General Directorate for Civil Protection (DGPC) has lowered the alert in the country to yellow in the Southern departments, and to green in the rest of the country, including the Ouest department.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS:



Deaths: 26*



Houses flooded*: +1 046



Missing: 18*



Health facilities affected**: 10



Wounded: 17*



People in shelters*: 15 155

* Source: DGPC. ** Source: PAHO field teams

GENERAL SITUATION

OUEST

- 1 250 people are still in a temporary shelters. 5 communes are affected and 4 rivers flooded.
- The department accounts for 22 of the 26 deaths reported nationwide, including 10 children, as well as 10 people injured and 17 still missing.
- In Petit-Goâve, more than 160 houses were damaged and 80 destroyed, while several schools also sustained damage. In addition, around 69 acres of agricultural fields were destroyed.
- Several IDP sites were flooded due to heavy rainfall. The “Nouveau Lycée Marie Jeanne” site in Port-au-Prince, hosting approximately 10,000 displaced people, is facing severe WASH challenges as wastewater and sewage have overflowed from latrines and spread throughout the yard, creating significant public health risks.



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SUD

- 6 419 people are housed across 56 temporary shelters. 4 communes have been affected, and 4 rivers are overflowed, causing severe flooding and rendering several roads completely impassable.
- No deaths have been reported in the department so far. However, significant damage has been recorded in agricultural fields and fruit trees, posing concerns for food security in the coming weeks.
- Of 28 health facilities contacted, only 4 report water infiltrations through the roof, which resulted in the loss of medicines and medical supplies.
- Rapid assessments are ongoing to determine the extent of destruction to homes and infrastructure, and to identify needs.

GRAND'ANSE

- 7 212 people are accommodated in 48 temporary shelters, making it the department with the most people taking refuge in shelters. The department reported 2 deaths and 1 person injured. Six communes were affected, and all four rivers in the department overflowed, causing widespread flooding. Thanks to the efforts of health personnel and rescue teams, three pregnant women safely gave birth within the shelters during the storm.
- No health facilities sustained damage. However, numerous poorly constructed houses were affected, and several coastal roads suffered serious damage, disrupting access to communities. The agricultural sector also incurred significant losses, further threatening livelihoods and food security in the area.

NIPPES

- 257 people are housed in 15 temporary shelter. While no deaths have been reported in this department, 10 communes were affected and all rivers in the department are overflowed. Road access remains disrupted due to fallen trees and the risk of landslides, which continues to increase amid ongoing heavy rains.
- No health facilities report damages.

SUD-EST

- 17 people are housed in 1 temporary shelter. 1 death was reported linked to the storm. A major river overflow caused severe damage to the main road leading to Jacmel, effectively cutting off access to the city and isolating several surrounding communities.
- Out of 28 health facilities contacted by PAHO field teams, three reported minor ceiling damage, but none sustained major structural impact.

ARTIBONITE

- No shelters were set-up. 1 death and 15 wounded were reported. 5 houses were destroyed. Assessments are ongoing; however, parts of this department are under significant gang control, which is making access and evaluation efforts considerably more difficult.

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- PAHO, alongside the Health Directorate of the Ouest department (DSO), the Directorate of Epidemiology, Laboratories and Research (DELR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted a rapid assessment in IDP sites in the Ouest department. IDPs were also sensitized and cholera awareness and prevention messages were distributed.
- PAHO field teams are also visiting shelters in the departments to assess health needs.



RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- Field teams are conducting rapid assessments to health facilities in all affected departments.
- Nearly 2 tons of medical supplies were delivered to the Health Directorate of the Ouest Department at the request of the Minister of Health. This delivery was made possible through the support of ECHO and IMANA. The supplies will help support health facilities in the affected departments. Medical and WaSH supplies for the treatment of cholera will also be deployed soon to all affected departments to strengthen their capacity to respond to a likely increase in cholera cases.



NEEDS

- Tents, hygiene kits and psychosocial support for children in temporary shelters in the Grand'Anse department.
- Increased surveillance and Health and WaSH interventions in IDP sites and shelters to avoid spread of epidemic-prone diseases.

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.