

HAITI: 2018 Earthquake

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Main Points

- An earthquake of magnitude 5.9 occurred 20km north of Port-de-Paix (North West) Saturday, 6 October at 8:10pm local time (New York time). It was felt across the majority of the departments of Haiti and Port-au-Prince (West department) and Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic). 2 replicas occurred. No tsunami alert regarding the seism was launched by the DPC.
- According to DPC initial damages assessment, Gros Morne in the Artibonite department, Port-de-Paix in the North-West department, Chansolme in the North-West department, Plaisance in the North department and Tortuga Island in the North department are affected.

Situation Overview

People affected

The DPC confirmed several people wounded in the North-West department. The secretary of State for Communication, Mr. Eddy Jackson Alexis has confirmed in the night of 06 October first reports of 11 people dead, 7 in the North-West department notably in the Port-de-Paix town and 4 in the commune of Gros Morne in the Artibonite department.

3 524 000 people live in the North, North-West and Artibonite departments.

- Population North department: 1 067 177
- Population Artibonite department: 1 727 524
- Population North-West department: 728 807

Damages

Damages were reported in Port-de-Paix (North-West), Gros-Morne (Artibonite), Chansolme (North-West), Plaisance (North) and Tortuga Island (North-West) with houses and public infrastructures destroyed or damaged. Wounded people are currently welcomed in the North department hospitals.

Humanitarian Needs / Response

Response capacities

- Humanitarian partner's contingency stocks list is available
- Humanitarian partners contacts list is available
- Operational presence map is available
- Pre-positioned stocks:
 - North-West department UNICEF, WHO
 - Artibonite department IOM, WFP, UNICEF

- North department IOM, WHO, UNICEF, WFP
- Shelter: 18 500 kits
- WASH: 229 768 520 Aquatabs, 123 bladders, 92 240 soaps, 3 245 buckets, 37 403 Jerrycans
- Food security: 2 260 Tons of food

General Coordination

The general coordination is being implemented by the DPC (Directorate of Civil Protection) with the support of all the national entities as well as the international community. The overall coordination of the response is under the authority of the Prime Minister in close liaison with the Office of the President. The Government has indicated being mobilizing its own capacity and assessing the need to request international assistance. The OCHA team in Port-au-Prince is working with the DPC and the whole humanitarian community to collect information and activate coordination mechanisms.

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