

HAITI: 2018 Earthquake

Situation report No.2 (07 October 2018)



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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 the last updated information from the DPC today September 7 October (10 A.M), the seism has caused the death of 12 people - 8 in Port-de-Paix (North-West department), 3 in Gros Morne (Artibonite department) and 1 in Saint Louis du Nord (North-West department) – and wounded 151 persons. The departments of Artibonite, North-West (including Tortuga Island) and North were affected.

Situation Overview

Estimation of people affected

The DPC confirmed several people wounded in the North-West, North and Artibonite departments.

- 20 wounded in Gonaïves (Artibonite)
- 30 wounded in Gros Morne (Artibonite)
- 4 wounded in Terre Neuve (Artibonite)
- 14 victims in Cap Haitien (North department)
- 4 wounded in Plaisance (North)
- 63 wounded in North-West department

Hospitals are receiving wounded in North, North-West and and Artibonite departments

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

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

Damages

According to DPC, several houses were destroyed or damaged:

- 5 in Gonaïves (Artibonite)
- 25 in Gros-Morne (Artibonite)
- 8 in Terre Neuve (Artibonite)
- No damages reported in Cap Haitien (North) so far

No major damages on transport and public infrastructures were reported, except 1 cultural center which collapsed in Gros Morne (Artibonite).

At this point, no more detailed information on damages in North-West department are available.

Humanitarian Needs / Response

Response capacities

- Humanitarian partner's contingency stocks list available: sent to inter sector for update
- Humanitarian partners contacts list available
- Operational presence map available
- Pre-positioned stocks:
 - o North-West department UNICEF, WHO
 - o Artibonite department IOM, WFP, UNICEF
 - o North department IOM, WHO, UNICEF, WFP
 - o Shelter: 2 000 kits pre-positioned in Cap Haitien, 2 000 kits pre-positioned in Gonaives, 10 staff and 2 cars available to support rapid assessments. Complementary kits pre-positioned in Port-au-Prince available to be deployed if necessary.
 - o Logistics: cars available to support rapid assessments in Gonaives and Cap Haitian. Storage and humanitarian assistance transport available.
 - o WASH: stocks available in North, North-West and Artibonite departments. The DRU (emergency response department of the DINEPA) had a meeting this morning to plan rapid assessment of WASH infrastructures in the North-West.
 - o Food security: 2 260 Tons of food
 - o CLIO: 4 staffs and 1 car in Port-au-Prince ready to be deployed to support rapid assessment.

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.

The DPC is planning an initial rapid assessment (EDAB) in the North-West department. OCHA is following with the Inter sector to identify and mobilize assessment capacities to support the DPC.

The DPC organizes a meeting at COUN at 10:30am to plan the deployment of initial rapid assessments teams and the continuity of rescue and search teams. The MINUJUSTH is coordinating with the HC to organize aerial flyover tomorrow.

The Humanitarian Coordinator a.i. convoked an ad hoc HCT meeting at 11:00am at OCHA to coordinate the support to DPC.

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