

HAITI: 2018 Earthquake

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Main Points

- An earthquake of magnitude 5.9 occurred 20km north of Port-de-Paix (North-West department) Saturday, October 6, at 8:10pm local time (New York time). This was followed by two aftershocks Sunday of magnitude 5.2 was located 10 kilometers deep and 16 kilometers north-northwest of Port-de-Paix and Monday at around 4 p.m. The second, of magnitude 4.2 located at 10 kilometers deep and 32 kilometers north-northwest of Port-de-Paix.
- According to the last SitRep from the Directorate of Civil Protection (DPC) (October 8, 1 P.M), the seism resulted in the death of 17 people - 9 in Port-de-Paix (North-West department), 1 in Saint Louis du Nord (North-West department) and 7 in Gros Morne (Artibonite department) – and 427 persons wounded. Most of the persons seriously wounded were cared for in local health infrastructure while seriously wounded was evacuated. Search and rescue operations ended on Monday October 8 and there was no reported case of missing persons or displacement thus ending the emergency phase of the disaster. Further actions are required to calm and reassure the population about the current situation, access remote communities, and strengthen the legal framework through enacting the DPC law in parliament. The only request thus far is for communication equipment and vehicles (potentially to access remote affected communities and undertake a more throughout assessment).
- According to initial estimates by the DPC, 7,783 households are affected by the partial or total destruction of their homes and requires support.

Situation Overview

Estimation of people affected¹

Department	Commune	Deads	Wounded	lost	Destroyed houses	Damaged houses	Affected households
Artibonite	Gros-Morne	7	118		115	2,050	2,165
Artibonite	Terre-Neuve		4		8		8
Artibonite	Gonaïves		20			5	5
North	Borgne		1		2	16	18
North	Cap-Haitien		14				0
North	Grand-Rivière				1	15	16
North	Plaisance		4		6	30	36
North	Pilate		15		57	476	533
North	Quartier Morin				1	1	2
North-West	Port-de-Paix	9	200		163	4,836	4,999
North-West	Saint-Louis du Nord	1	25			1	1
North-West	Bassin Bleu		20				0
Total		17	427	0	353	7,430	7,783

¹ Partial toll on Monday, 8 October, 1 P.M

Humanitarian Needs / Response



Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

Needs:

- According to DPC, 353 homes are destroyed and 7,430 are severely or slightly damaged. Most of the damage was recorded in Port-de-Paix (North-West) and Gros Morne (Artibonite).

Response:

- A response plan focusing on recovery needs of the affected households is being developed by the Government.



Infrastructure

Needs:

- According to DPC, 42 institutional buildings (schools, churches and others institutional buildings) are severely or slightly damaged in Gros Morne (Artibonite) and 4 national and private schools are destroyed in Pilate (North).

Response:

- The Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communication (MTPTC) is currently carrying out building evaluations in the North-West and is undertaking clearing and cleaning works in Gros Morne (Artibonite). Schools will be evaluated on Tuesday, October 9.
- The Ministry of Defense sent to Port de Paix (North-West) and Gros Morne (Artibonite) a contingent of 14 soldiers from the Military Engineering Corps to proceed to clearing and cleaning works. A second contingent of 70 soldiers is on stand-by to be deployed if necessary.



Education

Needs:

- 4 national and private schools are destroyed in Pilate (North).

Response:

- The Departmental Direction of Education assessed schools affected and is identifying relocation and psychosocial support solutions for children affected.



Health

Needs:

- According to DPC, 427 people have been wounded by the seism.

Response:

- The Health Directorates mobilized their teams in the North-West, North and Artibonite departments to take care of the wounded and evacuate trauma cases to other departments. 333 people are cared in the health institutions of the affected departments. The Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) strengthened hospitals' capacities in Port de Paix (North-West). The Emergency Unit Director is on the field to support operations.
- The World Health Organization (OMS) is supporting the MSPP in assessing the needs of health institutions and in providing them in medical inputs and materials according to expressed and potential needs.
- The Haitian Red Cross (CRH) deployed a medical team in the North-West department to support health institutions and sent blood bags to affected departments, taking into account expressed and potential needs.
- The Ministry of Defense sent to Port de Paix (North-West) and Gros Morne (Artibonite) a contingent of 14 soldiers from the Military Engineering Corps accompanied by 3 nurses and 2 doctors. A second contingent of 70 soldiers and 3 nurses and 1 doctor is on stand-by to be deployed if necessary.



Public Information

Needs:

- According to DPC, public sensitization on seismic risks needs to be reinforced, especially in schools and gathering places and through social networks and traditional media.

Response:

- The DPC Public Information area organized 2 press conferences on Monday, October 8, with the General Director of the Ministry of Interior and Territorial Collectivities (MICT), the General Director of the Ministry of Communication, the Director of the Civil Protection (DPC), the Minister delegated to the Prime Minister for patriotism and civic responsibility issues and the Secretary of State for Communication.
- The DPC Public Information area keeps disseminating up-to-date information and safety and precautionary instructions to the population.

General Coordination

The operational coordination is being implemented by the DPC with the support of 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 successfully mobilized internal capacity and they are assessing gaps that may require the support of the international community. OCHA is working with the DPC to collect information and ensure the implementation of coordination mechanisms.

The President of the Republic, accompanied by the Prime Minister and several government officials, visited the National Emergency Operations Centre on Sunday, October 7, to inquire about coordination and control of operations on the field and population needs. The Prime Minister held a working session of the National Committee for Risk and Disaster Management on Monday, October 8, to review sectors' interventions in the affected areas and provide governmental directives.

The Prime Minister held a meeting between the Haitian government and the international community on Monday, October 8, to discuss the situation overview. The meeting was attended by the key ministries and the DPC, Ambassadors, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General (SRSG), the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General/Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator DSRSG/RC/HC and UN Heads of Agencies and CLIO representatives (NGO coordination platform).

The national authorities presented the partial toll of the impact and the response activities ongoing to respond to affected populations' urgent needs led by the Haitian Government. In parallel, the national authorities are preparing a Response Plan that will focus on the transition and recovery needs for the affected communities. The plan will include the detail for the establishment of a 'new permanent and multi-sectorial structure' aimed to institutionalise a permanent crisis management structure. The details and scope of responsibilities of such new structure remains to be clarified by the Government. This plan will be presented at the next meeting (date to be confirmed).

The National Emergency Operations Centre remains partially activated. Communication is maintained with the hierarchy of the National Risk and Disaster Management System, as well as with the Departmental Emergency Operations Centre involved in the response.

The Humanitarian Country Team held two ad hoc meetings on Sunday, October 7, and on Monday, October 8, to coordinate the support the humanitarian community could provide to national authorities in needs assessment and rapid response if needed. A technical team of UN humanitarian agencies will undertake a mission on the field today, October 9, to identify support needed by the Departmental Emergency Operation Centres.

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