Overview
This document represents a summary snapshot of monitoring activities conducted by IOM and border monitoring partners at the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The monitoring was put in place following the movements observed at the border before and after the 17th June 2015 expiration of the registration component of the National Plan for the Regularization of Foreigners (PNRE1 in Spanish), established in the Dominican Republic. Monitoring of border movements began as of the first week of June 2015. Up until the 16th of June 2015, figures are based on partial observations of border crossing points (BCPs). The network was 100% operational as of July 2015. Due to budget constraints, IOM’s is now covering 50% of the border (50 BCPs) as of 1st September 2016.

CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS2
- 102,733 households representing 169,986 individuals have crossed the border into Haitian territory.
- 33.8% were female while 66.2% were male.
- 2,772 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified.
- 5,976 households declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to 11,567 individuals.
- 103,495 individuals declared having returned spontaneously.
- 28,841 individuals claim to have been deported.
- 37,1883 individuals were officially deported at the three official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladere and have been voluntary registered.
- IOM Dominican Republic facilitated the Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration (AVRR) of 185 households (462 individuals) on February 25th (169 individuals), on June 8th 2016 (181 individuals) and on September 20th (112 individuals).
- IOM Haiti assisted via the rental subsidy program a total of 579 households (corresponding to 2,320 individuals) who had settled in six (6) settlements in Anse-a-Pitres.

1 Plan Nacional de Regularización de los Extranjeros
2 All figures in this SitRep reflect information gathered on a voluntary basis from returnees, and therefore may not be representative of the totality of returns.
3 The figures of official deportations are as of 15th August 2015 and are the total number of individuals that agreed to be registered voluntarily by IOM’s network of enumerators along the border.
Sex Breakdown
Of the 169,986 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 33.8% were female and 66.2% were male.

Age Breakdown
The majority of the returnee population reported being between the ages of 18-49 years old, with individuals from this age group representing 67.5% of the overall return population. A reported 27.2% are aged 0-17 years old and 5.2% falls into the category 50 years and above.

Types of vulnerabilities
Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered 2,772 cases of presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs). After referral to the relevant government authorities (IBERS) and their partners (UNICEF), 1,232 of the potential caseload referred were identified as UAMs and the appropriate actions were taken to assist them:
- 769 were reunited with their parents
- 229 were reunited with other relatives
- 2 is still awaiting family reunification. (please refer to the UNICEF Flash Update on Bi-National situation - June 2015 to 31st October 2016)

Occupation
The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is in Agriculture (47,487 households), followed by Construction (25,970 households) and Commerce (11,782 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

Documentation
31.8% (54,124 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while 1.7% (2,968 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported 66.4% (112,894 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.
Entry on Haitian Territory
Of all 169,986 individuals interviewed, 103,495 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 28,841 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 37,188 individuals have been officially deported by DR Immigration (DGM). 462 individuals were Assisted Voluntary Returns (AVR) carried out by IOM (Dominican Republic).

Immigration 4000
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Voluntary Returns (AVR)

This corresponds to a total of 169,986. 

of whom were born before January 26th 2010. Subsequently, of the 1,428 cases (representing 4,514 individuals) verified by UNHCR, 2,125 individuals were confirmed as being born in the DR before January 26th 2010 and as such fall within UNHCR’s mandate. (Please refer to the UNHCR Statistical Update - dated September 8th 2016).

Graph 9: Total returns by Authority (Claimed and Official Deportation)

Destination and Intentions
When questioned regarding their intended destination, the following three communes have been most commonly indicated by returnees:
- Cornillons/Grand Bois as indicated by 9,713 households
- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 6,136 households
- Fonds-Verettes as indicated by 5,723 households

Graph 10: Intended Destination

Irrespective of the type of returns, the trends observed during previous Sitrep’s remain the same. The returnees have, most commonly, provided the following answers:
- Intention to stay with relatives (72.6%)
- Intention to rent a house (12.8%)
- Intention to stay with Friends (7.7%)
- Having nowhere to go (2.9%)

Graph 11: Age and sex breakdown of individuals born in the DR

Family remaining in the Dominican Republic
When asked about remaining family members in the DR, 104,939 individuals (17,164 claimed deportees, 67,143 spontaneous returnees, 20,405 officially deported individuals and 227 assisted voluntary returns) have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR.

Further questioning regarding the status of these remaining families has revealed that 76.2% are Haitians without visa, 13.9% are Haitians with visa and 5.8% are Dominican citizens or have a Resident status.

Graph 12: Status of returnee’s family members remaining in the DR

Registration in the PNRE
Of the 102,733 households interviewed by the network, 5,976 households (representing 5.8% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 5,976 households, 87.8% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 9.1% claimed to have been deported and 3.1% has been officially deported into Haitian territory.

Graph13: Registration in the PNRE by return status

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic
Of all returnees, 10,457 households (corresponding to 40,095 individuals) have at least one member who claims to have been born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of 21,888 individuals claiming to be born in the DR, 12,941 of whom were born before January 26th 2010. Subsequently, of the 1,428 cases (representing 4,514 individuals) verified by UNHCR, 2,125 individuals were confirmed as being born in the DR before January 26th 2010 and as such fall within UNHCR’s mandate. (Please refer to the UNHCR Statistical Update - dated September 8th 2016).
A total of 57,942 persons have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère - of which 37,188 persons (36,518 households) have been voluntarily registered. Most of these deportations were conducted by DR immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals and not households/families.

### Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs

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<td>9,158</td>
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<td>Malpasse</td>
<td>11,014</td>
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<td>Ouanaminthe</td>
<td>16,346</td>
<td>16,938</td>
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#### Breakdown by gender and Age

Of all the 36,799 individuals officially deported and registered, 93.9% were male and 6.1% were female. The majority of the officially deported individuals have reported being between the ages of 18-49 years, individuals from this age group representing 92.6% of the deported population. A reported 5.6% are aged between 0-17 years old and a mere 1.8% falls into the 50 year plus category. The average age of officially deported individuals is 26.63 years old.

#### Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported

Among the people officially deported, 1,499 were presumed unaccompanied minors (UAM). These presumed UAMs were referred to the relevant government authority (IBERS) and their partners for appropriated care and status determination.

#### Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

A reported 19,983 of officially deported individuals registered have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. They have indicated the following:

- 16,185 have relatives remaining
- 1,853 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 1,441 have their spouse (husband/wife) still in DR

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**Deportation Procedures**

Of all 37,188 persons officially deported, 36,866 have reportedly been carried out by the General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish), 212 by the CESFRONT and 110 by the military.

**Graph 17: CESFRONT Authority carrying out official deportations**

**Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were apprehended**

**Graph 19: Returnees family status in the DR**
This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of January 26th to February 1st 2017.

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **862** individuals were observed crossing the border into Haitian territory this week, which is a below average number this week – the average number of individuals observed crossing into Haiti since July 2015 is 1,952 individuals.

- **35** presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were identified during this week, which constitutes a slightly above average number of UAMs reported this week, the average number of presumed UAMs identified since July 2015 being 33. These UAMs were referred to the relevant authority for follow up; **10** of these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.

- **288** individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti representing a below average number of spontaneous returnees – the average of spontaneous returnees since July 2015 being 1,180 individuals.

- **113** individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory; this is considered an below average number of claimed deportations as the average of claimed deportees since July 2015 is 162 individuals.

- **Official deportations** continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère; a reported **461** individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week which is a below average – the average of individuals officially deported being **756** individuals. A reported **344** individuals of these deported individuals accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various official BCPs, constituting an below average for this week considering that there has been an average of **500** individuals officially deported into Haiti and registered since August 2015.

- There were no Assisted Voluntary Returns (AVRR) for this reporting period.

**OBSERVED MOVEMENT TRENDS**

- Movements for the last week of 862 returnees of which **745** returnees were registered compared to the previous report of **1,634** returnees were registered shows an increase in voluntary registrations this week;

- Overall weekly deportations (Claimed Deportations **113**; Official Deportations **461**) combined are higher when compared to spontaneous returns of **288** individuals.

- Spontaneous returns continue to be mainly assessed in unofficial border crossing points.

- This week **70** Individuals interviewed at unofficial border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory; **43** claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti this week.

**Table 1: Summary of monitored movements for this week**

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**Official Deportations**

This week, a total of **344** individuals officially deported were registered at the three border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère. Most of these deportations were carried out by the DR Immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals rather than households/families. At the time of publication a total of **340** households, corresponding to **344** individuals were officially deported this week in the official BCPs and had been entered into the IOM database.

**Table 2: Official Deportations per official BCPs this week**

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<td>Ouanaminthe</td>
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4 The difference in figures between the current and previous SitRep is due the fact that the data reflects the date of entry into Haiti and not the date of the data entry into the database.

5 The total weekly figures are comprised of all spontaneous returns and all deportations – including the officially deported individuals who did not agree to be registered but were still counted.

6 The figures in this table correspond to the individuals who voluntarily accepted to be registered between Thursday 26th to Wednesday 1st February 2017 and data entered into IOM’s database; with the exception of Belladère.