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 (PNRE 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 HIGHLIGHTS

- **106,254 households** representing **174,840 individuals** have crossed the border into Haitian territory.
- **33.7%** were female while **66.3%** were male.
- **2,849 presumed unaccompanied minors** were identified.
- **6,096 households** declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to **11,734 individuals**.
- **106,241 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously.
- **29,590 individuals** claim to have been deported.
- **38,547** individuals were officially deported at the three official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladère and have been voluntary registered.
- IOM Dominican Republic facilitated the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) of **185 households** (462 individuals) on February 25th (169 individuals), on June 8th 2016 (181 individuals) and on September 20th (113 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.

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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 174,840 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 33.7% were female and 66.3% were male.

Graph 3: Breakdown of returnee population by sex

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 67.8% of the overall returnee population. A reported 27.0% are aged 0-17 years old and 5.2% falls into the category 50 years and above.

Graph 4: Breakdown of returnees by sex and age

Types of vulnerabilities

Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered 2,849 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)

Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified.

Documentation

32.1% (56,047 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while 1.7% (3,036 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported 66.2% (115,757 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.

Graph 6: Returnee documentation status

- Assisted Voluntary Return: 0.1% with ID, 0.4% with No ID
- Spontaneous Returns: 74.6% with ID, 53.7% with No ID
- Deported: Official: 6.2% with ID, 30.1% with No ID
- Deported: Other: 19.1% with ID, 15.5% with No ID

The most common ID document returnees claim to possess continues to be the Haitian Birth Certificate, corresponding to 73.1% of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is the Haitian ID (CIN or NIF) which represents 20.4%.

Graph 7: Types of documents

Occupation

The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is in Agriculture (48,985 households), followed by Construction (27,016 households) and Commerce (12,195 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

Graph 8: Types of occupation
Entry on Haitian Territory
Of all 174,840 individuals interviewed, 106,241 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 29,590 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 38,547 individuals have been officially deported by DR Immigration (DGM). 462 individuals were Assisted Voluntary Returns (AVR) carried out by IOM (Dominican Republic).

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

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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 9,927 households
- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 6,235 households
- Fonds Verettes as indicated by 5,989 households

Graph 10: Intended Destination

Irrespective of the type of returns, the trends observed during previous Sitrrep’s remain the same. The returnees have, most commonly, provided the following answers:

- Intention to stay with relatives (72.8%)
- Intention to rent a house (12.7%)
- Intention to stay with Friends (7.7%)
- Having nowhere to go (2.8%)

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic
Of all returnees, 10,626 households (corresponding to 40,668 individuals) have at least one member who claims to have been born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of 22,157 individuals claiming to be born in the DR, 13,080 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).

Family remaining in the Dominican Republic
When asked about remaining family members in the DR, 107,642 individuals (17,596 claimed deportees, 68,794 spontaneous returnees, 21,025 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, 13.8% are Haitians with visa and 5.9% are Dominican citizens or have a Resident status.

Registration in the PNRE
Of the 105,070 households interviewed by the network, 6,096 households (representing 5.8% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 6,054 households, 87.9% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 9.0% claimed to have been deported and 3.1% has been officially deported into Haitian territory.

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

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

Graph 13: Registration in the PNRE by return status
A total of 60,172 persons have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère - of which 38,547 persons (37,856 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>9,755</td>
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<td>Malpasse</td>
<td>11,084</td>
<td>11,120</td>
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<td>Ouanaminthe</td>
<td>17,017</td>
<td>17,629</td>
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Breakdown by gender and Age

Of all the 38,035 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 92.7% 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 26.65 years old.

Graph 15: Age breakdown by sex and age of officially deported individuals

Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported

Among the people officially deported, 1,541 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.

Graph 16: Most common vulnerabilities assessed among official deported individuals.

Deportation Procedures

Of all 38,547 persons officially deported, 38,224 have reportedly been carried out by the General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish), 212 by the CESFRONT and 111 by the military.

Graph 17: Authority carrying out official deportations

When questioned about the location from which they were deported, the respondents have indicated the following:
- 34,725 individuals apprehended in the street
- 2,116 were apprehended in their residence
- 1,543 were apprehended in their place of employment.

Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were apprehended

Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

A reported 20,580 of officially deported individuals registered have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. They have indicated the following:
- 16,640 have relatives remaining
- 1,909 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 1,514 have their spouse (husband/wife) still in DR

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 February 18th to 23rd 2017.

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **1,534** 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 **1,898 individuals**.

- **33** presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were identified during this week, which is equal to the 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; **5** of these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.

- **641** individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti representing a below average number of spontaneous returnees – the average of spontaneous returnees since July 2015 being **1,153 individuals**.

- **148** 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 **158 individuals**

- **Official deportations** continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère; a reported **745** individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week which is a below average – the average of individuals officially deported being **753 individuals**. A reported **458** 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 **476 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 1,534 returnees of which **1,247 returnees were registered** compared to the previous report of **1,219 returnees** were registered shows an increase in voluntary registrations this week;

- Overall weekly deportations (Claimed Deportations **148**; Official Deportations **745**) combined are higher when compared to spontaneous returns of **641** individuals.

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

- This week **126 Individuals** interviewed at unofficial border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory; **22** 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 **458 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 **450 households**, corresponding to **458 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, with the exception of Belladère.

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 17th to Wednesday 22nd February 2017 and data entered into IOM’s database.

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