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\(^1\) 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 (BCP). 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\(^2\)

- 110,555 households representing 180,893 individuals have crossed the border into Haitian territory.
- 33.6% were female while 66.4% were male.
- 2,952 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified.
- 6,307 households declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to 12,010 individuals.
- 109,582 individuals declared having returned spontaneously.
- 30,577 individuals claim to have been deported.
- 40,272\(^3\) 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 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.

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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 180,893 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 33.6% were female and 66.4% 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 68.1% of the overall return population. A reported 26.7% 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 2,952 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)

Documentation
32.0% (57,899 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while 1.7% (3,113 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported 66.3% (119,881 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.

Occupation
The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is in Agriculture (50,877 households), followed by Construction (28,250 households) and Commerce (12,646 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.
Entry on Haitian Territory
Of all 180,893 individuals interviewed, 109,582 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 30,577 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 40,272 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)

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 10,280 households
- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 6,367 households
- Fonds Verettes as indicated by 6,264 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 (73.0%)
- Intention to rent a house (12.6%)
- Intention to stay with Friends (7.7%)
- Having nowhere to go (2.8%)

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic
Of all returnees, 10,912 households (corresponding to 41,645 individuals) have at least one member who claims to have been born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of 22,699 individuals claiming to be born in the DR, 13,339 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 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, 110,989 individuals (18,121 claimed deportees, 70,845 spontaneous returnees, 21,796 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 76.3% are Haitians without visa, 13.8% 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 110,555 households interviewed by the network, 6,307 households (representing 5.7% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 6,307 households, 88.1% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 8.9% claimed to have been deported and 3.0% has been officially deported into Haitian territory.

Graph 13: Registration in the PNRE by return status
A total of 62,225 persons have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère - of which 40,272 persons (39,560 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>Ouanaminthe</td>
<td>17,752</td>
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**Breakdown by gender and Age**

Of all the 40,272 individuals officially deported and registered, 93.8% were male and 6.2% 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 5.5% 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 26.71 years old.

**Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported**

Among the people officially deported, 1,600 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.

**Deportation Procedures**

Of all 40,272 persons officially deported, 39,947 have reportedly been carried out by the General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish), 212 by the CESFRONT and 112 by the military.

When questioned about the location from which they were deported, the respondents have indicated the following:
- 36,347 individuals apprehended in the street
- 2,174 were apprehended in their residence
- 1,585 were apprehended in their place of employment

**Family remaining in the Dominican Republic**

A reported 21,337 of officially deported individuals registered have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. They have indicated the following:
- 17,272 have relatives remaining
- 1,974 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 1,564 have their spouse (husband/wife) still in DR
This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of March 16th to March 23rd 2017.

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **1,364** 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 **1,923** individuals.
- **17** presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were identified during this week, which is a below average number of UAMs reported this week, the average number of presumed UAMs identified since July 2015 being **31**. These UAMs were referred to the relevant authority for follow up; all 17 these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.
- **675** individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti representing a below average number of spontaneous returnees – the average of spontaneous returnees since July 2015 being **1,140** individuals.
- **169** individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory; this is considered an above average number of claimed deportations as the average of claimed deportees since July 2015 is **157** individuals.
- **Official deportations** continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère; a reported **520** individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week which is a below average – the average of individuals officially deported being **742** individuals. A reported **500** individuals of these deported individuals accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various official BCPs, constituting an above average for this week considering that there has been an average of **474** 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 1,364 returnees of which **1,344** returnees were registered compared to the previous report of **1,307** returnees were registered shows an increase in voluntary registrations this week;
- Overall weekly deportations (Claimed Deportations **169**; Official Deportations **520**) combined are higher when compared to spontaneous returns of **675** individuals.
- Spontaneous returns continue to be mainly assessed in unofficial border crossing points.
- This week **127** individuals interviewed at unofficial border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory; **42** claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti this week.

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**Official Deportations**

This week, a total of **500** 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 **495 households**, corresponding to **50** individuals were officially deported this week in the official BCPs and had been entered into the IOM database.

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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 March 16th to 22nd and data entered into IOM’s database.