Flow Monitoring on 20 Border Crossing Points between Haïti and the Dominican Republic

BI-MONTHLY SITREP no. 35 - 1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021

CONTEXT

The COVID-19 outbreak first reported in the People’s Republic of China in late 2019 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March 2020. More than a year later, as of 15 May, approximately 162,177,000 confirmed cases had been reported in 213 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported that 277,188 individuals tested positive to the virus with 3,582 who have died from the disease. On 20 March 2020, the first two cases were confirmed in Haïti and the country remains at high risk of rapid contagion given the weak health system, the proximity and porous border with the Dominican Republic. At present, 13,598 cases of infection, 276 deaths and 12,463 recoveries have been confirmed in Haïti.

IOM continues to adapt its ongoing Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) initiative along the Haïti–Dominican Republic border to support the ongoing preparedness and response. The Flow Monitoring initiative is currently being carried out in 20 Border Crossing Points between Haïti and the Dominican Republic: 16 unofficial points and 4 official points in collaboration with the Support Group for the Repatriated and Refugees (GARR in French).

BI-MONTHLY FIGURES - 1 MAY TO 15 MAY

59,526 total cross border movements observed
31,114 going to the Dominican Republic
28,412 going to Haïti
6,937 persons voluntarily returned to Haiti

MIGRATORY FLOWS - VOLUNTARY RETURNS AND DEPORTATIONS

69.9% of observed movements were daily commuters
11.0% of observed movements were voluntary/spontaneous returns
0.9% were forced displacements (deportations, arbitrary expulsions and non admissions)
18.2% of other types of movements

DEMOGRAPHICS - BREAKDOWN BY SEX

MEN 46.1%
WOMEN 46.3%
BOYS 4.4%
GIRLS 3.2%

VULNERABILITIES - OBSERVED AT THE BORDER

1.9% Pregnant/breastfeeding women
2.0% presumed unaccompanied children (UAM)
0.6% children aged 5 years or less
1.5% elderly persons (aged 60 years +)
0.2% physically disabled persons

CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS OBSERVED AT THE BORDER FROM 1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021

Disclaimer: Flow Monitoring activities are not representative of all flows in the geographic region covered by the exercise and should be understood as only indicative of the individuals captured at the flow monitoring points during the time-frame indicated. Enumerators are deployed at the border from Mondays to Fridays and the data presented represent migratory flows observed 5 days a week. In addition, these figures represent the data entered at the time of the report. Information is being entered consistently and figures updated as the information becomes available.
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Please note that the figures presented in this page do not include movements for December 2020 and January 2021 as Flow Monitoring activities resumed on 1 February 2021.

CUMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 17 MARCH 2020

1,351,321
Cumulative movements observed on border crossing points from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.

576,324
Cumulative movements observed from Haiti to the Dominican Republic from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.

774,997
Cumulative movements observed from the Dominican Republic to Haiti from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.

DEMOGRAPHICS SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI - from 17 MARCH 2020 to 15 MAY 2021

MEN 51.5%
WOMEN 38.8%
BOYS 5.7% GIRLS 4.0%

VOLUNTARY RETURNS

286,626
Voluntary Returns observed at the border from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINTS FROM 17 MARCH 2020 TO 15 MAY 2021

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REPATRIATIONS

The migration of Haitians remains one of the most complex and challenging in the region. It is estimated that there are more than 1.2 million Haitian migrants across the world (MPI 2017), mostly in the United States of America, Canada, France, the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic, among others. Haiti also remains highly exposed to natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. Adding to these challenges, the country’s continuous socio-economic issues caused by political turmoil have consistently caused instability, widespread poverty, risks of epidemics among others. These factors combined contribute to exacerbate the country’s vulnerability, thus directly driving irregular migration flows.

In line with this, IOM is monitoring other movements and migratory flows outside of Haiti, particularly those observed towards northern countries such as the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the United States of America. Indeed, as increased movements and repatriations of Haitian migrants from the Northern part of Haiti (Nord-Ouest, Nord and Nord-Est) have been observed for the better part of 2019 and the last half of 2020. IOM’s Flow Monitoring teams will continue to track all trends that may also affect movements toward the Dominican Republic.

In this context, “Coast Guard” refers to migrants apprehended at sea in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the United States and repatriated by the Coast Guard.

CUMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 2018

5,787

Repatriations since 2018

While repatriations were initially halted in light of COVID-19 restrictions, they resumed in June 2020. A total of 3,795 of Haitian migrants were repatriated to Haiti between 1 June 2020 to 15 May 2021.

- 3,499 persons forcefully repatriated from 9 locations (8 countries and at sea)
- 296 persons voluntarily repatriated from: Chile (257), Guadeloupe (12), Martinique (13) and French Guiana (14)
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FLOW MONITORING POINTS MONITORED ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021—OUANAMINTHE

**Origin in Dominican Republic**
Dajabon, Santiago, Santo Domingo, La Altagracia, Puerto Plata, Valverde, Monte Cristi, Barahona

**Destination in Haiti: Département**
- Nord-Ouest
- Nord-Est
- Nord
- Artibonite
- Ouest

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Origin in Dominican Republic
Azua, Santiago, Santo Domingo, San Cristobal, San Juan, La Romana, Duarte, La Samana, San Pedro de Macoris, Barahona, Independencia, Puerto Plata, La Altagracia, Elias Pina, Dajabon, Hato Mayor

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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021— MALPASSE

**Origin in Dominican Republic**

Barahona, Duarte, Santo Domingo, Independencia, Santiago, Bahoruco, La Romana, Elias Pina, Distrito Nacional

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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021—ANSE-À-PITRES

Origin in Dominican Republic
La Romana, Pedernales, Barahona

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