



The COVID-19 outbreak first reported in China in late 2019 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 11 March 2020. As of 19 March, 207,855 cases had been reported in 166 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported 34 individuals infected and 2 deaths. On 20 March the first two cases have been confirmed in Haiti and the country remains at high risk of rapid contagion given the weak health system, the proximity and porous border with Dominican Republic and the limited external connections now possible. In response, the Government of Haiti has communicated many important instructions to minimize the spread of the disease, particularly: closure of schools and factories, closure of airports and ports to passengers, banning of meetings of more than 10 people, nationwide curfew between 20:00 and 5:00 and plea for social distancing guidelines to be respected.

IOM has adapted its ongoing Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) initiative along the Haiti– Dominican Republic to support the ongoing preparedness and response. The Flow Monitoring initiative is being carried out in 50 Border Crossing Points between Haiti and the Dominican Republic: 46 unofficial points and 4 official points.

KEY FIGURES:

433,031

Cumulative movements tracked by DTM Flow Monitoring Points since January 2020.

30,511

Movements tracked from 16 - 22 March 2020



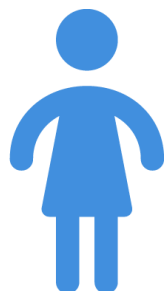
43%
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WOMEN



57%
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MEN



65%
39%

GIRLS



35%
61%

BOYS

XX% - Overall

XX% - 16-22 March

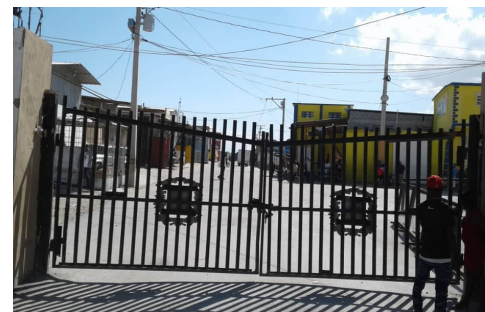
Entry Points	TOTAL	Entering Haiti	Leaving Haiti
January	20,599	10,696	9,903
February	219,600	70,171	149,429
1-15 March	162,321	47,593	114,728
15-22 March	30,511	16,043	14,468
TOTAL	433,031	144,503	288,528

Please note that the figures above take into account all types of movements (forced, voluntary, daily etc.) observed along the monitored entry points. They do not replace official number but rather aim to provide insight on movements trends and patterns observed at the border



NORD-EST (Ouanaminthe)

- Border closed as of 17 March 2020.
- Increased movements were observed on unofficial border crossing points.
- Voluntary returns of around 600 migrants was observed on Friday 20 March 2020.



OUEST (Malpasse)

- Border closed as of 17 March 2020.
- No increase of in migratory flows were observed on unofficial border Crossing points.



CENTRE (Belladere)

- Border closed as of 17 March 2020
- Increased movements were observed on unofficial border crossing points.
- Daily commute to purchase/sell goods continue on unofficial border crossing points despite restrictions.
- Dominican citizens who wished to return to the DR were allowed entry through the Belladere crossing point



SUD-EST (Anse a Pitre)

- Border closed as of 17 March 2020.
- No increase of in migratory flows were observed on unofficial border Crossing points.