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, figures are based on partial observations of border crossing points. The network was 100% operational as of July 2015.

CUMULATIVE\(^2\) HIGHLIGHTS\(^3\)
- 51,114 households representing 89,538 individuals have crossed the border into Haitian territory
- 34.3% were female while 65.7% were male
- 1,308 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified
- 3,720 households declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to 7,892 individuals
- 54,627 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- 14,983 individuals claim to have been deported
- 19,759\(^4\) individuals were officially deported at the three official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladères and have been voluntary registered.
- On February 25\(^{th}\) 2016, IOM Dominican Republic facilitated the Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration (AVRR) of 169 individuals (73 households).

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\(^1\) Plan Nacional de Regularización de los Extranjeros
\(^2\) Individuals are registered each time they enter Haiti. The figures reflected in this report include 404 individuals who have been registered twice (as of October 2015).
\(^3\) 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.
\(^4\) The figures of official deportations are as of 15\(^{th}\) August 2015.
\(^5\) The figures used in the graph are based on data entry already completed and do not reflect the total figures observed (average time for completion is 2 weeks). However, there has been a significant decrease in figures related to official deportations, as returnees are more and more refusing to register with the network.
Sex Breakdown
Of the 89,538 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 34.3% were female and 65.7% 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 65.5% of the overall returning population. A reported 29.8% are aged 0-17 years old and 4.7% 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 1,308 cases of presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs). After referral to the relevant government authorities (IBESR) and their partners (UNICEF), 502 of the potential caseload referred were identified as UAMs and the appropriate actions were taken to assist them:

- 331 were reunited with their parents
- 145 were reunited with other relatives
- 18 are still awaiting family reunification. (please refer to the UNICEF Flash Update on Bi-National situation - 15 December 2015)

Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified.

Documentation
33% (29,545 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while 2.3% (2,057 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported 65.7% (57,936 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.

Graph 6: Returnee documentation status

The most common ID document returnees claim to possess continues to be the Haitian Birth Certificate, corresponding to 72.4% of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is the Haitian ID (CIN or NIF) which represents 20.1%.

Graph 7: Types of documents

Occupation
The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is agriculture (23,845 households), followed by construction (12,422 households) and commerce (5,680 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

Graph 8: Types of occupation
Entry on Haitian Territory
Of all 89,538 individuals interviewed, 54,627 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 14,983 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 19,759 individuals have been officially deported by DR Immigration (DGM). 169 individuals were Assisted voluntary Returns (AVR) carried out by IOM (Dominican Republic).

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 5,145 households
- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 3,488 households
- Fonds-Verettes as indicated by 2,785 households

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 (70.4%)
- Intention to rent a house (12.3%)
- Intention to stay with Friends (6.8%)
- Having nowhere to go (4.4%)
- Intention to go into a settlement/camp (1.7%)

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic
Of all returnees, 6,549 households (corresponding to 25,203 individuals) have at least one member who was born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of 14,017 individuals born in the DR, 8,586 of which were born before January 26th 2010. Subsequently, 1,237 individuals were verified by UNHCR as being born in the DR before January 26th 2010 and as such will fall within UNHCR’s mandate. (please refer to the UNHCR Statistical Update - dated February 25th 2016).

Family remaining in the Dominican Republic
When asked about remaining family members in the DR, 56,626 individuals (9,207 claimed deportees, 35,657 spontaneous returnees, 11,656 officially deported individuals and 106 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 74.7% are Haitians without visa, 13.9% are Haitians with visa and 6.5% are Dominican citizens or have a Resident status.

Registration in the PNRE
Of the 51,114 households interviewed by the network, 3,720 households (representing 7.3% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 3,720 households, 87.5% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 10.4% claimed to have been deported and 2.1% has been officially deported into Haitian territory.
A total of 19,759 persons (19,460 households) have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères and have been voluntary 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>Malpasse</td>
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<td>Ouanaminthe</td>
<td>8,555</td>
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**Breakdown by gender and Age**

Of all the 19,759 individuals officially deported, 94.0% were male and 6.0% 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 91.7% of the deported population. A reported 6.4% are aged between 0-17 years old and a mere 2.0% falls into the 50 year plus category. The average age of officially deported individuals is 26.5 years old.

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

**Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported**

Among the people officially deported, 829 were presumed unaccompanied minors (UAM). These presumed UAMs were referred to the relevant government authority (IBES R) and their partners for appropriated care and status determination.

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

When questioned about the location from which they were deported, the respondents have indicated the following:

- 17,269 individuals apprehended in the street
- 1,433 were apprehended in their residence
- 973 were apprehended in their place of employment.

**Family remaining in the Dominican Republic**

A reported 11,437 of officially deported individuals have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. They have indicated the following:

- 8,901 have relatives remaining
- 1,235 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 943 have their spouse (husband/wife) still in DR

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

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

**Graph 19: Returnees family status in the DR**
WEEKLY REPORT: Border monitoring activities from 14th April to 20th April 2016.

This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of April 14th to April 20th 2016.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **663** individuals were observed crossing the border into Haitian territory this week, which is below average number this week – the average number of individuals observed crossing into Haiti since July 2015 is **1,860** individuals.

- **19** presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were identified during this week which constitutes a below average number for UAMs this week, the average number of presumed UAMs identified since July 2015 being **27**. These UAMs referred to the relevant authority for follow up; **16** of these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.

- **189** individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti representing a below average number of spontaneous returnees – the average of spontaneous returnees since July 2015 being **1,133** individuals

- **46** individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory; this is considered below average in the number of claimed deportations as the average of claimed deportees since July 2015 is **151** individuals

- **Official deportations** continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères; a reported **854** individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week of which **428** individuals accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various official BCPs. This constitutes a below average for this week considering that there has been an average of **534** individuals being officially deported into Haiti and registered since August 2015.

**OBSEIVED MOVEMENT TRENDS**

- Movements this week (**663 returnees**) compared to the previous week (**922 returnees**) shows a decrease;
- Overall weekly deportations (Claimed Deportations **46**; official deportations **428** are higher than spontaneous returns of **189** individuals).
- Spontaneous returns continue to be mainly assessed in unofficial border crossing points.
- This week **38 individuals** interviewed at unofficial border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory, while **8 persons** claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti.

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

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<th>Entry Status</th>
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**Official Deportations**

This week, a total of **428 individuals** officially deported were registered at the three border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères. Most of these deportations were carried out by the DR Immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals rather than households/families. Indeed a total of **423 households**, corresponding to **428 individuals** were officially deported this week were registered by enumerators present at the border.

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

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**Deportation**: The act of a State in the exercise of its sovereignty in removing an alien from its territory to a certain place after refusal of admission or termination of permission to remain (Glossary on Migration, p 18, IOM)

**Spontaneous (migration) return**: An individual or groups who initiate and proceeds with their migration plans without any outside assistance. (Glossary on Migration, p 62, IOM)

**Official Deportations**: Government organized returns which are carried out at the official Border Crossing Points between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (border schedule). Before official deportations, relevant returnees receive an official notification regarding the impending deportation. Furthermore, information regarding the time and point of deportation are communicated to the Haitian authorities (Haitian Embassy/consulate). Official deportations are mostly carried out by the DR Immigration (DGM).

**Other Deportations**: Any forceful return which does not follow the aforementioned guidelines.

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6 The reduced figures published this week the outstanding backlog in data entry due to competing data management unit activities.
6 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.
8 The figures represented in this table correspond to the individuals who voluntarily accepted to be registered between the period from Thursday 14th April to Wednesday 20th April 2016.