

Source: National Hurricane Center

### GENERAL OVERVIEW

On the morning of Tuesday 4 October, Hurricane Matthew made landfall in the Grand Anse and Southern Peninsula as a Category 4 hurricane, with heavy rain, strong winds and flooding. Mathew is the third strongest hurricane ever recorded in Haiti and the first Category 4 to hit the country in the past 52 years. Winds up to 150 mph (240 km/h) barreled into southern coastal towns including Jeremie, Les Cayes, Port Salut, Damie Marie and Jacmel causing major damage to tin-roof homes, schools and other public buildings. Between 20 and 40 inches of rain were recorded across the southern Peninsula, which combined with important storm surge, caused major flooding across the entire region.

In the wake of the hurricane's passage over Haiti, the Government of Haiti issued a Red Alert (highest alert) for the entire country and the National Emergency Operations Center (COUN) was activated.

### CURRENT SITUATION

#### As of Wednesday 5 October:

- **Communication networks** with the Grand Anse departments **were entirely down** since Tuesday morning and phone lines with Nippes department were heavily affected
- A **key bridge** connecting the Southern Peninsula to the rest of the country, La Digue bridge in Petit Goave, had **collapsed** on Tuesday 4 October. **Land access to the most affected areas remains blocked**

### Highlights

- IOM is managing US-government (OFDA/USAID) NFIs for up to 8000 affected households in key affected areas
- 13 multi-sectorial IOM teams carried out initial evaluations and needs assessments in 14 IDP camps in Port-au-Prince (45% of remaining open sites)
- 10 multi-sectorial IOM emergency teams on standby for immediate deployment to affected regions pending road access

- The Haitian Directorate for Civil Protection reported **5 deaths, 6 injuries and 1 missing person**
- **152 temporary shelters** were housing **15,623 displaced** individuals according to the COUN
- **Widespread flooding and landslides** was reported in all coastal areas
- Initial, though incomplete reports from the Southern Peninsula, describe hundreds houses and several schools having been destroyed
- **82 T-Shelters and makeshift tents were destroyed and 270 T-Shelters and makeshift tents were damaged** in those 14 IDP camps assessed in the Port-au-Prince area
- Important damages were reported to makeshift tents housing returnees/deportees from the Dominican Republic in Anse-a-Pitres (Belle Anse)

### IOM IN-COUNTRY CAPACITY:

IOM Haiti at the time of writing is staffed with 198 National and 19 International staff operating in the fields of:

- Camp Coordination & Camp Management (CCCM)
- CCCM Working Group
- Non-Food Items & Shelter capacity including pre-positioning and DPC capacity building
- Data Management
- Protection
- Health
- Engineering and Urban Planning
- Aerial imagery (drone capacity)

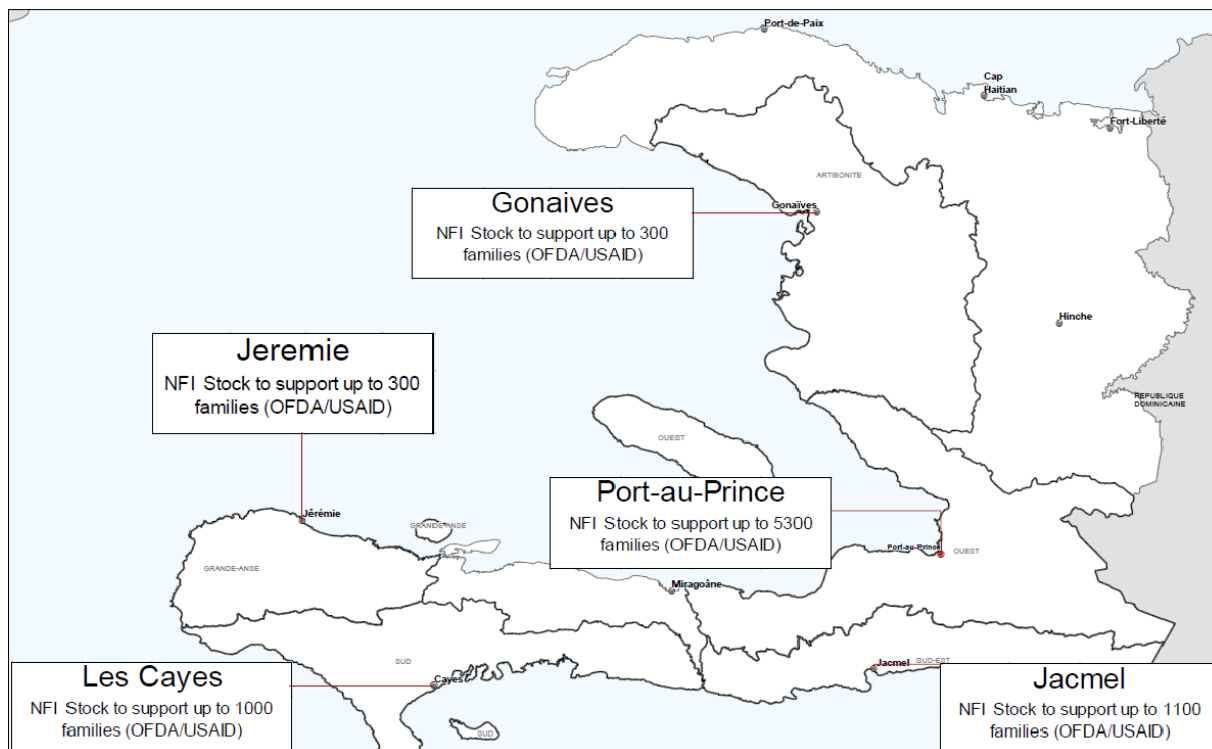
IOM Haiti operates out of two main offices located in Port-au-Prince (West) and in Ouanaminthe (North East) and maintains prepositioned NFI stocks in partnership with the Directorate for Civil Protection in Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Port-au-Prince and Gonaïves. In preparation for the Hurricane, IOM Haiti prepositioned staff in Les Cayes and Jeremie to ensure coordination and immediate response.

### IOM HURRICANE MATTHEW RESPONSE

IOM is providing assistance to the GoH and the Directorate of Civil Protection through its core competencies and in-country consolidated experience to respond to the most pressing needs following Hurricane Matthew.

More specifically, IOM is:

- Deploying 13 multisectorial teams to carry-out a comprehensive evaluation and needs assessment. These multisectorial teams will focus on the Southern Peninsula as well as the Port au Prince metropolitan area where 55,000 IDPs still reside in 31 open displacement sites
- Harmonizing and centralizing all collected data into IOM Haiti's database
- Deploying experienced staff to coordinate the emergency response in Les Cayes and Jeremie
- Managing facilities housing prepositioned OFDA/USAID NFI stocks in Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel and Port-au-Prince to support up to 8,000 affected households.
- Maintaining a large NFI/Shelter warehouse management capacity in Port-au-Prince as a central hub



IOM Haiti Prepositioned NFI Stock Capacity across Haiti

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