Situation Overview

On the morning of Tuesday 4 October, Hurricane Matthew, the first Category 4 to hit the country in the past 52 years with winds up to 150 mph (240 km/h) barreled into southern coastal towns including Jeremie, Les Cayes, Port Salut, Dame Marie and Jacmel, causing major damage to homes, schools and other public infrastructures.

- **2.1 million people** were affected by the hurricane of which **1.4 million people** require humanitarian assistance (OCHA);
- At the time of the hurricane, Haiti Shelter and NFI Working Group reported that **1,579,900 persons** were affected of which 175,000 persons have been left without housing and 44,299 are female headed households (Shelter and NFI Working Group);
- From 4 October to 28 November, **8,893 cholera cases** were suspected countrywide with 2,098 cholera cases in the South and 2,147 cholera cases in the Grand’Anse (WHO/PAHO);
- As of December 8th, IOM’s DTM registered **3,914 individuals** with specific Protection needs.

Due to the emergency of the situation and the multitude of needs, IOM’s activities encompasses NFI and shelter support, Displacement Tracking Matrix activities, protection activities, health and household water treatment, CCCM and logistic.
NFI and Shelter

- Prior to the hurricane, IOM deployed field staff to Jeremie and Les Cayes as well as prepositioned NFIs for 8,000 households in Jeremie, Les Cayes, Gonaives, Jacmel and Port-au-Prince.
- A total of 72,827 households have received assistance through the IOM-managed NFI common pipeline.
- Through Shelter/NFI sector partners, 89,193 households have received plastic sheetings, 67,487 households received blankets and 64,018 households received hygiene kits (Shelter Working Group).
- To assist in the rehabilitation of damaged houses in Dame Marie, IOM has developed wind resistant construction techniques as well as a designed a training course to assist beneficiaries utilize the shelter repair kits.

Protection

- Days following the hurricane, IOM deployed 34 multi-sectorial (CCCM/DRR/Protection) emergency staff to carry out rapid assessments in Jeremie and Les Cayes.
- IOM co-lead with the National Committee against Human Trafficking (CNLTP), a protection sub-working group on Human Trafficking in order to mainstream Counter-Trafficking activities within the overall protection response. The sub-working group aims prevent Counter-trafficking, irregular/unsafe migration in the areas affected
- IOM Protection staff and the President of the CNLTP, conducted field visits in Jeremie and Les Cayes from November 27th to December 1st 2016 to meet with authorities and protection actors on human trafficking issues.
- On December 6th, IOM launched a hotline to identify, advise and refer cases suspected of human trafficking and smuggling. IOM trained 10 call agents to receive and support callers. As of 14 December, the hotline has received 1,255 calls.

Health

- IOM Health conducted a cholera rapid assessment in the departments of Grand Anse and South.
- IOM provided medical and non-medical items to 12 Cholera treatment centers in the Grand Anse and South departments.
- IOM Health met with National Directorate of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DINEPA) and local authorities to coordinate Household water treatment in cholera hotspot communes.

Logistics

- IOM received a total of 995 metric tons of NFIs (OFDA,UNHCR) through 26 air and road cargos.
- IOM dispatched a total of 162 trucks carrying 950 metric tons of NFIs to Les Cayes and Jeremie by road and air.
- 1,500 square meters of warehousing space was established in Jeremie and Les Cayes to store humanitarian goods.
- IOM availed a fleet of 20 trucks to the DPC and NGO partners to facilitate their distribution activities.