



The COVID-19 outbreak first reported in the People’s Republic of China in late 2019 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 11 March 2020. As of 29 March, approximately 635,000 cases had been reported in 178 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported 901 individuals infected and 42 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. At present, 15 cases have been confirmed in Haiti.

IOM has adapted its ongoing Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) initiative along the Haiti– Dominican Republic border 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 in collaboration with the Support Group for the Repatriated and Refugees (GARR in French), Jesuit Services to Migrants (SJM in French) and Jeannot Succès Border Network (RFJS in French).

KEY FIGURES

508,000

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

7,800

Movements tracked at the border from 28-30 March 2020.

DEMOGRAPHICS



WOMEN

44%

33%



MEN

56%

67%



GIRLS

38%

32%



BOYS

62%

68%

XX% - Overall

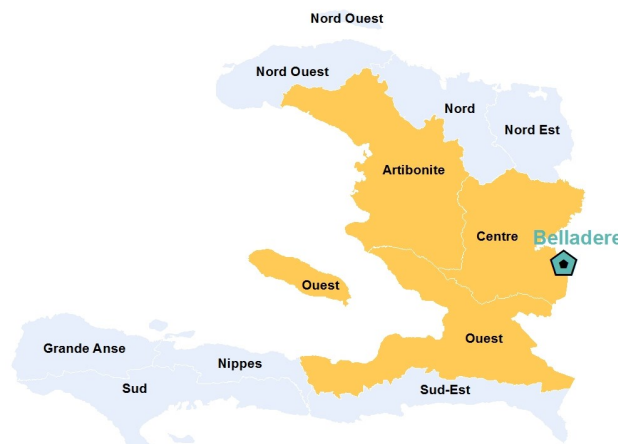
XX% - 28– 30 March

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.

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



Ouanaminthe: Returnees have indicated the **Nord-Ouest**, **Nord**, **Nord-Est** and **Artibonite** departments as their destination



Belladère: Returnees have indicated the **Artibonite**, **Centre** and **Ouest** departments as their destination.



Malpasse: Returnees have indicated the **Ouest**, **Sud-Est** and **Sud** departments as their destination.



NORD-EST (Ouanaminthe)

- Instruction to close the border as of 17 March 2020.
- Increased movements were observed on official border crossing points in the Nord-Est department.
- Normal commercial exchanges have resumed on the official border crossing point of Ouanaminthe.
- Voluntary returns and deportations have been observed on the official Border Crossing point (an estimated 580 returns to Haiti).
- The returnees indicated being from Santiago, Casa Nueva and Mao in the D.R.



CENTRE (Belladère)

- Instruction to close the border as of 17 March 2020.
- Increased movements were observed on unofficial border crossing points in the Centre department.
- Normal commercial exchanges have resumed on the official border crossing point of Belladere.
- Voluntary returns have been observed at the official border crossing point of Belladère - Elias Pina (an estimated 100 voluntary returns).
- The returnees indicated being from Santo Domingo in the D.R.



OUEST (Malpasse)

- Instruction to close the border as of 17 March 2020.
- Increase in voluntary returns observed on the unofficial ones.
- No voluntary returns or deportations were reported in Malpasse.
- The bi-national market has resumed on unofficial border crossing points in the Ouest department.