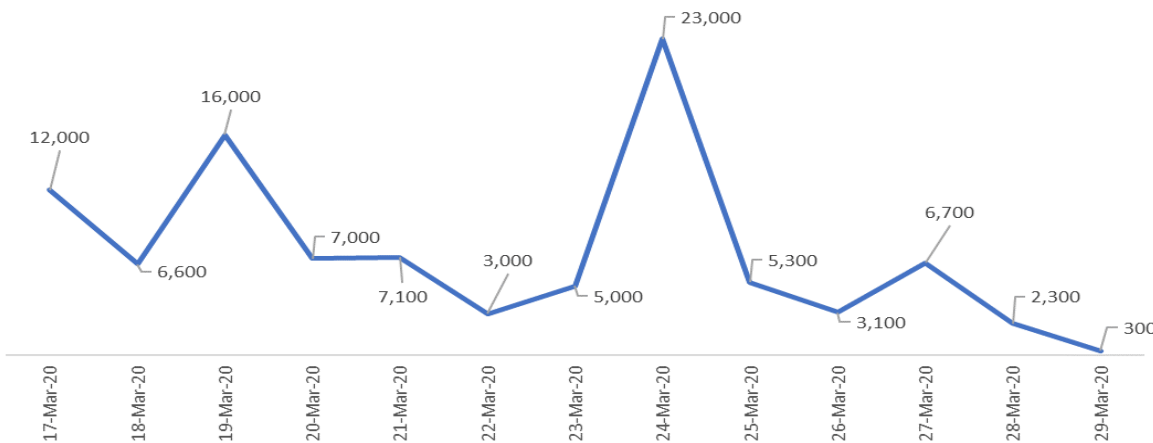




The COVID-19 outbreak first reported in the People’s Republic of China in late 2019 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 11 March 2020. As of 29 March, approximately 635,000 cases had been reported in 178 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring 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).

Rounded figures of movements observed at the border from 17 to 29 March 2020



DEMOGRAPHICS



42%

WOMEN



58%

MEN



26%

GIRLS



74%

BOYS

KEY FIGURES:

96,000

Cumulative movements tracked by
DTM Flow Monitoring Points
From 17 to 29 March 2020.

36,000

Cumulative Movements tracked from
Haiti to the Dominican Republic .
from 17 to 29 March 2020.

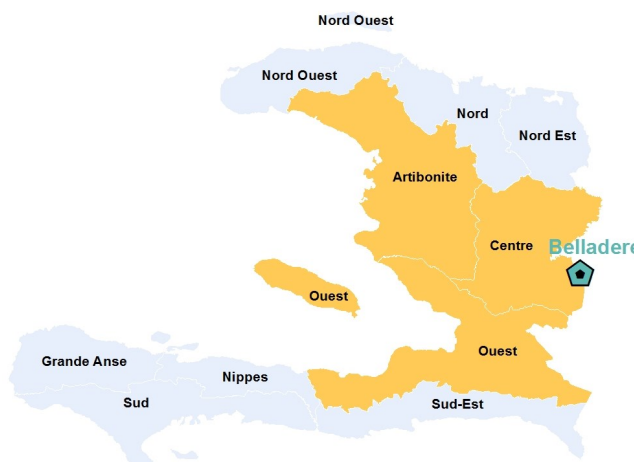
60,000

Cumulative Movements tracked from
Dominican Republic to Haiti
from 17 to 29 March 2020.

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)

- Deportations continue to be carried out on the official Border Crossing point despite the Border's closure.
- An estimated 1,600 returns have been observed in Ouanaminthe from 17 to 29 March 2020.



CENTRE (Belladère)

- Deportations and increased voluntary returns have been observed on the official and unofficial Border Crossing points in despite the Border's closure.
- An estimated 500 returns have been observed in Belladère from 17 to 29 March 2020.



OUEST (Malpasse)

- Increase in voluntary returns observed on the unofficial ones. No voluntary returns were reported in Malpasse.
- An estimated 90 migrants were repatriated through Malpasse from 17 to 29 March 2020.