

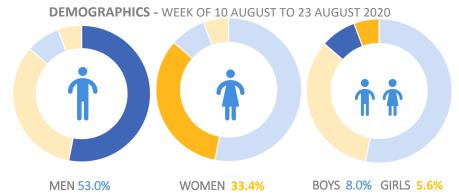
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#### **CONTEXT**

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 23 August, approximately 23,057,288 confirmed cases had been reported in 195 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported that 91,608 individuals tested positive to the virus and 1,573 died from the disease. On 20 March, the first two cases were 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. Some of these restrictions were lifted or modified by the Haitian government as of 30 June 2020. At present, 8,082 cases of infection, 196 deaths and 5,624 recoveries 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 Jano Siksè Border Network (RFJS in Haitian Creole).



WEEKLY FIGURES - 10 AUGUST TO 23 AUGUST 2020

45,523

Total cross border movements observed

17,86

going to the Dominican Republic

27,658

going to Haiti

12,033

of movements to Haiti are voluntary returns

BREAKDOWN OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS PER BORDER LOCATION - WEEK OF 10 AUGUST TO 23 AUGUST 2020

Département	Commune	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	Total per loca- tion
Nord-Est	Ouanaminthe	420	112	388	180	480	307	579	1,116	723	573	759	693	544	-	6,874
Centre	Belladère	250	169	150	172	411	147	214	261	222	208	288	336	221	303	3,352
Ouest	Malpasse	137	59	44	55	49	67	40	89	52	60	79	34	57	-	822
Ouest	Cornillon	14	20	26	22	18	15	27	29	29	24	37	36	36	8	342
Ouest	Fonds-Verettes	43	81	27	42	67	50	46	45	62	45	53	53	21	9	643
Total p	oer date	864	441	635	471	1,025	586	906	1,540	1,088	910	1,216	1,152	879	320	12,033

CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS AT THE BORDER FROM 10 AUGUST TO 23 AUGUST 2020 (ROUNDED FIGURES)



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 numbers 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.

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**CUMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 17 MARCH 2020** 

431,335

171,900

259,435

**Cumulative movements observed** on border crossing points from 17 March to 23 August 2020.

10 Aug-16 Aug

17 Aug-23 Aug

→ Quanaminthe

-- Belladère

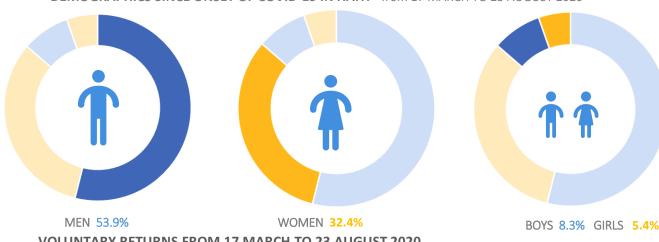
→ Malpasse

-Savane Bombe

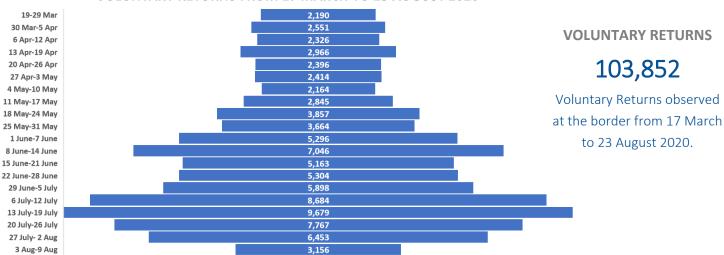
**Cumulative movements observed from** Haiti to the Dominican Republic from 17 March to 23 August 2020.

**Cumulative movements observed from** the Dominican Republic to Haiti from 17 March to 23 August 2020.

## DEMOGRAPHICS SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI - from 17 MARCH TO 23 AUGUST 2020



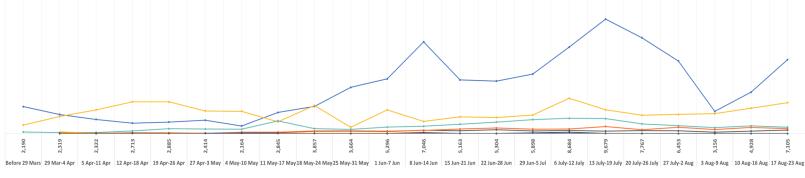
### **VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM 17 MARCH TO 23 AUGUST 2020**



#### **VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINTS FROM 17 MARCH TO 23 AUGUST 2020**

4,928

7,105



→ Fonds Verettes

-Baie de Manzanille

-Nan Batev



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#### **REPATRIATIONS**

The migration of Haitians remains one of the most complex and challenging in the region. It is estimated that there are more than 1.2 million persons Haitian migrants across the world (MPI 2017), most in United States of America, Canada, France, the Bahamas and Dominican Republic, among others. Haiti also remains highly exposed to natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. Adding to these challenges, the country's continuous socio-economic issues caused by political turmoil have consistently caused instability, widespread poverty, risks of epidemies among others. These factors combined contribute to exacerbate the country's vulnerability thus directly driving irregular migration flows.

In line with this, IOM is monitoring other movements and migratory flows outside of Haiti, particularly those observed towards northern countries such as the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and United States of America. Indeed, as increased movements and repatriations of Haitian migrants from the Northern part of Haiti (Nord-Ouest, Nord and Nord-Est) have been observed for the better part of 2019 and early 2020, IOM's flow monitoring teams will continue to track all trends that may also affect movements toward the Dominican Republic.

In this context, "Coast Guard" refers to migrants apprehended at sea in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the United States and repatriated by the Coast Guard.

**CUMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 2018** 

2,724

**Repatriations since 2018** 

#### **REPATRIATIONS FIGURES FROM 2018**

Country of Origin	Number of repatriated migrants	Female	Male
Bahamas	1,175	25%	75%
Chile	150	27%	73%
Cuba	12	25%	75%
Dominica	46	26%	74%
Mexico	305	33%	67%
Turks and Caicos	277	8%	92%
Coast Guard	759	18%	82%

While repatriations were halted in light of COVID-19 restrictions, they have resumed in Juin. A total of **806** of Haitian migrants were repatriated to Haiti between 1 June to 23 August.

- 656 persons forcefully repatriated from 6 locations (5 countries and at sea)
- **150 persons** voluntarily repatriated from Chile

#### REPATRIATIONS FIGURES AS OF ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI

Month	Country of Origin	Number of repatriated migrants	Female	Male
June 2020	Turks and Caicos	277	8%	92%
July 2020	Bahamas	88	38%	62%
August 2020	Bahamas	65	22%	78%
	Chile	150	27%	73%
	Cuba	12	25%	75%
	Dominica	46	26%	74%
	Mexico	55	33%	67%
	Coast Guard	113	9%	91%



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#### FLOWMINDER—INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

To further complement the displacement information captured by the Flow Monitoring initiative, IOM Haiti has partnered with the international Non-profit Organization Flowminder, to further understand the mobility within the country following COVID-19. Flowminder uses and analyses anonymized and aggregated data from one of the Mobile Network Operators in Haiti—Digicel—to comprehend mobility patterns of populations in order to support decision making in crises situation such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given that large-scale changes in mobility are both a cause and an effect of the pandemic, Flowminder analyzes the effect of population's mobility on the speed and patterns of the epidemic. Moreover, the data collected through Mobile Network Operators will assess how government interventions such as travel restrictions, curfews, closure of public places, banning of gatherings among others, as well as how social and economic shifts caused by the epidemic affect mobility patterns and alter distributions of populations.

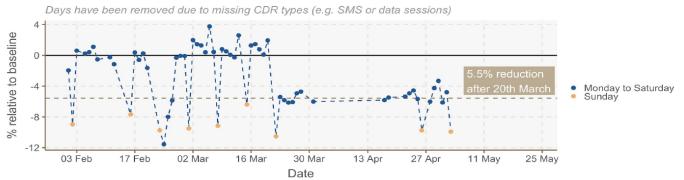
#### **REPORT 1—MAIN RESULTS**

Changes in mobility of active phone numbers have been observed, particularly:

- Reduction have been observed in the number of daily visitors to densely populated centers (city centers, town centers and main border crossing points) after 20 March.
- No significant changes were observed in most regions, however slight increases were observed in residential and sparsely populated regions.
- In addition, countrywide mobility had also reduced as a reduction of the number of localities visited on average per mobile phone user has also been observed after 20 March.

## CHANGES IN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF LOCATIONS VISITED PER SUBCRIBER (FLOWMINDER - REPORT

## Changes in the average number of locations visited per subscriber



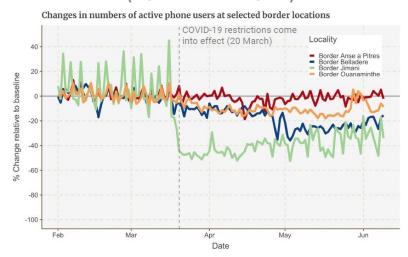
### **REPORT 2—MAIN RESULTS**

Changes in visitor numbers have been observed from 20 March to 30 April, particularly:

- Reduction of movements have been observed near border crossing points and along the roads leading to the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Belladère and Malpasse. No reduction observed for Anse-a-Pitre.
- A decrease has been observed in commercial districts while
  users have increased in residential and remote areas. These
  observed trends may partially reflect diminished visits to
  workplaces as well as possible relocations from urban to
  rural areas as an increase in phone usage in rural areas has
  also been observed.

Decreases observed and highlighted on the first report remain consistent in the second report.

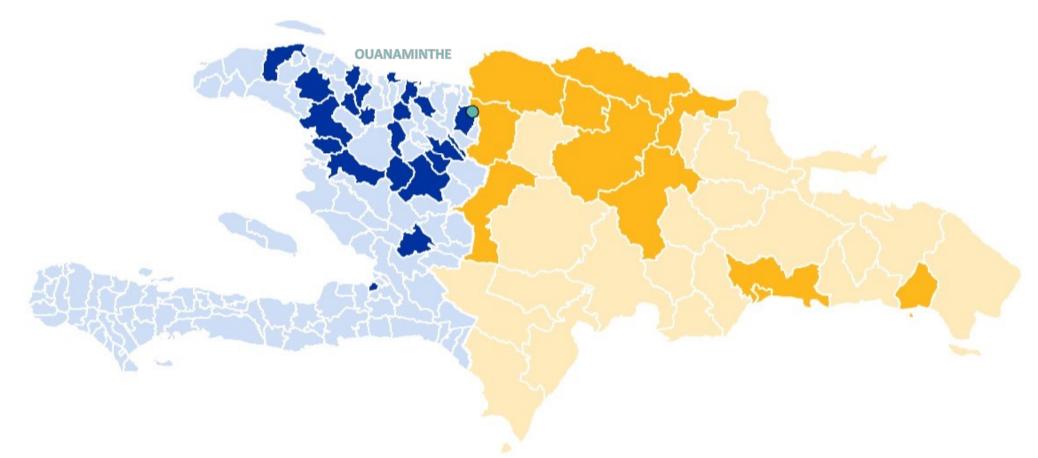
# CHANGES IN VISITOR NUMBERS AT BORDER POINTS (FLOWMINDER - REPORT 2)



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## **Origin in Dominican Republic**

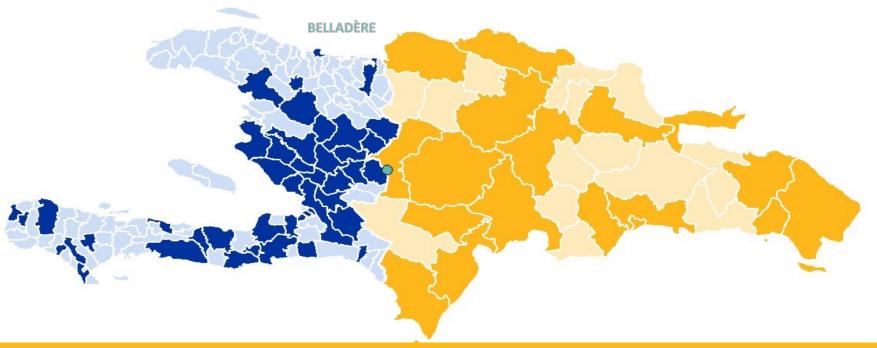
Santiago, Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, Montecristi, Dajabon, Distrito Nacional, La Vega, Valverde, Elias Pina, La Romana, Espaillat

Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Ouest	Port-de-Paix
Nord	Cap-Haitien, Limbé, Saint-Raphael, Limonade, Port-Margot, Marmelade, Plaisance, Grande Rivière du Nord
Nord-Est	Ouanaminthe, Trou du Nord, Carice, Mombin Crochu
Artibonite	Gonaives, Gros Mrone, Marchand Dessaline, Marmelade, L'Estère
Centre	Hinche, Mirebalais, Cerca-Carvajal, Maissade
Ouest	Port-au-Prince

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## ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—WEEKS OF 10 AUGUST TO 23 AUGUST 2020 - BELLADÈRE



## **Origin in Dominican Republic**

Santiago, La Romana, Duarte, Azua, Santo Domingo, Altagracia, San Juan, Distrito Nacional, Samana, Montecristi, Puerto Plata, El Seybo, Barahona, La Vega, Elias Pina, San Cristobal, Pedernales, Baoruco

Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord	Cap-Haitien
Nord-Est	Fort-Liberté
	Gonaives, Thomonde, Saint-Marc, Petite Rivère de l'Artibonite, La Chapelle, Verrettes, Marmelade, Saint-
Artibonite	Michel
	Saut d'Eau, Mirebalais, Belladère, Hinche, Maissade, Lascahobas, Thomassique, Boucan Carré, Cerca la
Centre	Source
	Port-au-Prince, Delmas, Carrefour, Léogane, Petit-Goave, Tabarre, Cabaret, Arcahaie, Croix-des-
Ouest	Bouquets, Thomazeau, Ganthier
Sud-Est	Marigot, Jacmel, La Vallée, Grand-Gosier
Sud	Chantal, Aquin, Camp Perrin, Port-Salut, Port-à-Piment, Bainet
Nippes	Miragoane, Anse-à-Veau
Grande'Anse	Dame Marie, Chambellan, Jérémie

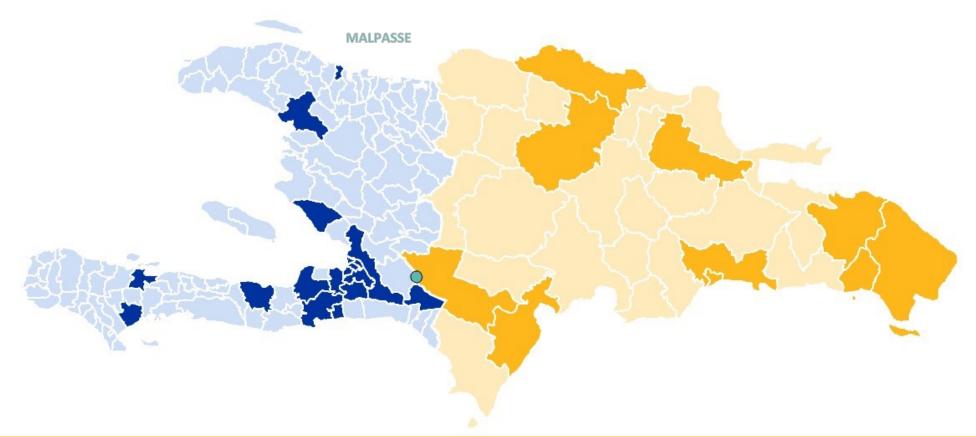
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## ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—WEEKS OF 10 AUGUST TO 23 AUGUST 2020 - MALPASSE



Origin in Dominican Republic					
Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Santiago, Independencia, La Altagracia, Duarte, Barahona, Puerto Plata, La Romana, El Seybo					
Other countries of origin United States of America					
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune				
Nord	Bas-Limbé				
Artibonite	Gonaives				
	Delmas, Arcahaie, Pétion-Ville, Croix-des-Bouquets, Léogane, Carrefour, Fonds-Verrettes, Petit-				
Ouest	Goave, Port-au-Prince, Tabarre, Cité-Soleil, Kenscoff				
Sud-Est	Jacmel, Cayes-Jacmel				

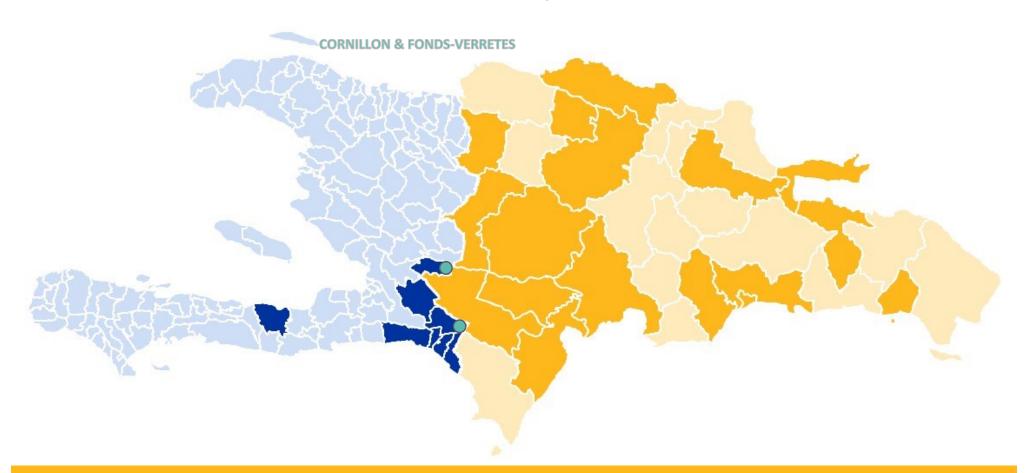
Baradères

Les Cayes

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# ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT- WEEKS OF 10 AUGUST TO 23 AUGUST 2020 - CORNILLON & FONDS - VERRETTES



## **Origin in Dominican Republic**

Barahona, Independencia, Baoruco, Duarte, Samana, Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, San Cristobal, Azua, San Juan, La Romana, Dajabon, Santiago, Elias Pina, Valverde, Puerto Plata, Hato Mayor

Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Ouest	Fonds-Verrettes, Cornillon/Grand-Bois, Ganthier, Petit-Goave
Sud-Est	Thiotte, Anse-à-Pitre, Grand-Gosier, Belle-Anse