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HAITI: COVID-19 BORDER MONITORING

Flow Monitoring on 50 Border Crossing Points between Haiti and the Dominican Republic

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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 30 November, approximately 63,360,000 confirmed cases had been reported in 213 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported that 144,302 individuals tested positive to the virus with 2,333 who have 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 the 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, 9,331 cases of infection, 233 deaths and 8,114 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).

DEMOGRAPHICS - WEEKS OF 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020

WOMEN 41.4%

WEEKLY FIGURES - 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020

130,627 total cross border movements observed

going to the Dominican Republic

45,126 85,501

going to Haiti

19,020

of movements to Haiti are voluntary returns

BREAKDOWN OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS PER BORDER LOCATION - WEEK OF 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020

BOYS 3.9 GIRLS 2.8%

Département	Commune	16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov	Total per location
Nord-Est	Ouanaminthe	665	314	301	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,280
Centre	Belladère	2,061	507	675	710	834	666	555	550	760	1,408	1,422	1,690	1,571	946	2,480	16,835
Ouest	Malpasse	34	36	2	27	22	23	61	48	21	41	42	21	25	22	31	456
Ouest	Cornillon	14	12	19	18	12	10	13	10	13	12	11	10	13	12	14	193
Ouest	Fonds-Verettes	11	15	13	16	19	9	12	29	38	18	17	14	14	18	13	256
Total	per date	2,785	884	1,010	771	887	708	641	637	832	1,479	1,492	1,735	1,623	998	2,538	19,020

As the contract with the SJM—who deployed enumerators in Ouanaminthe—ended on 18 November, data for this Border Crossing Point are unavailable past this date.

CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS AT THE BORDER FROM 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 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 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

991,997

Cumulative movements observed

from 17 March to 30 November 2020.

on border crossing points

389,645

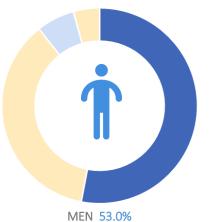
Cumulative movements observed from Haiti to the Dominican Republic

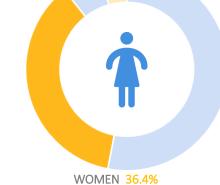
from 17 March to 30 November 2020.

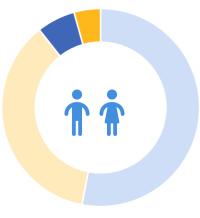
602,352

Cumulative movements observed from the Dominican Republic to Haiti from 17 March to 30 November 2020.

DEMOGRAPHICS SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI - from 17 MARCH TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020





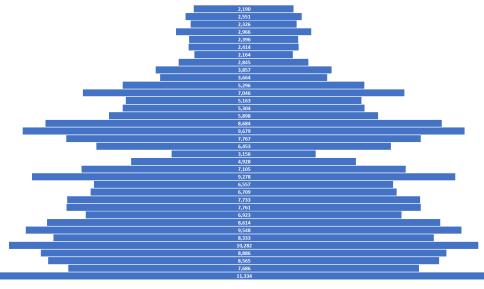


BOYS 6.3% GIRLS 4.3%



9 Nov-15 Nov



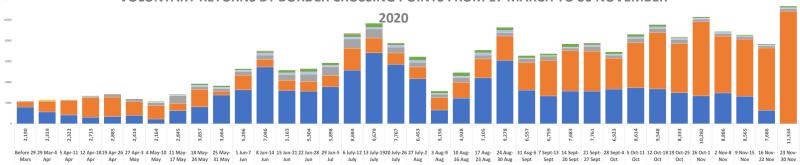


VOLUNTARY RETURNS

222,061

Voluntary Returns observed at the border from 17 March to 30 November 2020.







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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 Haitian migrants across the world (MPI 2017), mostly in the United States of America, Canada, France, the Bahamas and the 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, wide-spread 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 the 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

2,972

Repatriations since 2018

REPATRIATIONS FIGURES FROM 2018

Country of Origin	Number of repatriated migrants	Female	Male
Bahamas	1,250	26%	74%
Chile	257	27%	73%
Cuba	12	25%	75%
Dominica	46	26%	74%
Guadeloupe	50	22%	78%
Mexico	305	33%	67%
Turks and Caicos	277	8%	92%
St Kitts and Nevis	12	0%	100%
Coast Guard	763	18%	82%

While repatriations were halted in light of COVID-19 restrictions, they have resumed in June. A total of **1,054** of Haitian migrants were repatriated to Haiti between 1 June to 1 November.

- 797 persons forcefully repatriated from 8 locations (8 countries and at sea)
- 257 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 Islands	277	8%	92%
July 2020	Bahamas	88	38%	62%
	Bahamas	65	22%	78%
	Chile	150	27%	73%
August 2020	Cuba	12	25%	75%
August 2020	Dominica	46	26%	74%
	Mexico	55	33%	67%
	Coast Guard	117	9%	91%
September 2020	Chile	107*	47%*	53%*
September 2020	St Kitts and Nevis	12	0%	100%
October 2020	Bahamas	75	44%	56%
October 2020	Guadeloupe	50	22%	78%



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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.

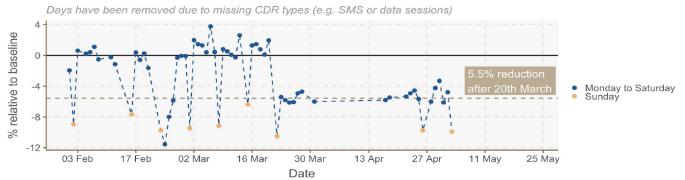
REPORT 1—MAIN RESULTS

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 1)

Changes in the average number of locations visited per subscriber



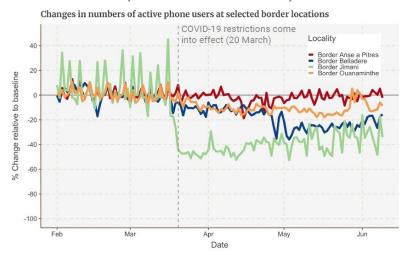
REPORT 2—MAIN RESULTS

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
 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.

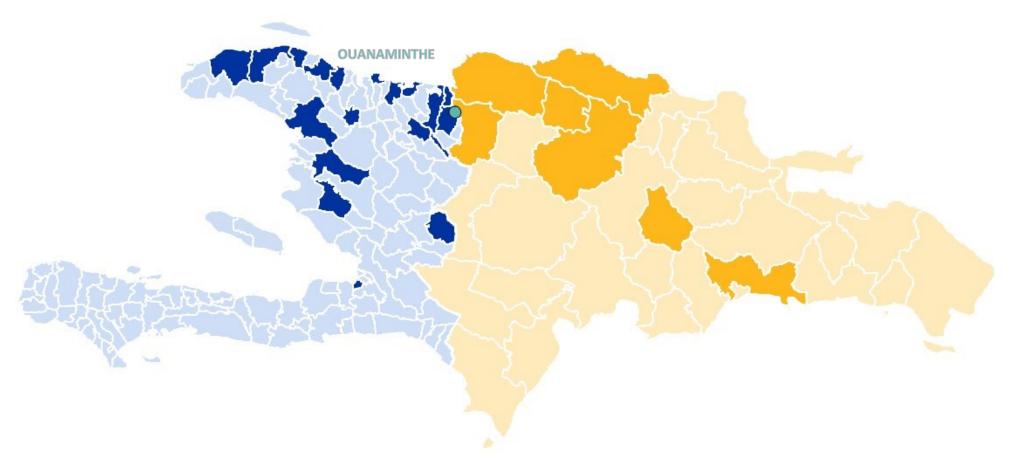
CHANGES IN VISITOR NUMBERS AT BORDER POINTS (FLOWMINDER - REPORT 2)



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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—WEEKS OF 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020- OUANAMINTHE



Origin in Dominican Republic

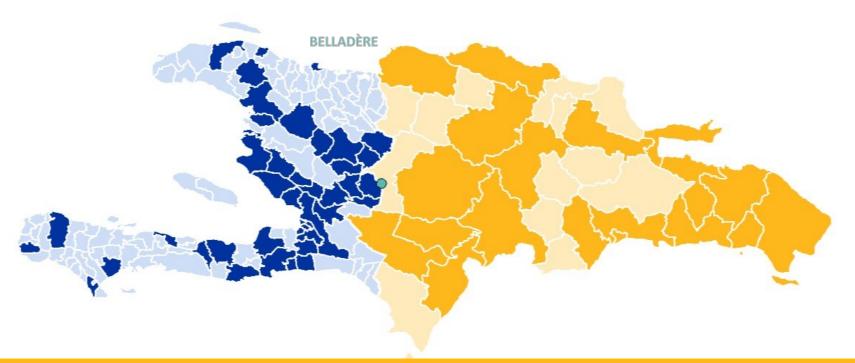
Dajabon, Santiago, Valverde, Monseñor Nouel, Monte Cristi, Santo Domingo, Puerto Plata

Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Ouest	Saint Louis-du-Nord, Port-de-Paix, Jean-Rabel
Nord	Cap-Haïtien, Borgnes, Limonade, Port-Margot
Nord-Est	Ouanaminthe, Valliere, Fort-Liberté, Carice, Ferier, Caracol
Artibonite	Gonaives, Marmelade, Verrettes, Dessalines
Centre	Belladère
Ouest	Port-au-Prince

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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—WEEKS OF 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020- BELLADÈRE



Origin in Dominican Republic

Azua, Hato Mayor, San Juan, Santo Domingo, Independencia, LA Altagracia, Barahona, Puerto Plata, Samaná, Duarte, Monte Cristi, La Romana, Bahoruco, El Seibo, La Vega, San Cristobal, Distrito Nacional, San Pedro de Macoris, Santiago

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Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Ouest	Port-de-Paix, Anse a Foleur
Nord	Cap-Haïtien
	Gonaïves, Verrettes, Saint-Marc, L'Estère, Pont-Sondé, Saint Michel, Gros Morne, Grande-Saline, La
Artibonite	Chapelle
	Mirebalais, Hinche, Lascahobas, Belladère, Savanette, Thomonde, Saut d'Eau, Maïssade, Tomassique, Cer-
Centre	ca-la -Source
	Port-au-Prince, Tabarre, Croix-des-Bouquets, Delmas, Pétion-Ville, Petit-Goâve, Thomazeau, Léogane, Ar-
Ouest	cahaie, Cité Soleil, Cabaret, Kenscoff
Sud-Est	Jacmel, Cayes Jacmel, Marigot, Bainet
Nippes	Anse-à-Veau, Miragoâne
Grande' Anse	Jérémie, Les Irois
Sud	Cayes, Port-Salut

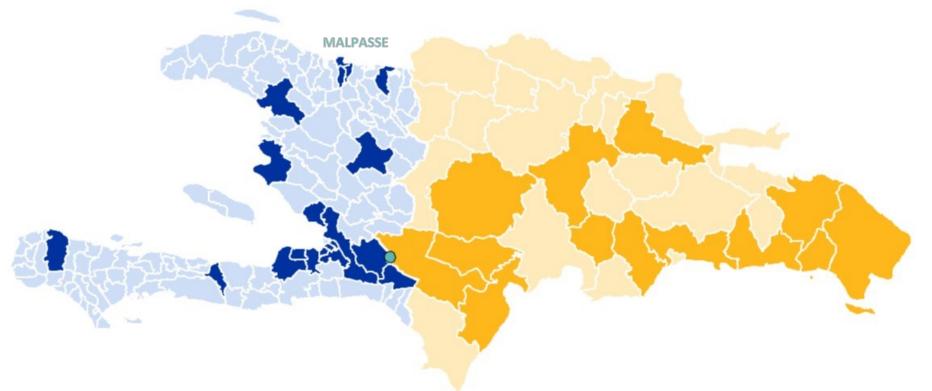
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Origin in Dominican Republic

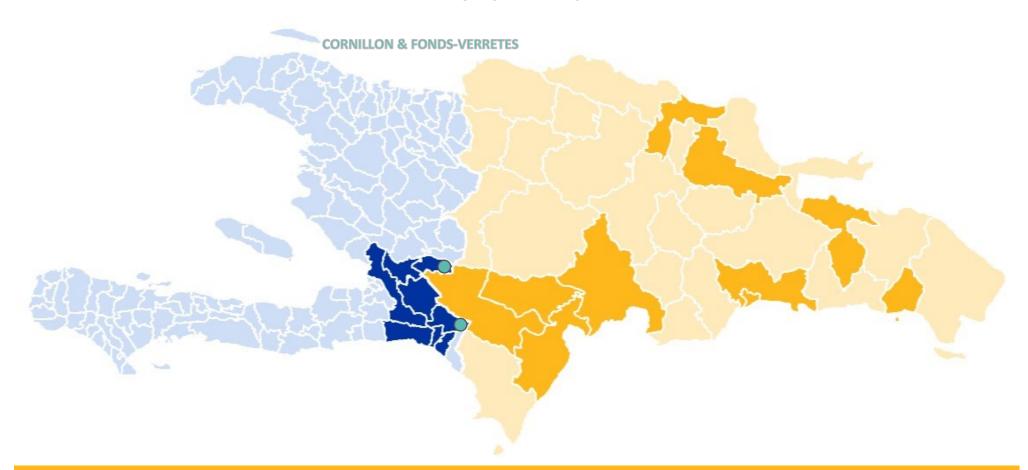
Independencia, Bahoruco, Santiago, San José de Ocoa, Santo Domingo, Duarte, Barahona, La Altagracia, San Pedro de Macoris, La Romana, San Juan, La Vega, El Seibo, San Cristobal

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Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Est	Terrier-Rouge
Nord	Cap-Haïtien, Milot, Quartier-Morin
Artibonite	Saint-Marc, Gonaïves
Centre	Hinche
	Cabaret, Port-au-Prince, Delmas, Pétion-Ville, Tabarre, Carrefour, Ganthier, Croix-des-Bouquets,
Ouest	Gressier, Fonds-Verrettes, Léogâne
Sud-Est	Jacmel, Côte-de-Fer, Bainet
Sud	Les Cayes
Nippes	Miragoane
Grande' Anse	Jérémie

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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—WEEKS OF 16 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020- CORNILLON & FONDS -VERRETTES



Origin in Dominican Republic

Independencia, Barahona, Bahoruco, Hato Mayor, Azua, Duarte, Santo Domingo, La Romana, Espaillat, Distrito Nacional

Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune					
Ouest	Fonds-Verrettes, Cornillon/Grand-Bois, Ganthier, Croix-des-Bouquerts, Thomazeau					
Sud-Est	Thiotte, Grand-Gosier, Belle-Anse					