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Destination of Households relocated from the Anse-à-Pitres Settlements - © IOM 2016

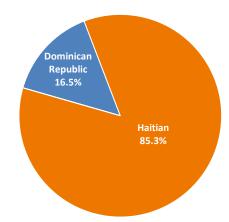
### **Overview**

This document represents a summary snapshot of monitoring activities conducted by IOM and border monitoring partners at the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The monitoring was put in place following the movements observed at the border before and after the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 expiration of the registration component of the National Plan for the Regularization of Foreigners (PNRE<sup>1</sup> in Spanish), established in the Dominican Republic. Monitoring of border movements began as of the first week of June 2015. Up until the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, figures are based on partial observations of border crossing points. The network was 100% operational as of July 2015.

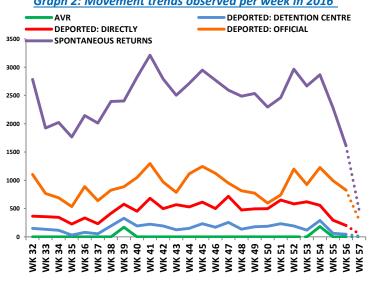
### **CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS<sup>2</sup>**

- 68,933 households representing 120,646 individuals have crossed the border into Haitian territory
- 35.0% were female while 65.0% were male
- 1,641 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified
- 4,618 households declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to 9,378 individuals
- 74,528 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- 21,907 individuals claim to have been deported
- 23,861<sup>3</sup> individuals were officially deported at the three official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladère and have been voluntary registered.
- IOM Dominican Republic facilitated the Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration (AVRR) of 152 households (350 individuals) on February 25<sup>th</sup> (169 individuals) and June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 (181 individuals).
- IOM Haiti assisted via the rental subsidy program a total of 579 households (corresponding to 2,320 individuals) who had settled six (6) settlements in Anse-a-Pitres.

**Graph 1: Breakdown by Claimed Place of Birth** 



Graph 2: Movement trends observed per week in 2016<sup>4</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plan Nacional de Regularización de los Extranjeros

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All figures in this SitRep reflect information gathered on a voluntary basis from returnees, and therefore may not be representative of the totality of returns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The figures of official deportations are as of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The figures used in the graph are based on data entry already completed and reflect partial movements observed solely during the year 2016.



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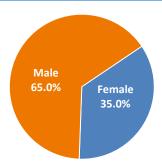
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### **Sex Breakdown**

Of the 120,646 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 35.0% were female and 65.0% were male.

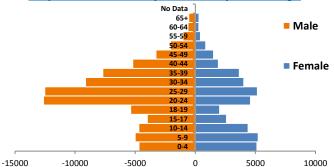
Graph 3: Breakdown of returnee population by sex



### Age Breakdown

The majority of the returnee population reported being between the ages of 18-49 years old, with individuals from this age group representing 65.3% of the overall returning population. A reported 29.6% are aged 0-17 years old and 5.1% falls into the category 50 years and above.

Graph 4: Breakdown of returnees by sex and age

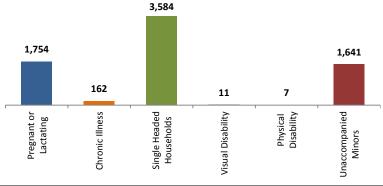


### **Types of vulnerabilities**

Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered **1,641** cases of presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs). After referral to the relevant government authorities (IBERS) and their partners (UNICEF), **1,006** of the potential caseload referred were identified as UAMs and the appropriate actions were taken to assist them:

- 646 were reunited with their parents
- 192 were reunited with other relatives
- 14 are still awaiting family reunification. (please refer to the UNICEF Flash Update on Bi-National situation June 2015 to June 2016)

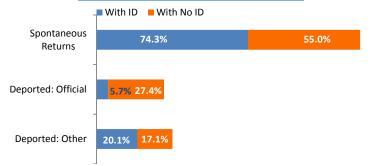
**Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified.** 



### **Documentation**

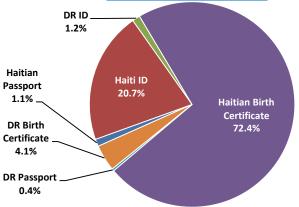
**33.0%** (39,794 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while **2.0%** (2,420 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported **65.0%** (78,432 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.

**Graph 6: Returnee documentation status** 



The most common ID document returnees claim to possess continues to be the Haitian Birth Certificate, corresponding to 72.4% of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is the Haitian ID (CIN or NIF) which represents 20.7%.

**Graph 7: Types of documents** 



### **Occupation**

The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is agriculture (32,492 households), followed by construction (16,421 households) and commerce (8,018 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

**Graph 8: Types of occupation** AGRICULTURE 0.1% CONSTRUCTION COMMERCE 0.4% AGRICULTURE 53.9% DOMESTIC WORKER 0.4% ■ RESTAURANT **0.7**% **■ TRANSPORT** ■ HOTEL **0.9**%. COMMERCE GRAD STUDENT **1.5%** SECURITY **1.6%** ■ ANIMAI HUSBANDRY



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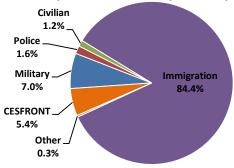


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### **Entry on Haitian Territory**

Of all 120,646 individuals interviewed, 74,528 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 21,907 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 23,861 individuals have been officially deported by DR Immigration (DGM). 350 individuals were Assisted voluntary Returns (AVR) carried out by IOM (Dominican Republic)

**Graph 9: Total returns by Authority** 

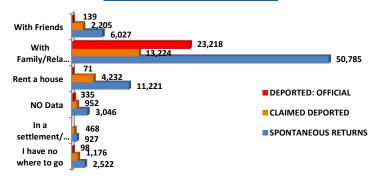


### **Destination and Intentions**

When questioned regarding their intended destination, the following three communes have been most commonly indicated by returnees:

- Cornillons/Grand Bois as indicated by 7,061 households
- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 4,901 households
- Fonds-Verettes as indicated by 3,938 households

### **Graph 10: Intended Destination**

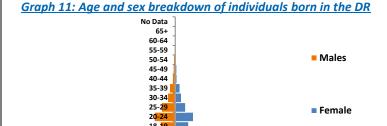


Irrespective of the type of returns, the trends observed during previous Sitrep's remain the same. The returnees have, most commonly, provided the following answers:

- Intention to stay with relatives (70.3%)
- Intention to rent a house (13.8%)
- Intention to stay with Friends (7.4%)
- Having nowhere to go (3.5%)
- Intention to go to into a settlement/camp (1.3%)

### Individuals born in the Dominican Republic

Of all returnees, **8,282** households (corresponding to 32,589 individuals) have at least one member who was born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of **17,781 individuals** born in the DR, **11,017** of which were born before January 26<sup>th</sup> 2010. Subsequently, **1,582 individuals** were verified by UNHCR as being born in the DR before January 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 and as such will fall within UNHCR's mandate. (*Please refer to the UNHCR Statistical Update - dated May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016).* 



## Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

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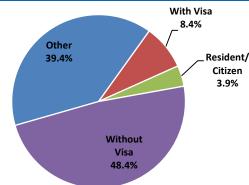
When asked about remaining family members in the DR, 76,474 individuals (13,309 claimed deportees, 49,000 spontaneous returnees, 13,968 officially deported individuals and 197 assisted voluntary returns) have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR.

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Further questioning regarding the status of these remaining families has revealed that 76.3% are Haitians without visa, 13.2% are Haitians with visa and 6.1% are Dominican citizens or have a Resident status.

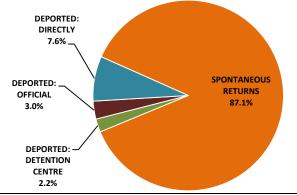
Graph 12: Status of returnee's family members remaining in the DR



### **Registration in the PNRE**

Of the 68,933 households interviewed by the network, 4,618 households (representing 6.7% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 4,618 households, 87.1% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 9.9% claimed to have been deported and 3.0% has been officially deported into Haitian territory.

**Graph13: Registration in the PNRE by return status** 





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### **OFFICIAL DEPORTATIONS: PROFILING**

A total of 23,861 persons (22,473 households) have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère and have been voluntary registered. Most of these deportations were conducted by DR immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals and not households/families.

Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs

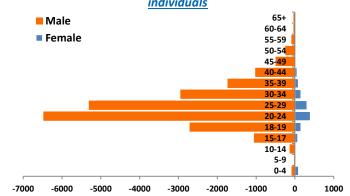
Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladère	4,994	5,025
Malpasse	8,148	8,177
Ouanaminthe	10,331	10,659

### Breakdown by gender and Age

Of all the 23,861 individuals officially deported, 94% were male and 6% were female.

The majority of the officially deported individuals have reported being between the ages of 18-49 years, individuals from this age group representing 91.8% of the deported population. A reported 6.3% are aged between 0-17 years old and a mere 1.9% falls into the 50 year plus category. The average age of officially deported individuals is 26.57 years old.

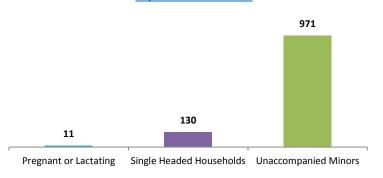
Graph 15: Age breakdown by sex and age of officially deported individuals



### **Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported**

Among the people officially deported, **971** were **presumed unaccompanied minors** (UAM). These presumed UAMs were referred to the relevant government authority (IBERS) and their partners for appropriated care and status determination.

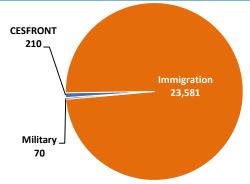
<u>Graph 16: Most common vulnerabilities assessed among official</u> deported individuals.



## **Deportation Procedures**

Of all official deportations, 23,581 have reportedly been carried out by the General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish), 210 by the CESFRONT and 70 by the military.

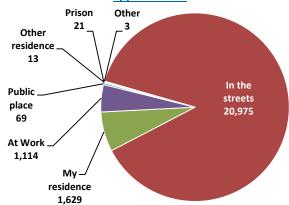
**Graph 17: Authority carrying out official deportations** 



When questioned about the location from which they were deported, the respondents have indicated the following:

- 20,975 individuals apprehended in the street
- 1,629 were apprehended in their residence
- 1,114 were apprehended in their place of employment.

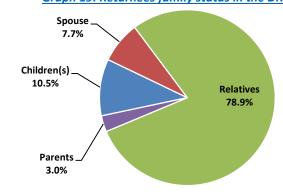
<u>Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were</u> <u>apprehended</u>



### Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

A reported **13,712** of officially deported individuals have indicated still having **family members remaining in the DR**. They have indicated the following:

- 10,823 have relatives remaining
- 1,434 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 1,049 have their spouse (husband/wife) still in DR
   Graph 19: Returnees family status in the DR





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## WEEKLY REPORT: Border monitoring activities from June 24th to 30th 2016.

This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1,514<sup>5</sup> individuals were observed crossing the border into Haitian territory this week, which is a below average number this week the average number of individuals observed crossing into Haiti since July 2015 is 2,080 individuals.
- 27 presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were identified during this week which constitutes a below average number for UAMs this week, the average number of presumed UAMs identified since July 2015 being 28. These UAMs were referred to the relevant authority for follow up; 16 of these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.
- 787 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti representing a below average number of spontaneous returnees

   the average of spontaneous returnees since July 2015 being
   1,284 individuals.
- 201 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory; this is considered an above average in the number of claimed deportations as the average of claimed deportees since July 2015 is 185 individuals.
- Official deportations continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère; a reported 747 individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week of which 526 individuals accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various official BCPs. This constitutes an above average for this week considering that there has been an average of 508 individuals being officially deported into Haiti since August 2015.

### **OBSERVED MOVEMENT TRENDS**

- Movements this week (1,514 returnees) compared to the previous week (1,836 returnees) shows a slight decrease;
- Overall weekly deportations (Claimed Deportations 201; official deportations 526 are slightly lower than spontaneous returns of 787 individuals).
- Spontaneous returns continue to be mainly assessed in unofficial border crossing points.
- This week 156 Individuals interviewed at unofficial border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory, while 45 persons claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti.

Table 1: Summary of monitored movements for this week<sup>6</sup>

Entry Status	Number of Returnees
Deported: Other	201
Deported: Official	526
Spontaneous Returns	787
Assisted Voluntary Return	0

### **Official Deportations**

This week, a total of 526 individuals officially deported were registered at the three border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladère. Most of these deportations were carried out by the DR Immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals rather than households/families. Indeed a total of 513 households, corresponding to 526 individuals were officially deported this week were registered by enumerators present at the border.

Table 2: Official Deportations per official BCPs this week

Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladère	108	108
Malpasse	154	154
Ouanaminthe	251	264

<u>Deportation</u>: The act of a State in the exercise of its sovereignty in removing an alien from its territory to a certain place after refusal of admission or termination of permission to remain (*Glossary on Migration*, p 18, IOM)

<u>Spontaneous (migration) return</u>: An individual or groups who initiate and proceeds with their migration plans without any outside assistance. (*Glossary on Migration*, p 62, IOM)

Official Deportations: Government organized returns which are carried out at the official Border Crossing Points between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (border schedule). Before official deportations, relevant returnees receive an official notification regarding the impending deportation. Furthermore, information regarding the time and point of deportation are communicated to the Haitian authorities (Haitian Embassy/consulate). Official deportations are mostly carried out by the DR Immigration (DGM).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The difference in figures between the current and previous SitRep is due the fact that the data reflects the date of entry into Haiti and not the date of the data entry into the database.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The figures represented in this table correspond to the individuals who voluntarily accepted to be registered between the period from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016.