



16th OCTOBER 2015 BORDER MONITORING SITREP



Movement Trends and type of returns by Border Crossing Points (BCPs)© IOM 2015

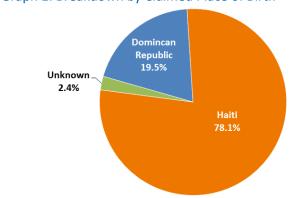
Overview

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 17th June 2015 expiration of the registration component of the National Plan for the Regularization of Foreigners (PNRE¹ in Spanish), established in the Dominican Republic. Monitoring of border movements began as of the first week of June 2015. Up until the 16th of June, figures are based on partial observations of border crossing points. The network's current structure covers 100% of border crossing points as of July 2015.

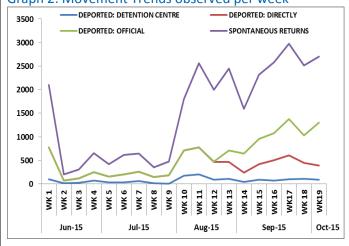
CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS²

- 15,612 households representing 31,595 individuals crossed the border into Haitian territory
- 38.5% were female while 61.5% were male
- 436 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified
- 1,531 households declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to 3,399 individuals
- 18.941 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- 7,468 individuals claim to have been deported
- 5,186 individuals were officially deported at the three official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladères and have been voluntary registered.

Graph 1: Breakdown by Claimed Place of Birth



Graph 2: Movement Trends observed per week³



¹ Plan Nacional de Regularización de los Extranjeros

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.

The figures used in the graph are based on data entry already completed and do not reflect the total figures observed



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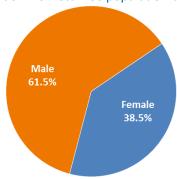
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Gender Breakdown

Of the 31,595 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 38.5% were female and 61.5% were male

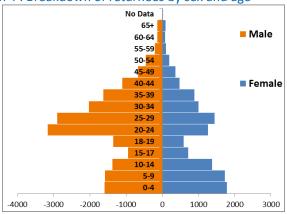
Graph 3: Breakdown of returnee population by gender.



Age Breakdown

The majority of the returnee population reported being between the ages of 20-59 years old, with individuals from this age group representing 56.9% of the overall returning population. A reported 41.6% are aged 0-19 years old and 1.5% falls into the elderly category.

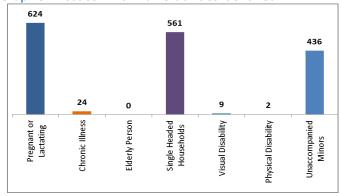
Graph 4: Breakdown of returnees by sex and age



Types of vulnerabilities.

Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered 436 cases of presumed unaccompanied minors. These cases were referred to the relevant government authorities (IBESR) and their partners for appropriate care and status determination.

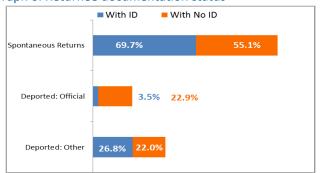
Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified.



Documentation

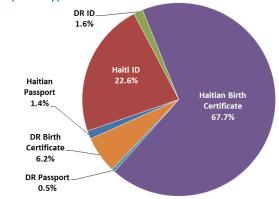
30.7% (9,689 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while **2.8%** (874 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported **66.6%** (21,032 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.

Graph 6: Returnee documentation status



The most common ID document presented by the returnee continues to be the Haitian Birth Certificate, corresponding to 67.7% of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is the Haitian ID (CIN or NIF) which represents 22.6%.

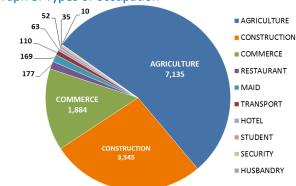
Graph 7: Types of documents



Occupation

The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is agriculture (7,135 households), followed by construction (3,545 households) and commerce (1,884 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

Graph 8: Types of occupation





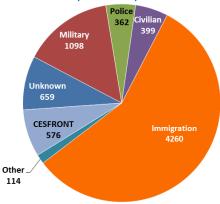


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Entry on Haitian Territory

Of all 31,595 individuals interviewed, 18,941 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 7,468 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 5,186 individuals have been officially deported by the DR Immigration (DGM).

Graph 9: Total returns by Authority

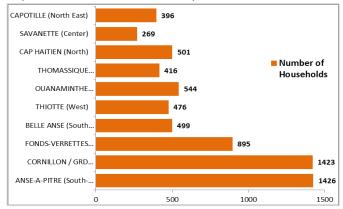


Destination and Intentions

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

- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 1,426 households
- Cornillons/Grand Bois as indicated by 1,423 households
- Fonds-Verettes as indicated by 895 households

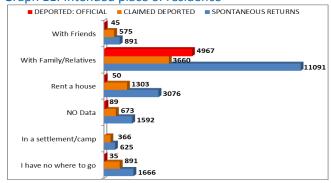
Graph 10: Intended Destination by commune



When asked to provide additional details on their destination, the majority of returnees have indicated the following intentions:

- Intention to stay with relatives as indicated by 11,091 spontaneously returned households, 3,660 individuals who have claimed to have been deported and 4,967 individuals who have been officially deported.
- Intention to rent a house as indicated by 3,076 spontaneously returned individuals, 1,303 of claimed deportees and 50 of officially deported individuals.
- Having nowhere to go as indicated by 1,666 spontaneously returning individuals, 891 claimed deportees and 35 officially deported individuals.

Graph 11: Intended place of residence

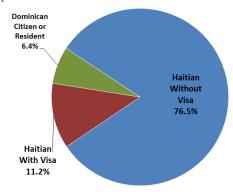


Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

When asked about remaining family members in the DR, **20,088** individuals (5,062 claimed deportees, 11,661 spontaneous returnees and 3,365 officially deported individuals) have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR.

Further questioning regarding the status of these remaining families has revealed that 76.5% are Haitians without visa, 10.9% are Haitians with visa and 6.5% are Dominican citizens or have a Resident status.

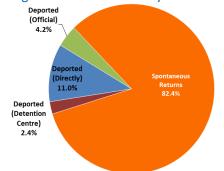
Graph 12: Status of returnee's family members remaining in the DR



Registration in the PNRE

Of the 15,612 households interviewed by the network, 1,531 households (representing – 9.8% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 1,531 households, 82.4% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 13.4% claimed to have been deported and 4.2% have been officially deported into Haitian territory.

Graph13: Registration in the PNRE by return status







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OFFICIAL DEPORTATIONS: PROFILING

A total of **5,186 persons** have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of **Ouanaminthe**, **Malpasse** and **Belladères** 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. Indeed, a total of **5,121 households** corresponding to **5,186 individuals** have been officially deported.

Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs

Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladères	1,008	1,011
Malpasse	1,857	1,880
Ouanaminthe	2,256	2,295

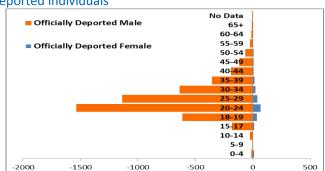
Breakdown by gender and Age

Of all the 5,186 individuals officially deported, 95.0% were male and 5.0% were female.

The majority of the officially deported individuals have reported being between the ages of 20-59 years, individuals from this age group representing 82.0% of the deported population. A reported 17.6% are aged between 0-19 years old and a mere 0.4% falls into the elderly category.

The average age of officially deported individuals is 25.87 years old.

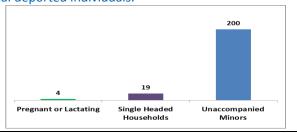
Graph 15: Age breakdown by sex and age of officially deported individuals



Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported

Among the people officially deported, 200 were presumed unaccompanied minors (UAM). These presumed UAMs were referred to the relevant government authority (IBESR) and their partners for appropriated care and status determination.

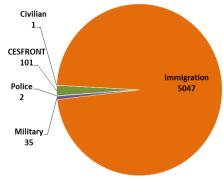
Graph 16: Most common vulnerabilities assessed among official deported individuals.



Deportation Procedures

Of all official deportations, **5,047** have indicated being deported by the **General Directory of Migration** (DGM in Spanish), **101** by the **CESFRONT** and **35** by the military.

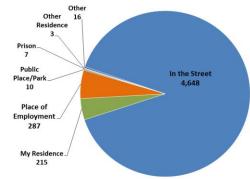
Graph 17: Authority carrying out official deportations



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

- 4,648 individuals apprehended in the street
- 287 were apprehended in their place of employment
- 215 have been apprehended in their residence.

Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were apprehended

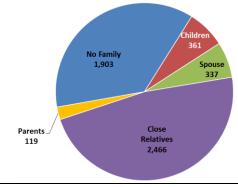


Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

A reported **3,283** of officially deported individuals have indicated still having **family members remaining in the DR**. They have indicated the following:

- 2,466 have close relatives remaining
- 361 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 337 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 the 9th to the 16th October 2015

This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of October 9th to 16th 2015.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,743⁴ individuals were observed crossing the border into Haitian territory this week.
- 47 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified during this week and referred to the relevant authority for follow up; 38 of these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.
- 927 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- 290 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory
- Official deportations continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères; a reported 1,134 individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week of which 526 individuals accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various borders.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT TRENDS

- Decrease of movement during this week compared to the previous week.
- Overall deportations (Claimed Deportations 290; official deportations 526) are lower than spontaneous returns (927 individuals).
- 197 Individuals interviewed at non official border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory, while 93 persons claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti.

Table 2: Summary of monitored movements for this week⁶

Entry Status	Number of Returnees
Deported: Other	290
Deported: Official	526
Spontaneous Returns	927

Official Deportations

This week a total of 526 individuals officially deported were registered at the three border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères. 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 526 households, corresponding to 526 individuals were officially deported this week.

Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs this week

Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladères	254	254
Malpasse	85	85
Ouanaminthe	187	187

Deportation: 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)

Spontaneous (migration) return: An individual or groups who initiate and proceed 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 (Ouanaminthe – Dajabon, Belladeres- Elias Piña, Malpasse-Jimaní, Anse à Pitres-Pedernales) 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).

<u>Other Deportations</u>: Any forceful return which does not follow the aforementioned guidelines (also referred to as *claimed deportation*)

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⁴ The difference between the previous SitRep and the current one is higher because the data is based on date of entry into Haiti and not date of data entry into the database.

The official deportations figures for this week are updated for all official BCPs with the exception of Ouanaminthe where unforeseen difficulties hindered the data entry

 $^{^{6}}$ The figures represented in this table correspond to the individuals who accepted voluntarily to be registered