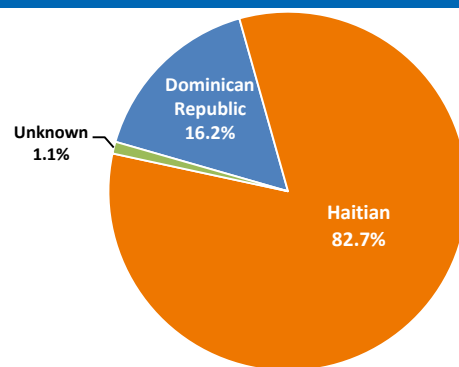




Most frequented Border Crossing Points (BCPs) by type of return © IOM 2016

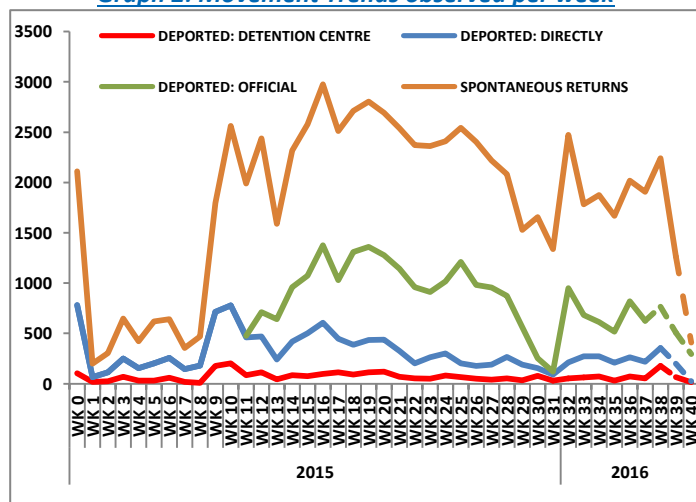
This document represents a summary snapshot of monitoring activities conducted by IOM and border monitoring partners at the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The monitoring was put in place following the movements observed at the border before and after the 17th June 2015 expiration of 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 was 100% operational as of July 2015. Its current structure is now covering 66% of border crossing points (66 points) as of February 2016.



CUMULATIVE² HIGHLIGHTS³

- **41,597 households** representing **73,997 individuals** have crossed the border into Haitian territory
- **34.5%** were female while **65.5%** were male
- **1,100 presumed unaccompanied minors** were identified
- **3,113 households** declared having been registered in the **PNRE** corresponding to **6,828 individuals**
- **45,214 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- **12,423 individuals** claim to have been deported
- **16,191⁴ individuals** were **officially deported** at the three official border crossing points of **Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladères** and have been voluntary registered.

Graph 2: Movement Trends observed per week⁵



¹ Plan Nacional de Regularización de los Extranjeros

² Individuals are registered each time they enter Haiti. The figures reflected in this report include 404 individuals who have been registered twice.

³ 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.

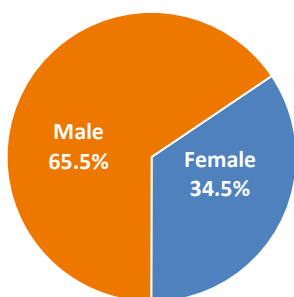
⁴ The figures of official deportations are as of 15th August 2015.

⁵ The figures used in the graph are based on data entry already completed and do not reflect the total figures observed (average time for completion is 2 weeks). However, there has been a significant decrease in figures related to official deportations, as returnees are more and more refusing to register with the network.

Sex Breakdown

Of the 73,997 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, **34.5%** were **female** and **65.5%** were **male**.

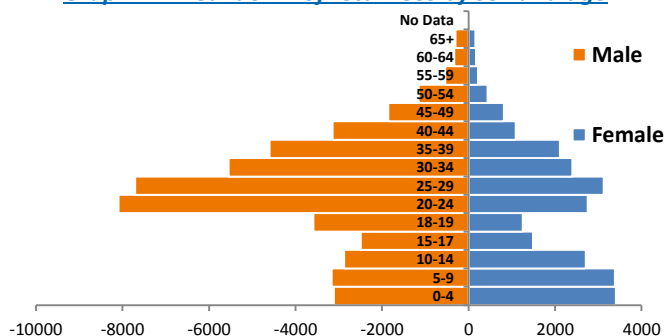
Graph 3: Breakdown of returnee population by sex



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 **65.0%** of the overall returning population. A reported **30.6%** are aged **0-17 years old** and **4.4%** falls into the category **50 years and above**.

Graph 4 : Breakdown of returnees by sex and age

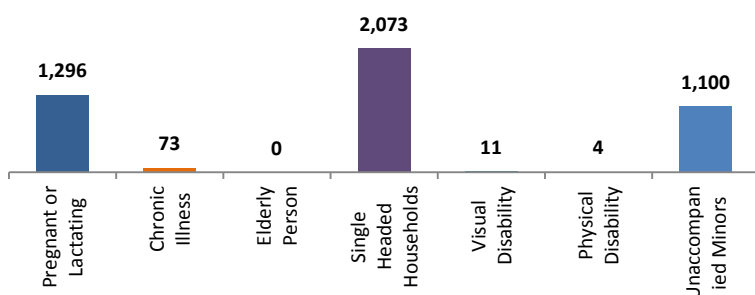


Types of vulnerabilities

Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered **1,100 cases of presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs)**. After referral to the relevant government authorities (IBESR) and their partners (UNICEF), **502** of the potential caseload referred were identified as UAMs and the appropriate actions were taken to assist them:

- **331** were reunited with their parents
- **145** were reunited with other relatives
- **18** are still awaiting family reunification. (please refer to the UNICEF Flash Update on Bi-National situation - 15 December 2015)

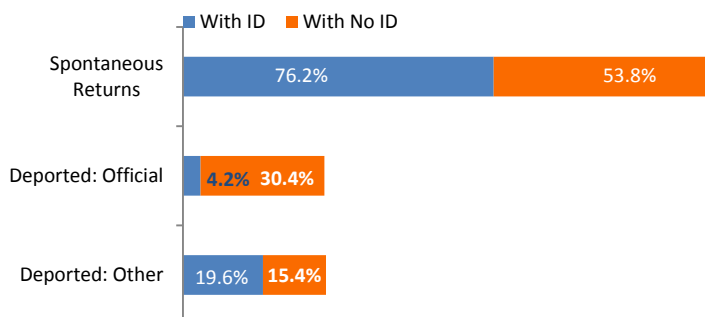
Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified.



Documentation

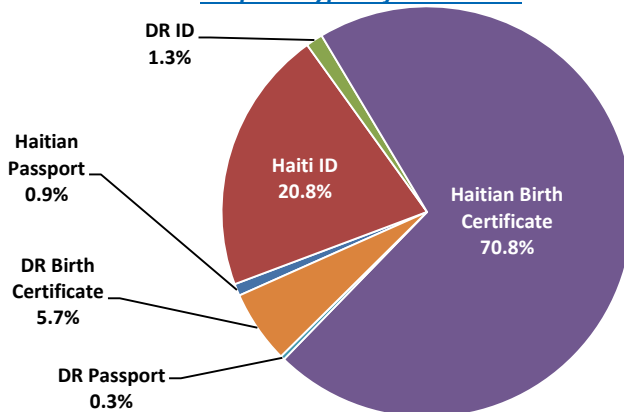
30.2% (22,345 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while **2.4% (1,787 individuals)** reported having Dominican documentation. A reported **67.4% (49,865 individuals)** did not possess any type of documentation.

Graph 6: Returnee documentation status



The most common ID document returnees claim to possess continues to be the **Haitian Birth Certificate**, corresponding to **70.8%** of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is **the Haitian ID (CIN or NIF)** which represents **20.8%**.

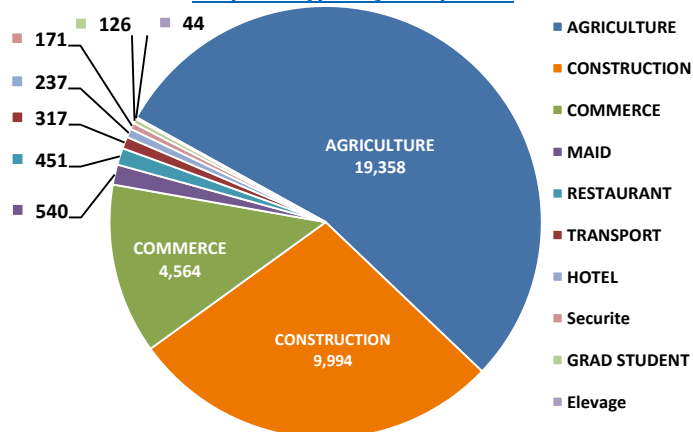
Graph 7: Types of documents



Occupation

The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is **agriculture (19,358 households)**, followed by **construction (9,994 households)** and **commerce (4,564 households)**. Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

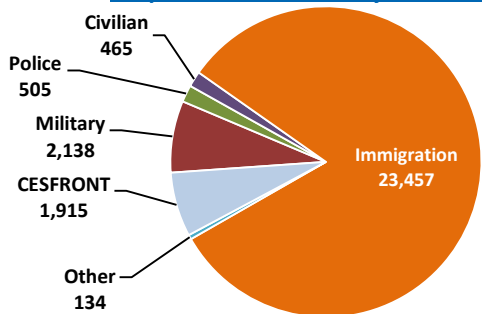
Graph 8: Types of occupation



Entry on Haitian Territory

Of all 73,997 individuals interviewed, **45,214 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While **12,423 individuals claimed** to have been **deported** into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), **16,191 individuals** have been **officially deported** by DR Immigration (DGM). **170 individuals** were Assisted voluntary Returns (AVR) carried out by IOM (Dominican Republic)

Graph 9: Total returns by Authority

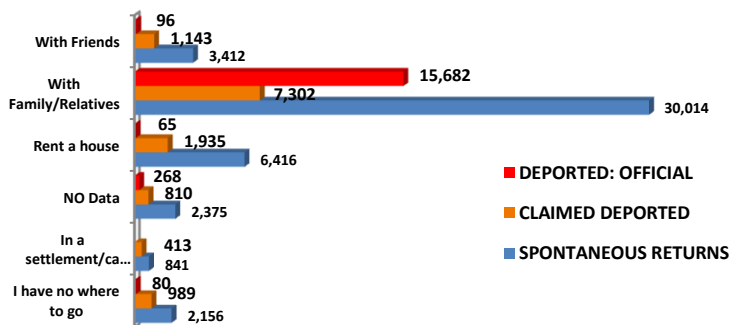


Destination and Intentions

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

- **Cornillons/Grand Bois** as indicated by **4,357 households**
- **Anse-à-Pitres** as indicated by **2,673 households**
- **Fonds-Verettes** as indicated by **2,318 households**

Graph 10: Intended Destination



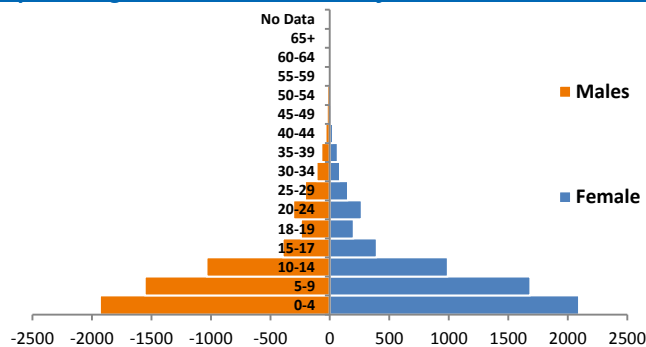
Irrespective of the type of returns, the trends observed during previous SitReps remain the same. The returnees have, most commonly, provided the following answers:

- Intention to stay with relatives (81.4%).
- Intention to rent a house (7.0%)
- Intention to stay with Friends (4.8%)
- Having nowhere to go (2.2%)
- Intention to go to into a settlement/camp (0.8%)

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic

Of all returnees, 5,599 households (corresponding to 22,304 individuals) have at least one member who was born in the DR. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of **11,978 individuals** born in the DR, **7,199** of which were born before January 26th 2010. Subsequently, **1,237 individuals** were verified by UNHCR as being born in the DR before January 26th 2010 and as such will fall within UNHCR's mandate. (please refer to the UNHCR Statistical Update - dated February 1st 2016)

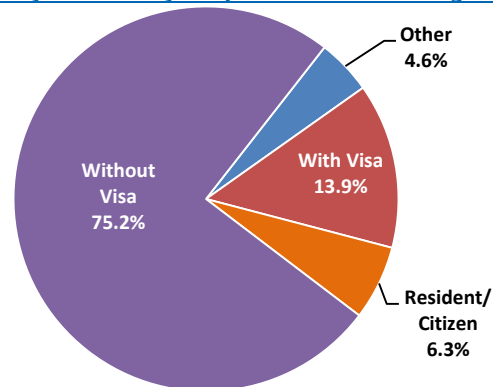
Graph 11: Age and sex breakdown of individuals born in the DR



Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

When asked about remaining family members in the DR, **46,352 individuals** (7,755 claimed deportees, 29,005 spontaneous returnees and 9,486 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 **75.2%** are **Haitians without visa**, **13.9%** are **Haitians with visa** and **6.3%** are **Dominican citizens** or have a **Resident status**.

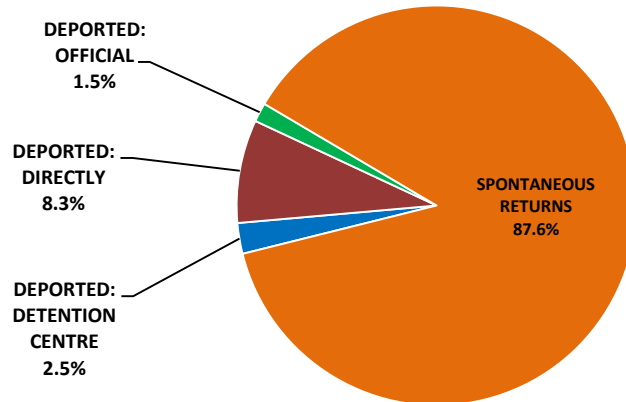
Graph 12: Status of returnee's family members remaining in the DR



Registration in the PNRE

Of the 41,597 households interviewed by the network, **3,113 households** (representing – **7.5%** of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the **Dominican PNRE**. Of these 3,113 households, **87.6%** returned spontaneously to Haiti, **10.8%** claimed to have been **deported** and **1.5%** has been **officially deported** into Haitian territory.

Graph 13: Registration in the PNRE by return status



OFFICIAL DEPORTATIONS: PROFILING

A total of **16,191 persons (15,937 households)** have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of **Ouanaminthe, Malpasse** and **Belladères** and have been voluntarily 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

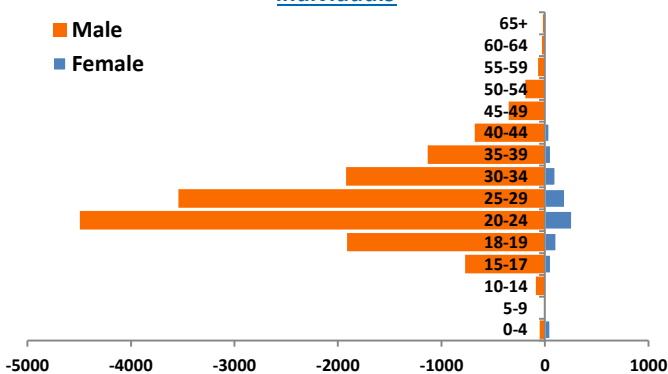
Official BCPs	Households Deported	Individuals Deported
Belladères	3,444	3,473
Malpasse	5,303	5,331
Ouanaminthe	7,190	7,387

Breakdown by gender and Age

Of all the 16,191 individuals officially deported, **94.2%** were **male** and **5.8%** 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%** of the deported population. A reported **6%** are aged between **0-17 years** old and a mere **1%** falls into the 50 year plus category. The **average age** of officially deported individuals is **26.49 years old**.

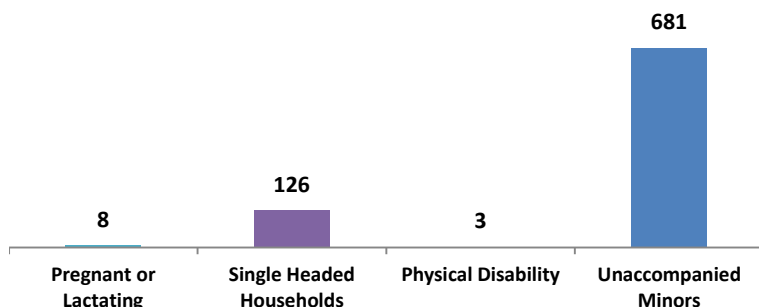
Graph 15: Age breakdown by sex and age of officially deported individuals



Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported

Among the people officially deported, **681** 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.

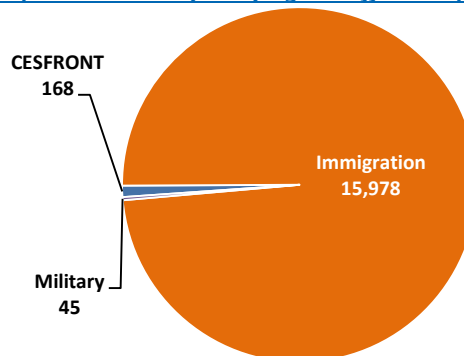
Graph 16: Most common vulnerabilities assessed among official deported individuals.



Deportation Procedures

Of all official deportations, **15,978** have reportedly been carried out by the **General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish)**, **168** by the **CESFRONT** and **45** by the military.

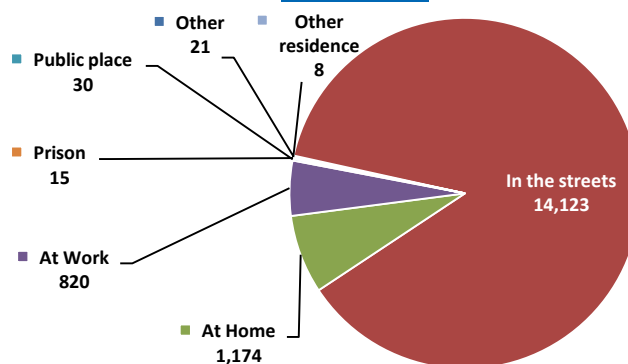
Graph 17: Authority carrying out official deportations



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

- **14,123 individuals** apprehended in **the street**
- **1,174** were apprehended in their **residence**
- **820** were apprehended in their **place of employment**.

Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were apprehended

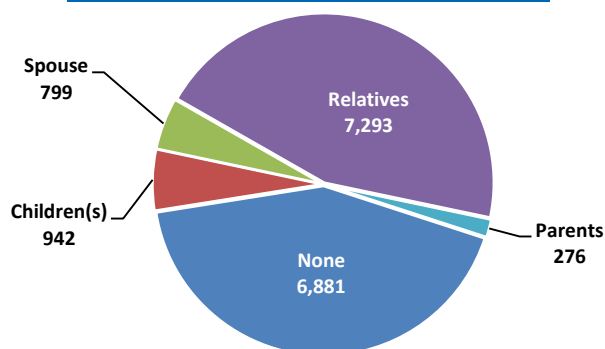


Family remaining in the Dominican Republic

A reported **9,310** of officially deported individuals have indicated still having **family members remaining in the DR**. They have indicated the following:

- **7,293** have **relatives** remaining
- **942** have **children (daughter/son)** remaining in DR
- **799** have their spouse (**husband/wife**) still in DR

Graph 19: Returnees family status in the DR



WEEKLY REPORT: Border monitoring activities from 25th February to 2nd March 2016.

This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of February 17th to February 24th 2016.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,597⁶ individuals were observed** crossing the border into Haitian territory this week, which is a slightly **elevated average number** this week – the average number of individuals observed crossing into Haiti since July 2015 is **1,839.7 individuals**.
- **56 presumed unaccompanied minors (UAMs)** were identified during this week which constitutes a **stable average number for UAMs** this week, the average number of presumed UAMs identified since July 2015 being **27.2**. These UAMs referred to the relevant authority for follow up; **19** of these presumed unaccompanied minors were **officially deported** into Haitian territory.
- **787 individuals** declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti representing an **elevated average** number of spontaneous returnees – the average of spontaneous returnees since July 2015 being **1,103 individuals**
- **203 individuals** claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory; this is considered a **low average** in the number of claimed deportations as the average of claimed deportees since July 2015 is **151.5 individuals**
- **Official deportations** continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères; a reported **963 individuals** were officially deported into Haitian territory this week of which **438 individuals** accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various official BCPs. This constitutes a **low average** for this week considering that there has been an average of **540 individuals** being officially deported into Haiti since August 2015.
- On February 25th 2016, **IOM Haiti Dominican Republic** facilitated the **Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration (AVRR)** of **169 individuals (73 households)**. The reintegration assistance in Haiti will be provided by les Sœurs St. Jean Evangélique.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT TRENDS

- Movements this week (1,597returnees) compared to the previous week (2,127returnees) remain stable;
- Overall weekly deportations (Claimed Deportations 203; official deportations 438) are lower than spontaneous returns 787 individuals).
- Spontaneous returns continue to be mainly assessed in unofficial border crossing points.
- This week 120 Individuals interviewed at unofficial border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory, while 63 persons claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti.

Table 1: Summary of monitored movements for this week⁷

Entry Status	Number of Returnees
Deported: Other	203
Deported: Official	438
Spontaneous Returns	787
Assisted Voluntary Return	169

Official Deportations

This week, a total of 438 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 434 households, corresponding to 438 individuals 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
Belladères	62	62
Malpasse	221	221
Ouanaminthe	151	155

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 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).

Other Deportations: Any forceful return which does not follow the aforementioned guidelines.

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⁶ 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.

⁷ The figures represented in this table correspond to the individuals who accepted voluntarily to be registered between the period from Wednesday 24th February to Wednesday 2 March 2016.