

Flash Update #03
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Heavy Rains and Earthquake Emergency In Haiti

SITUATION OF THE AFFECTED AREAS

The torrential rains of June 3rd caused many streams and rivers to overflow, resulting in widespread flooding over the country, accompanied by rockslides and landslides. The areas most affected by the floods are the Ouest and Sud-Est departments. Moreover, on June 6th, a 5.5 magnitude earthquake hit the Grand'Anse department in the south-west – which had already been severely affected by the earthquake of August 2021.

As of today, 51 people have died, 140 have suffered injuries and 18 are still missing. Concerning material losses, 820 houses have been destroyed, 1,625 damaged and 31,591 flooded. Overall, 39,458 households have been affected by the compounded disasters.

Some of the affected areas had experienced heavy rainfall and floodings at the end of May. The recent calamities, which are unfortunately more and more familiar to the population, are hitting Haiti at a time when the country is facing a major humanitarian crisis and at the very beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Many affected families have lost their means of subsistence. In some areas, more than 90% of the crops and harvests have been washed away. In the Ouest and Sud-Est departments, health facilities have been damaged.

Infrastructures, roads and communication lines, which were already in poor condition, have suffered damages. As a consequence, the assessment of needs and the delivery of humanitarian assistance and goods such as fuel have been compromised in some areas.

The authorities and the humanitarian sectors have been working in coordination since June 4th, to respond to the urgent needs of the affected population. Before the recent disasters, Haiti was already counting with 5.2 million people – almost half of the population – in need of humanitarian assistance, especially concerning food insecurity. Most Haitians can't afford the basic food basket and the access to basic services has been highly compromised in the last two years not only by the recurrent calamities but also by the presence and actions of the armed gangs who control most of the territory.



Distribution of food items in the Nippes Department, 2023 – ©WeWorld

OUR INTERVENTION

Two ChildFund Alliance members - WeWorld (IT) and Un Enfant par la Main (FR) - are active in the country mainly in **Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Education** sectors, with humanitarian projects supporting overall 50,000 people (19,000 of which are children) in the Nippes and Artibonites departments, highly affected by the multifaced crises.

WeWorld has the ability to scale up its intervention and directly respond to the emergency, mainly supporting children and women. In order to do so, it is currently coordinating with other relevant actors in the area, planning to conduct *ad-hoc* rapid need assessments. According to the information on needs gathered so far, the concerned population necessitates mainly **direct financial assistance to victims**, and the **provision of WASH in kind items**.

WeWorld and Un Enfant par la Main teams are in the field to support children and women. We are collecting funds from existing and new donors to respond to the urgent needs.



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