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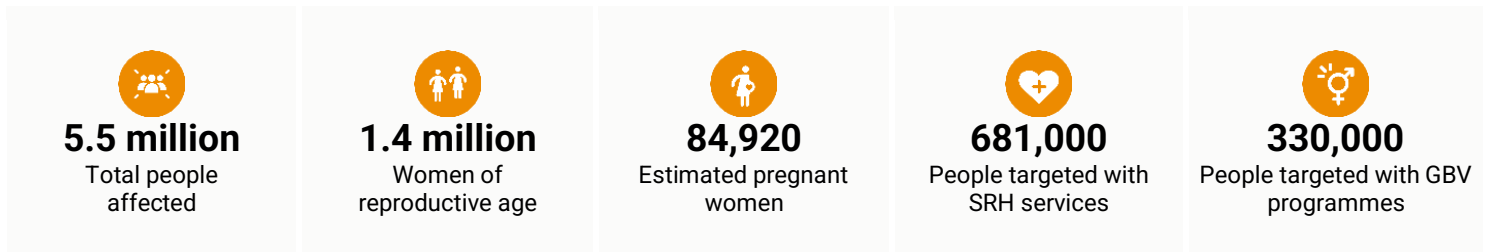
Haiti



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Country:	Haiti
Emergency type:	Other - Protracted humanitarian emergency and response to escalation in gang violence
Start Date of Crisis:	October 3, 2024
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Key Figures



Highlights

- More than 6,250 people have been displaced in the Artibonite department following attacks by armed gangs in the fifth communal section of Bocozeleon, Saint Marc commune, on 3 October. Houses were set on fire and at least 70 people were killed. More than 30,000 people were already displaced in Artibonite; and population movements from Saint Marc commune are still ongoing.

- People have sought refuge in five displacement sites where access to shelter, food, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and health care – including sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and protection services – is extremely limited.
- On 8 October, in close collaboration with the Artibonite Health Department, UNFPA deployed a mobile clinic to Grand Ford displacement site to provide SRH and protection services to women and girls.
- UNFPA will provide Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits, with essential medicines, equipment and supplies for emergency obstetric care and the clinical management of rape, to ensure that supported health facilities can continue to provide maternal health services and medical support for survivors of violence. Some 1,088 dignity kits, containing essential hygiene items, will be distributed to displaced women and girls.

Situation Overview

- The humanitarian situation in Haiti continues to deteriorate. Gang violence in the capital Port-au-Prince and the department of Artibonite is escalating, with much of the violence targeting civilians, including women and girls.
- Women and girls who have fled their homes because of gang violence are running out of options to support themselves and their families; they are increasingly reliant on negative coping mechanisms, including transactional sex, especially for girls.
- The lack of disaggregated data for Artibonite is hampering UNFPA's response. UNFPA has deployed implementing partners to collect data, in close collaboration with the Ministry on the Status and Rights of Women Artibonite. Data includes the number of women and girls who have been affected by the violence and the number who are pregnant and breastfeeding.
- The government has set up a task force under the leadership of the Ministry on the Status and Rights of Women and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, and which includes humanitarian actors, to coordinate the on-going humanitarian response, including in Artibonite.
- There are gaps in specialized medical services in Artibonite. Some of the injured, including those with severe head trauma, had to be referred to the capital, Port-au-Prince, for treatment due to a lack of specialized doctors and medical supplies.
- Humanitarian access remains a challenge in areas under the control of gangs where there is a high risk of attacks.

UNFPA Response

- UNFPA's implementing partners and the Ministry on the Status and Rights of Women conducted a rapid needs assessment in five new displacement sites in the Saint Marc commune to ensure that women and girls' reproductive health and protection needs are central to the humanitarian response. Priority needs include shelter, food, WASH, health, protection, hygiene supplies and clothes.

- UNFPA, in close collaboration with the Artibonite Health Department, supported a mobile clinic in Grand Ford and Garderes displacement site for those affected by the recent armed gang attacks. A total of 205 people received SRH and gender-based violence (GBV) services, including 158 women and girls.
- UNFPA plans to deploy additional mobile clinics to Venotte, École Nationale de Dessalines, Gardere, Place Nissage Saget and Place Philippe Guerrier new displacement sites in Saint Marc commune.
- UNFPA has assessed the response capacity of hospitals in Saint Marc and Petite Riviere, Artibonite, and identified essential medicines and medical supplies needed to strengthen health care delivery. Supplies will be dispatched in the coming days.
- UNFPA is updating the GBV referral pathway in affected areas to ensure coordination between the different actors.



Source: OCHA, October 2024¹

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