



IOM provides educational activities for children at an IDP site in Port-au-Prince

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In September, Haiti saw widespread displacement due to escalating violence. Over 700,000 people, half of them children, are now displaced—a 22% increase since June. Major incidents included attacks in Ganthier (830 displaced) and clashes in Cité Soleil and Delmas (2,327 displaced). Most IDPs took refuge with host families.

With 75% of internally displaced people now outside Port-au-Prince, host communities face severe strain, including food shortages and limited healthcare. IOM continues to provide aid despite access challenges, working with the government and partners to support both displaced people and host families.

KEY FIGURES

702,973

internally displaced persons

93%

displacements due to violence

15,260

IDPs receiving IOM assistance

17,446

migrants forcibly returned

Water, sanitation and hygiene

11,266 IDPs benefited from water provision

10 IDP sites supported with cleaning and hygiene promotion

Health and psychosocial

850 people received medical services

561 people received psychosocial services

Displacement tracking matrix

10 information product published

Cash-based interventions

3,691 people received cash assistance

Non-food items

5,115 kits of non-food items distributed

4,419 IDPs and migrants received non-food items

Camp management

55 IDP sites supported

Shelter

7,242 IDPs benefitted from site improvements

Community stabilization

2,750 people benefited from restored community spaces

104 people were assisted with livelihood aid

Immigration and border governance

4 peacebuilding meetings with local authorities

Visa application centre

603 people received visa and consular support

Accountability to affected people

1,635 calls received through the 8840 hotline

A village lighted, a community united



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In a community plagued by fear and violence, residents took the initiative to engage in dialogue with local authorities, seeking solutions to the dangers brought by nightfall. This partnership between the population and the State led to the installation of solar-powered streetlights, which transformed the streets and restored a sense of safety. While IOM provided crucial support to make the project possible, the real impact came from the strengthened trust and collaboration between the community and the authorities.

Tabarre, a district in Port-au-Prince capital of Haiti, is constantly afflicted by gang violence, insecurity reigns, plunging its neighborhoods into an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear. Women live under constant threats, worsened by the darkness that embodies both fear and danger. In this tense climate, the La Grace village was not spared. As soon as night fell, its residents retreated indoors, avoiding the dark streets. The unlit paths became traps, making any outing perilous.

To address this situation, community members appealed to authorities for urgent lighting.

The local authorities reached out to IOM, which provided the necessary support to implement the project.

“We saw that our voice truly mattered,” explains Marie, a local merchant. *“For the first time, we felt that the authorities were paying attention to our concerns.”*

The installation of solar streetlights transformed the village's dynamics. This project didn't just bring physical light but also revived community life. The residents, especially women, regained the ability to continue their activities without fearing for their safety.

“Before, we had to stop selling early because it was too dark and dangerous, especially for us women,” Marie confides. *“Now, I can stay open longer, sell more, and most importantly, I feel safe.”*

The impact of these streetlights extended to all layers of the community. Children, once deprived of sufficient study time due to the darkness, can now review their lessons under the protective glow of the lights. *“My children had to rush to finish their homework before nightfall. Now, they can study without that pressure,”* says Francine, a mother of three.

The light not only improved living conditions in the village but also helped restore a connection between the community and local authorities. Jean-Baptiste shares: *“We learned to work together, and it strengthened our trust in the authorities.”*

IOM continues to support state authorities by assisting them in implementing sustainable projects that meet the priority needs of the population. These interventions are part of a broader strategy aimed at providing lasting solutions to reintegrate migrants, reinforce social cohesion and strengthen confidence between the population and the authorities.

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