



Country card

Haiti 2021





HI's team and where we work

The Haiti programme team has 54 staff members.

Haiti



General country data

a. General data

KEY DATA	Haiti	Dominican Republic	France
Population	11.40	10.84	67.39
IHDI	0.51	0.76	0.90
Gender development index	0.875	0.999	0.987
Maternal mortality	480	95	8
GINI Index	41.1	43.7	31.6
Population within the UNHCR mandate	8	170	368,352
INFORM index	6.2	3.7	2.2
Fragile States Index	97.68	64.36	30.48
Public Social Protection	3.3	6.4	31.7
Official development assistance received	760.6	1774.1	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified in 2006
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified in 2009
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2009

c. Geopolitical analysis¹

Haiti has faced recurring social, political, economic and security challenges for several decades. The situation has further deteriorated since 2018. The country remains highly prone to natural hazards and has been affected by multiple hurricanes, floods and

¹ Some information is taken from the “Global Humanitarian Overview” published by OCHA in January 2020.



earthquakes in recent years, including the most recent earthquake on 14 August 2021, with disastrous consequences for the population.

Despite a smaller number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and pandemic-related deaths than predicted in 2020, the health crisis has had a serious impact on access to basic services, particularly for people who are highly vulnerable and living in extreme poverty. Two highly contagious variants of the virus were detected in 2021 and there has been a worrying increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in recent weeks.

The security environment has deteriorated sharply since 2019, with an upsurge in crime, antisocial behaviour and clashes between gangs and gang kidnappings. Since early June 2021, an upsurge in gang rivalry and changing gang alliances has caused the displacement of some 19,000 people in the capital Port au Prince. These acts of violence and insecurity have worsened the already adverse social and political conditions and led to a further deterioration in the country's economic situation and especially the resilience of a large section of its population.

The earthquake triggered a spike in international migration from Haiti, adding to the already serious migration crisis on the continent. According to the IOM, some 4,000 Haitian citizens were expelled back to their country of origin by the US immigration services. They must now cope with violence and displacement in a country already experiencing a humanitarian crisis.

According to the latest Humanitarian Needs Overview published in March 2021², around 4.4 million people will need humanitarian assistance. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit southwest Haiti on 14 August, causing widespread damage, has generated additional needs. According to the latest OCHA report, 800,000 people were affected by the earthquake, of whom 650,000 are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Summary of HI's work in the country

Since 2008 and cyclone Anna, HI has regularly worked in Haiti, which has been hit by successive hurricanes and tropical storms. The organisation has deployed a logistics platform, provided assistance to people with disabilities and functional rehabilitation care, built temporary shelters and distributed shelter repair kits and basic household items, along with essential items.

² <https://reliefweb.int/report/haiti/ha-ti-aper-u-des-besoins-humanitaires-2021-mars-2021>



The programme has gradually developed new projects aimed at addressing development issues linked to disability prevention (road safety in 2015), protection against abuse and violence (child protection in 2013) and inclusive risk and disaster management.

HI's work currently focuses on eleven project areas:

- **Physical and functional rehabilitation services:** helping develop the rehabilitation sector based on training, skills transfer and the global recognition of rehabilitation professionals (Ouest, Sud-Est and Nord); implementing rehabilitation care through training and support in several rehabilitation centres and health centres following the earthquake of 14 August 2021 in the Grand Sud region
- **Health & Prevention / Mental health and psychosocial support:** one-to-one and community-based psychosocial follow-up based on awareness-raising and psychoeducational actions to repair trauma caused by the earthquake of 14 August 2021
- **Health & Prevention / Emerging infectious diseases:** reducing the spread of infectious and diarrhoeal diseases in areas affected by the earthquake of 14 August 2021 by organising awareness-raising sessions on hygiene best practices and distributing hygiene kits to earthquake-affected households
- **Social & Inclusion / Economic services:** providing multidisciplinary support to people with disabilities and their families to enhance their autonomy and inclusion in society and make services more inclusive of people with disabilities and accessible to them (Ouest and Nord)
- **Protection and Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change:** meeting the needs of crisis-affected populations and building their resilience capacities with a focus on people with disabilities (Nord-Ouest, with an emphasis on the inclusiveness of the Disaster Risk Management project implemented by a consortium of NGOs in Port-au-Prince and the metropolitan area)
- **Health and Prevention / Safe and Inclusive Transport:** disability prevention through awareness-raising, training and information to reduce traffic accidents in Haiti (Ouest)
- **Social & Inclusion / Inclusive Governance: assisting disabled people's organisations and women's organisations** to advance recognition of their rights and abilities by society by building the capacities and skills of their representative organisations (Nord)
- **Logistics Platforms/Shared Transport and Storage: implementing a multimodal transport and shared storage logistics service** to help the



humanitarian community provide response, particularly in the wake of the earthquake of 14 August 2021

- **Logistics Platforms/Light Civil Engineering:** road clearance and bridge repairs to restore access to ports following damage caused by the earthquake of 14 August 2021
- **Health and Prevention/Food Aid: limiting the impact of Covid-19 on the quality of life of the most vulnerable people, including people with disabilities:** food security in Port-au-Prince and its metropolitan area; improving hygiene and meeting basic needs in Sud-Est and Nord-Est; support to COVID-19 respiratory therapy care facilities and psychosocial support in care facilities and communities
- **Risk Protection and Reduction/Inclusive Humanitarian Action:** in the wake of the earthquake of 14 August 2021, helping humanitarian actors gather and share information to promote response more inclusive of people with disabilities; awareness-raising and technical support of humanitarian actors and coordination mechanisms



Current projects

Sectors where HI implements projects, focusing on beneficiaries and operational partners

Main sectors and project title	Project goals in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partners	Location	Project start and end date and funding bodies
Rehabilitation services	Improve access to quality rehabilitation services that meet the needs of the population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train rehabilitation professionals • Improve the quality of the service offering • Assist the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 rehabilitation professionals • 3 DPOs and 3 organisations for health professionals • 2,000 people with rehabilitation care needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8,500 people in need of rehabilitation services • 45 rehabilitation professionals • 100 health professionals (doctors and nurses) • 3 DPOs and 3 organisations for health professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Public Health • 4 departmental hospitals • Haitian Association of Orthoprosthesists (AOH) • Haitian Society of Physiotherapy (SHP) • Haitian Rehabilitation Technicians Association (ATHR) • Haitian Rehabilitation Foundation (FHR) 	Port-au-Prince, Jacmel, Cap Haïtien, Ouanaminthe	1 JAN 2017-31 DEC 2021 DGD AFD MAE Lux ARES
Protection and Risk Reduction/ Natural disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change	Help strengthen the resilience of institutions and communities at high disaster risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train actors from the National DRM (Disaster Risk Management) System. • Help develop agricultural economic activities • Build the capacities of the BSEIPH (Office of the Secretary of State for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 people from the BSEIPH • 10 people from the DRM departmental committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 people from BSEIPH • 10 people from the DRM departmental committee • 40 COUC members • 60 COUL members 	DPC (Civil Protection Department) ADEMA BSEIPH	Nord-Ouest département	31 JUL 2017 – 31 JUL 2022 – BMZ



		Inclusion of People with Disabilities) and DPOs (Disabled people's organisations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 COUC³ members • 60 COUL⁴ members. • 12 ADEMA members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 EIC⁵ members • 400 members of small producer organisations • 4 SCOs and/or DPOs • 12 members of the partner NGO. 			
Social & Inclusion/ Economic services	Improve the inclusive employment and social inclusion of people with disabilities in Haiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of inclusive services (IMF and CFPF⁶) • Build the capacities of the BSEIPH • Raise the awareness of employers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 people from the BSEIPH • 3 DPOs • 1 micro-finance institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 people from BSEIPH • 100 staff members/5 public/private sector businesses • 120 people from 12 vocational training centres, Financial institutions • Disabled people's organisations • 471 people with disabilities (inclusive employment and social inclusion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAIPH (Federation of Organisations and Institutions of People with Disabilities) • RANIPH (National network for the inclusion of people with disabilities) • Microfinance institution Palmis and FONKOZE • INFP • BSEIPH 	Port-au-Prince and Cap Haïtien,	2017-31/12/2021 DGD MAE Lux Grandis
Health and Prevention/	Build the capacities of road safety actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness and train road users • Research/Studies • Help coordinate actors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,615 children through awareness- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,371 children through awareness-raising in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (MTP) Ministry for Public Transport 	AMP (District of Delmas, Tabarre, Petion-Ville, Carrefour)	1 JAN 2017-31 DEC 2021 DGD ARES

³ COUC: Centre Opérationnel d'Urgence Communal (District Emergency Operations Centre)

⁴ COUL: Centre Opérationnel d'Urgence Communal (Local Emergency Operations Centre)

⁵ EIC: Equipe d'intervention Communautaire (Community response team)

⁶ Centre Polyvalent de Formation Professionnel (Multipurpose professional training centre)



<p>Safe and Inclusive Transport</p>			<p>raising in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 drivers • 2 CSOs (Civil society organisations) • 10 people from DELR⁷ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 545 motorcycle taxi drivers (training) • 4 people from DELR • 5 civil society organisations (capacity building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (DCPR) Traffic and Road Transport Police Department • (DER) Epidemiology and Research Laboratories Department • (CAN) National Ambulance Centre • (APC) Owners/Drivers Organisation 	<p>Port-au-Prince</p>	
<p>Social & Inclusion/ Legal, community and political participation services</p>	<p>Sustainably improve the quality of life of adults and children with disabilities in Haiti</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and implement a capacity-building plan for DPOs and women's organisations in the Nord département and set up a pool of trainers • Create a gender-equality sensitive training cycle to promote equal access to training for people with disabilities • Promote and support national multi-actor consultation and discussion groups and the involvement of DPOs in civil society forums • Help DPOs and women's organisations define and implement an action plan to take inclusive local 	<p>8 DPOs (50 people with disabilities who are members of DPOs and WOs)</p>	<p>8 DPOs (50 people with disabilities who are members of DPOs and WOs)</p>	<p>RANIPH Disability focus and initiative group</p>	<p>Nord and Nord-Est départements</p>	<p>10 JAN 2020 – 31 DEC 2021</p> <p>PQDI DGD</p>

⁷ DELR: Direction d'Epidémiologie et des Laboratoires de Recherche (Epidemiology and Research Laboratories Department)



		development, awareness and advocacy actions					
Protection and Risk Reduction/ Natural disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change	Ensure the cross-cutting inclusive approach of the DRM project led by a consortium of NGOs	Urban risk mitigation project to build resilience to disasters			Consortium: Concern Worldwide (lead) Mercy Corps Coopi	Port-au-Prince metropolitan area	1 JUN 2020 – 31 DEC 2021 ECHO
Logistics platforms/ Shared transport and storage	Humanitarian actions in Haiti supported by the supply of transport and storage services adapted to the disaster, in aid of humanitarian organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance collection and storage in Port-au-Prince for humanitarian organisations. • Regular coastal navigation services around the Haitian coast in aid of humanitarian organisations. • Training of boat crews in navigation techniques and safety at sea • First aid and assistance system for boats and people in danger 	Minimum 10 humanitarian actors Fleet of 10 sail boats	Minimum 10 humanitarian actors Fleet of 10 sail boats	Aquadev Semanah Sea carriers	Port au Prince Haitian coasts	1 JUN 2020 - 31 DEC 2021 CdCS RTI (BHA)
Emergency/ Health and Prevention	Combating COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the inclusion and resilience of families and communities worst affected by Covid-19, in the Nord and 	Meet the basic needs of vulnerable people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the worst affected vulnerable people, including people with disabilities, older people, people on low incomes or living in poor health conditions • Promote access to services in order to meet the basic needs of vulnerable people (health, 	One thousand of the most vulnerable households, of which five hundred in the Nord département and five hundred in the Nord-Est département		RANIPH (Nord) FONHARE (Nord Est)	Nord Nord Est	1 FEB 2021 – 31 DEC 2021 DGD



	<p>Nord-Est départements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the impact of Covid-19 on the quality of life of the most vulnerable people, including people with disabilities 	<p>basic needs, protection) and advance their rights by providing a support fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate access by one thousand vulnerable households to information on hygiene measures, including COVID-19 prevention, and access to care by distributing hygiene kits • Evaluate the food market to determine distribution methods • Facilitate access by one thousand vulnerable households to food sufficient to cover their basic needs 					
Emergency/ Rehabilitation services	<p>Help existing health facilities provide adapted physical and functional rehabilitation care and psychological first aid to the affected population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to physical and functional rehabilitation and psychosocial support • Supply physical and functional rehabilitation services and support on mental and psychosocial health • Build the capacities of health professionals and improve pre-existing physical and functional rehabilitation services (capacity building, supply of functional equipment and devices, for example) 	<p>The project is targeted at people with critical needs related to their physical and mental well-being, including casualties and vulnerable people affected by the earthquake</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,165 in rehabilitation (2,450 beneficiaries + 1,715 carers) • 5,000 in PSS <p>Total = 9,165</p>	<p>FONTEN Saint-Anne</p>	<p>Sud and Grande Anse départements</p>	<p>17 SEP 2021-17 APR 2022- BHA</p>
Emergency/	<p>This project is part of the</p>	<p>Clearance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear rubble and landslides 	<p>H2H</p>	<p>H2H</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Sud département</p>	<p>3 SEP 2021-17 DEC 2021</p>



Logistics platforms	emergency response to the earthquake in the Grand Sud region of Haiti.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make light repairs to road and port infrastructure • Restore physical access to rural communities • Help improve humanitarian access to the region 					BHA
Emergency/ Social & Inclusion/ Water, hygiene and sanitation services	This project forms part of the response to the earthquake in the south of Haiti.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute 1,500 hygiene kits transported from contingency stocks in Dubai • Promote hygiene to reduce the spread of infectious and diarrhoeal diseases 	1,500 beneficiaries	1,500 beneficiaries	DINEPA WASH sector	Sud département	14 AUG 2021 – 31 DEC 2021 MAELUX MRIF
Emergency/ Protection and Risk Reduction/ Inclusive Humanitarian Action	This project forms part of the response to the earthquake in the south of Haiti.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the obstacles to accessing services supplied by humanitarian actors for people with disabilities • Conduct advocacy in favour of a more inclusive response • Build the capacities of humanitarian actors, including local DPOs, to provide more inclusive response through training based on the Protection Sector and the creation of a working group for people with disabilities 			NA	Haiti – Grand Sud	17 SEP 2021- 14 APR 2022 BHA
Emergency/ Protection and Risk Reduction/ Protection against abuse and violence	This project forms part of the response to the earthquake in the south of Haiti.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement SEAH prevention and management systems in line with HI's PSEAH policy • Implement a complaints feedback management system (SGRP) 			FONTEN	Haiti – Grand Sud	10 OCT 2021 – 28 FEB 2022 InterAction



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This five-month pilot project will gather feedback and lessons learned to improve actions before they are deployed as part of HI's overall programme in Haiti					
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Donors

<p>DGD Belgique partenaire du développement</p> 	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> 	<p>ADF (French Development Agency)</p> 
<p>BMZ</p> 	<p>Centre de crise et de soutien (Crisis and Support Centre)/Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs - France</p> <p>Avec la participation de</p>  <p>MINISTÈRE DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES</p> <p><i>Liberté Égalité Fraternité</i></p>	<p>InterAction</p> 
<p>PQDI / MRIF</p> <p><i>Relations internationales et Francophonie</i></p> <p>Québec</p> 	<p>ECHO</p> 	<p>BHA</p> 