



HAITI—HURRICANE IRMA

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IOM prepositioning NFIs in the North departments on 6th September 2017

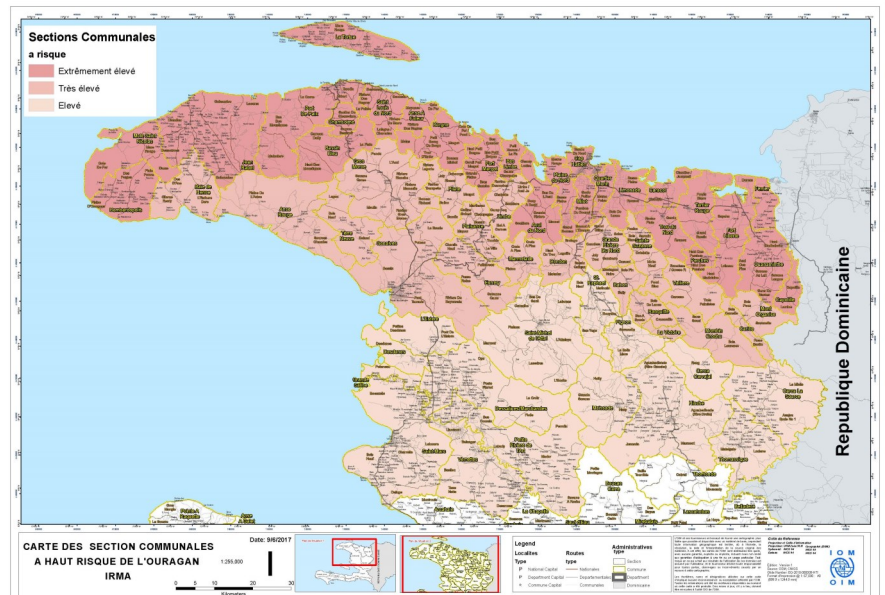
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Situation Overview

Hurricane Irma, Category 5 on the hurricane Saffir-Simpson wind scale, is the strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic basin and is expected to barrel near Haiti’s northern shoreline on Thursday 7 September. The northern departments including North, North West and North East are expected to experience sustained winds up to 185mp/h (295km/h), storm surge, and heavy rains leading to flooding and potential landslides. In the wake of the hurricane’s passage, the Government of Haiti through the Directorate for Civil Protection (DPC) has issued a Red Alert (highest alert) and activated the National Emergency Operations Center (COUN) as well as the Departmental Centers for Emergency Operation (COUD). The DPC has confirmed evacuation activities will began tomorrow morning in the northern departments. Currently, 25 evacuation shelters have been activated.

OCHA estimates that:

- **2.2 million people** living in areas most likely to be affected by Hurricane Irma.
- **6.5 million people** living in areas most likely to be affected by stormy weather and windy conditions.
- **2.2 million people** living in areas most likely to be affected by heavy rainfall and strong winds.



IOM Haiti’s map of the communes at high risk based on the actual trajectory of Hurricane IRMA.



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IOM PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

Head-Office

Port-au-Prince (South-East Department):

- Five multi-sectorial teams (Protection/ CCCM/ DMU/ Logistics) were deployed to the northern departments to support local authorities' preparedness/response interventions as well as conduct evaluations following the passage of hurricane Irma.



Camp Coordination & Camp Management

- IOM is the lead agency for CCCM Working Group;
- Three CCCM staff have been deployed to support the DPC, COUN and COUD for the management of evacuation shelters;
- The DPC, IOM and response actors will meet tomorrow in order to define the management strategy of the evacuation shelters.



Protection

- IOM and the DPC are co-leads in the Protection Working Group;
- Pre-positioned information leaflets and bracelets on the free 840 hotline which was established following hurricane Matthew to identify, advise and refer cases suspected of human trafficking and smuggling.
- Currently 840 hotline callers are being sensitized and informed on: 1) the risk related to human trafficking and family separation in times of crisis; 2) hurricane preparation practices (such as safeguarding ID documents); 3) support the referral of vulnerable cases to emergency shelters and other services (BPM, IBESR, etc.) in affected areas.



Logistics

- Deployed 4 trucks loaded with NFIs to the WFP warehouse in Gonaïve for onward transportation following the passage of hurricane Irma.



NFI & Shelter

- IOM is the lead agency for the Shelter/NFI Working Group;
- Coordination activities have been conducted with partners in order to re-open the Shelter/NFI pipeline. This includes, access to airports, port, warehousing, stand-by



Data Management Unit

- Following the passage of the hurricane, IOM will assist the DPC and response actors by managing the data information attained from the MIRA evaluations.

Sub-Offices

Ouanaminthe (North-East Department):

- Coordinated a binational meeting with UN agencies, NGO's and key civil society actors to share information and good practices for hurricane preparedness;
- Participated in the COUD meeting and shared with all the participants the list of emergency shelters for the North East Department which was prepared by IOM;
- In coordination with the DPC, identified the main high risk area in the North East Department (Fort Liberté, Terrier rouge, Ouanaminthe and Trou du Nord);
- Conducted preparatory activities with local authorities and partners in Fort Liberte, Malfetty, Ferrier and Ouanaminthe.

Jeremie (Grand-Anse department):

- Attended the interagency meeting presided by the departmental delegate to discuss preparedness measures and population sensitization activities for the next 24 hours;
- Obtained and shared with partners and the Shelter Working Group the DPC's hurricane preparedness messages;
- Supporting the DPC through the deployment of vehicles and megaphones to sensitize households living in at risk areas.

Les Cayes (South department):

- In collaboration with the DPC, ACTED and CRS conducted a training session on sensitization activities for local partners in coastal areas;
- Participated in the COUD meeting presided by the departmental delegate to discuss preparedness measures and population sensitization activities.