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Situation Report

April 2023



Fast facts*

-  **5.2 million people** In need of humanitarian assistance
-  **3.2 million people** targeted in the HRP 2023
-  **506K** in need of life-saving GBV information and services
-  **810,000** women of reproductive age (15-49 years)
-  **630,000** adolescents (10-19 y)
-  **58,500** pregnant women
-  **6,600** pregnant women who will suffer obstetrical complications in the next 9 months
-  **3,500** new newborns who will experience complications in the next 3 months
-  Between **730 and 2,200** pregnant women who will need C-section in the next 3 months
-  Around **110,000** adults currently living with a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)
-  **243,000** women with unmet needs in family planning.
-  **51/1000** Adolescent Fertility Rate
-  **529/100,000** Maternal Mortality Ratio

* Haiti Humanitarian Response Plan, April 2023

Context

- An **IASC System-Wide Scale-Up** was activated for Haiti on 17 April 2023 and will remain in place until 14 July 2023.
- Haiti is experiencing a complex **political, economic and humanitarian crisis** exacerbated by high levels of insecurity and violence and the country's vulnerability to environmental shocks.
- The first quarter of 2023 saw an increase in and intensification of **violence associated with armed groups**. Gangs control or influence approximately **80% of the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area** and have expanded their criminal activities throughout the country. The **Artibonite department, the country's breadbasket**, has also been subject to an outburst of violence.
- The number of **kidnapping cases more than doubled** between 2021 and 2022. Numerous cases of **kidnapping have involved medical personnel**. During the first quarter of 2023, at least 277 people were kidnapped, and **gang violence killed at least 531 people** and injured 300 more.
- More than 4.7 million Haitians are estimated to face **high levels of food insecurity** due to commercial and humanitarian access constraints, severe poverty, and reduced agricultural production.
- The country is experiencing a **cholera outbreak** after three years with no cases in the country. After the first two cases were reported on October 2nd, the epidemic quickly spread throughout the country, with **over 22,000 suspected cases** by the end of December 2022.
- Gangs commit serious abuses against the population, including **large-scale sexual violence**.
- **15,411 cases of sexual and physical violence** were recorded between January and September 2022 (81% women and girls, 11% men, and 8% boys). At least **57 gang rapes** were reported between July and November 2022. In 2023, the UN has recorded at least **93 rapes involving armed groups** since the beginning of the year. However such violence remains underreported.
- Access to **health care is jeopardised** in many parts of the country due to the increase in armed violence, with some service providers having to reduce, close, or relocate their interventions. **Health facilities** in Port-au-Prince and Artibonite communes are most severely impacted.






UNFPA Humanitarian Response Plan

The overall goal of UNFPA’s humanitarian interventions in Haiti is to **provide life-saving sexual and reproductive health services** and **prevent, mitigate and respond to gender-based violence** among women, girls and young people.








In line with the IASC Scale-up activation for Haiti, UNFPA’s Humanitarian Response Division is working with the Regional and Country Offices to finalize a **plan to strengthen and scale up implementation of humanitarian action**. This plan is focused on scaling up **provision of life-saving SRH and GBV services**, strengthening **GBV coordination**, and engaging **adolescents and youth**. It also integrates strong components for **Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)** and **Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)**.

The plan takes into account the serious **operational challenges** relating to security and humanitarian access, difficulties in **recruiting and retaining** key personnel due to the **insecurity** faced especially by national staff, and immediate needs to **build UNFPA’s capacity** through an increase in human resources and funding.

Key interventions

-  Strengthen the capacity of front-line responders and health practitioners for the **provision of life-saving SRH services**, including safe delivery, emergency obstetric care (EmONC), clinical management of rape, family planning, and STI prevention and care.
-  Improve access to essential SRH services, including CMR, through the delivery of **technical support** and essential medicines and commodities to national stakeholders in the form of **Inter Agency Reproductive Health kits**.
-  Work with **local partners** with a **high level of acceptance** at community level to provide **lifesaving GBV services and information**, including case management, psychosocial support.
-  Enhance **coordination of GBV and SRH response**, referral systems, and service delivery in the prioritised areas, in collaboration with national and international stakeholders.
-  Strengthen **humanitarian access** in line with the Humanitarian Access Plan of the Humanitarian Country Team. UNFPA is working closely with the larger humanitarian actors around access negotiations, security and logistics.

Highlights of UNFPA Response January – March 2023

 <p>618 women and girls reached with protection information during dignity kit distributions and informational sessions on gender equality, sexual and reproductive rights, GBV prevention and available services</p>	 <p>63 health facilities supported with reproductive health services</p>	 <p>25,947 safe deliveries in health facilities supported by UNFPA</p>	 <p>25,218 antenatal care services (first visit) provided in health facilities supported by UNFPA</p>
	 <p>6,650 women and girls reached with family planning services (20% LARCs)</p>	 <p>Psychosocial support and GBV case management provided to GBV survivors in 3 safe spaces for women and girls in Grande-Anse</p>	 <p>Essential hygiene and protection supplies¹ distributed to 3,190 women and girls impacted by violence across the country</p>

¹ Dignity kits and portable solar lamps as well as blankets, mosquito nets and tents delivered collaboratively with UNHCR

Prioritised areas for UNFPA interventions



SRH interventions:

- Areas along the border with the Dominican Republic: Anse-a-Pitre, Belladere, Ouanaminthe
- Great South Department: Grande-Anse, Nippes, Sud.
- Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince



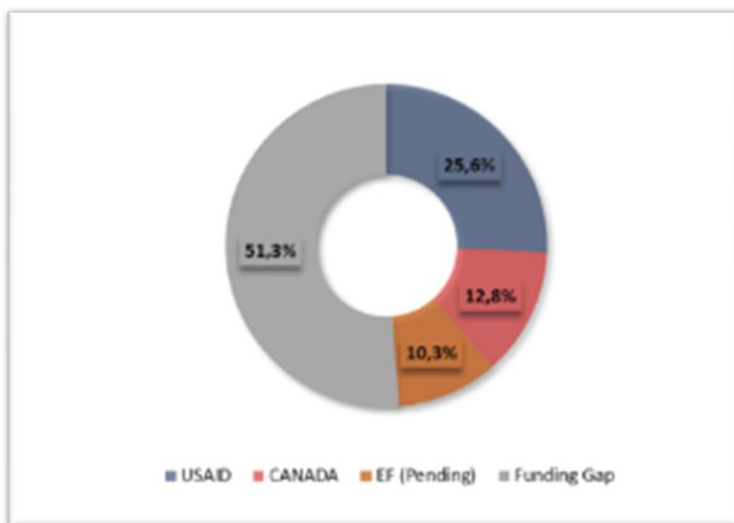
GBV interventions:

- Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince



Funding status

In 2023, UNFPA is appealing for **\$ 9,750,000** to provide life-saving SRH and GBV services in Haiti.



As of March 2023, **UNFPA** Haiti had secured **38,5%** of these requirements thanks to the contributions of the **Governments of Canada and the United States**.

Key challenges

- A challenging operating environment with high **security risks and limited humanitarian access**. Humanitarian workers, particularly nationals, face increasingly difficult challenges, including:
 - **Hostilities** between armed groups and clashes with Haitian police;
 - **Violence** against humanitarian staff, property, and infrastructure;
 - Direct **interference** in humanitarian operations;
 - Increased **operational costs**;
 - Complex physical environment and **lack of infrastructure**.
- Limited **funding** available for the continued provision of humanitarian services.
- Lack of **national resources** for the provision of basic social services.

In the news



The Director of UNFPA's Humanitarian Response Division, Ms. Shoko Arakaki, joined the **mission of a team of senior NGO and UN representatives** from the IASC Emergency Directors Group from 14-16 March 2023. The objectives of the mission were to **raise international awareness** of the unprecedented and unique humanitarian crisis and reaffirm the **humanitarian community's commitment** to continue supporting the people of Haiti and working with the Government to do so.

UNFPA Humanitarian Director, Shoko Arakaki, visited the Petite Place health center in Port-au-Prince to learn more about the **access of women and girls**, including pregnant women, to **sexual and reproductive health services**.



Distribution in Port-au-Prince of **solar lamps to women victims of violence linked to gang conflicts**, on February 23, 2023. These women were relocated by #RaphaHouse in partnership with UNFPA.

UNFPA and PAHO/WHO distributed 111 **HIV and syphilis testing kits to health facilities** - Centre de Santé de l'Armée du Salut, Hôpital Universitaire La Paix, centre de santé St Martin and centre de santé Petite Place Cazeau- on February 15, 2023.



In January 2023, UNFPA provided **medications, cholera prevention kits, materials and equipment to health institutions** in the Nippes department as part of a USAID-funded project.