Overview

This document represents a summary snapshot of monitoring activities conducted by IOM and border monitoring partners at the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The monitoring was put in place following the movements observed at the border before and after the 17th June 2015 expiration of the registration component of the National Plan for the Regularization of Foreigners (PNRE in Spanish), established in the Dominican Republic. Monitoring of border movements began as of the first week of June 2015. Up until the 16th of June, figures are based on partial observations of border crossing points. The network’s current structure covers 100% of border crossing points as of July 2015.

**CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

- 18,896 households representing 36,442 individuals crossed the border into Haitian territory
- 37.1% were female while 62.9% were male
- 577 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified
- 1,672 households declared having been registered in the PNRE corresponding to 3,695 individuals
- 21,331 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti
- 8,130 individuals claim to have been deported
- 6,981 individuals were officially deported at the three official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse, and Belladères and have been voluntary registered.
Sex Breakdown
Of the 36,442 individuals monitored by the border monitoring network, 37.1% were female and 62.9% were male.

Graph 3: Breakdown of returnee population by sex

Age Breakdown
The majority of the returnee population reported being between the ages of 18-59 years old, with individuals from this age group representing 64.7% of the overall returning population. A reported 33.9% are aged 0-17 years old and 1.4% falls into the elderly category.

Graph 4: Breakdown of returnees by sex and age

Types of vulnerabilities.
Among the persons crossing the border, the network encountered 577 cases of presumed unaccompanied minors. These cases were referred to the relevant government authorities (IBESR) and their partners for appropriate care and status determination.

Graph 5: Most common vulnerabilities identified

Documentation
30.1% (10,978 individuals) of the returnees interviewed reported having Haitian Documentation, while 2.7% (966 individuals) reported having Dominican documentation. A reported 67.2% (24,498 individuals) did not possess any type of documentation.

Graph 6: Returnee documentation status

The most common ID document presented by the returnee continues to be the Haitian Birth Certificate, corresponding to 68.1% of the individuals with documentation. The second most common document is the Haitian ID (CIN or NIF) which represents 22.5%.

Graph 7: Types of documents

Occupation
The most common occupation within the DR held by returnees is agriculture (8,642 households), followed by construction (4,541 households) and commerce (2,199 households). Other declared occupations fall within transportation, hotel, maintenance, security, students, among others.

Graph 8: Types of occupation
Entry on Haitian Territory
Of all 36,442 individuals interviewed, 21,331 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti. While 8,130 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory by various DR authorities (Immigration, CESFRONT, Military etc.), 6,981 individuals have been officially deported by the DR Immigration (DGM).

Graph 9: Total returns by Authority

Destination and Intentions
When questioned regarding their intended destination, the following three communes have been most commonly indicated by returnees:
- Cornillons/Grand Bois as indicated by 1,724 households
- Anse-à-Pitres as indicated by 1,577 households
- Fonds-Verettes as indicated by 1,074 households

Graph 10: Intended Destination

Irrespective of the type of returns, the trends observed during previous SitReps remain the same. The returnees have, most commonly, provided the following answers:
- Intention to stay with relatives.
- Intention to rent a house
- Having nowhere to go
- Intention to stay with Friends
- Intention to go to In a settlement/camp

Individuals born in the Dominican Republic
Of all returnees, 3,042 households (corresponding to 12,259 individuals) have at least one member who was born in the Dominican Republic. More specifically, this corresponds to a total of 6,673 individuals born in the DR, 3,979 of which were born before January 26th 2010 and subsequently referred to UNHCR as a potential caseload/persons of interest who may fall under UNHCR mandate.

Graph 11: Age and sex breakdown of individuals born in the DR

Family remaining in the Dominican Republic
When asked about remaining family members in the DR, 23,034 individuals (5,389 claimed deportees, 13,221 spontaneous returnees and 4,424 officially deported individuals) have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. Further questioning regarding the status of these remaining families has revealed that 76.9% are Haitians without visa, 11.4% are Haitians with visa and 6.2% are Dominican citizens or have a Resident status.

Graph 12: Status of returnee’s family members remaining in the DR

Registration in the PNRE
Of the 18,896 households interviewed by the network, 1,672 households (representing – 8.8% of the returnee population) declared having been registered in the Dominican PNRE. Of these 1,672 households, 83.3% returned spontaneously to Haiti, 12.6% claimed to have been deported and 3.9% have been officially deported into Haitian territory.

Graph 13: Registration in the PNRE by return status
A total of 6,981 persons have been officially deported at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères and have been voluntary registered. Most of these deportations were conducted by DR immigration authorities (DGM). The majority of returnees are individuals and not households/families. Indeed, a total of 6,904 households corresponding to 6,981 individuals have been officially deported.

Table 1: Official Deportations per official BCPs

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Breakdown by gender and Age
Of all the 6,981 individuals officially deported, 95.1% were male and 4.9% were female.

The majority of the officially deported individuals have reported being between the ages of 18-59 years, individuals from this age group representing 94.5% of the deported population. A reported 5.1% are aged between 0-19 years old and a mere 0.3% falls into the elderly category.

The average age of officially deported individuals is 26.51 years old.

Graph 15: Age breakdown by sex and age of officially deported individuals

Vulnerabilities Assessed among Officially Deported
Among the people officially deported, 300 were presumed unaccompanied minors (UAM). These presumed UAMs were referred to the relevant government authority (IBESR) and their partners for appropriated care and status determination.

Graph 16: Most common vulnerabilities assessed among official deported individuals.

Deportation Procedures
Of all official deportations, 6,832 have reportedly been carried out by the General Directory of Migration (DGM in Spanish), 110 by the CESFRONT and 36 by the military.

Graph 17: Authority carrying out official deportations

When questioned about the location from which they were deported, the respondents have indicated the following:

- 6,072 individuals apprehended in the street
- 413 were apprehended in their place of employment
- 357 have been apprehended in their residence.

Graph 18: Location where officially deported individuals were apprehended

Family remaining in the Dominican Republic
A reported 4,329 of officially deported individuals have indicated still having family members remaining in the DR. They have indicated the following:

- 3,283 have close relatives remaining
- 467 have children (daughter/son) remaining in DR
- 433 have their spouse (husband/wife) still in DR

Graph 19: Returnees family status in the DR
This section presents an overview of border monitoring activities and movement trends observed during the week of October 23rd to 30th 2015.

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **1,565** individuals were observed crossing the border into Haitian territory this week.
- 22 presumed unaccompanied minors were identified during this week and referred to the relevant authority for follow up; 16 of these presumed unaccompanied minors were officially deported into Haitian territory.
- 613 individuals declared having returned spontaneously to Haiti.
- 285 individuals claimed to have been deported into Haitian territory.
- Official deportations continue to be carried out at the official border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères; a reported 922 individuals were officially deported into Haitian territory this week of which 667 individuals accepted to be registered voluntarily by the enumerators at the various borders.

**OBSERVED MOVEMENT TRENDS**

- Significant decrease of movement during this week compared to the previous week.
- Overall deportations (Claimed Deportations 285; official deportations 667) are higher than spontaneous returns (613 individuals).
- Spontaneous returns continue to be assessed in unofficial border crossing points mainly.
- 196 Individuals interviewed at non official border crossing points have claimed being deported directly into Haitian territory, while 89 persons claimed to have spent time in a detention center before being forcefully returned to Haiti.
- Because of presidential, senatorial and mayoral Haitian elections carried out on October 25th, all official BCPs were closed.
- Numerous security-related incidents were reported this week in the official BCPs of Malpasse and Ouanaminthe.

**Official Deportations**

This week a total of 667 individuals officially deported were registered at the three border crossing points of Ouanaminthe, Malpasse and Belladères. Most of these deportations were carried out by the DR Immigration authorities (DGM).

The majority of returnees are individuals rather than households/families. Indeed a total of 663 households, corresponding to 667 individuals were officially deported this week.

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**Deportation:** The act of a State in the exercise of its sovereignty in removing an alien from its territory to a certain place after refusal of admission or termination of permission to remain (Glossary on Migration, p 18, IOM)

**Spontaneous (migration) return:** An individual or groups who initiate and proceeds with their migration plans without any outside assistance. (Glossary on Migration, p 62, IOM)

**Official Deportations:** Government organized returns which are carried out at the official Border Crossing Points (Ouanaminthe – Dajabon, Belladers- Elias Piña, Malpasse-Jimani, Anse à Pitres-Pedernales) between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (border schedule). Before official deportations, relevant returnees receive an official notification regarding the impending deportation. Furthermore, information regarding the time and point of deportation are communicated to the Haitian authorities (Haitian Embassy/consulate). Official deportations are mostly carried out by the DR Immigration (DGM).

**Other Deportations:** Any forceful return which does not follow the aforementioned guidelines (also referred to as claimed deportation)

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1 The difference between the previous SitRep and the current one is higher because the data is based on date of entry into Haiti and not date of data entry into the database.
2 The figures represented in this table correspond to the individuals who accepted voluntarily to be registered between the period from Thursday October 22nd to Wednesday October 29th 2015.