

# Haiti: Earthquake

## Situation Update #9

As of 27 September, 2021



### HIGHLIGHTS

- To date, 2,248 people are reported dead, 12,000 injured, and 329 missing. More than 137,500 homes have been damaged or destroyed (OCHA).
- The Grand' Anse bridge allowing access to the town of Jeremie and its surroundings is still inaccessible and closed to four-wheels vehicles. An alternative road to access Jeremie via Vertigo village is accessible to 4x4 vehicles and trucks although partially submerged.
- Jeremie is accessible by sea, several service options are available.
- Since the the Log.IE platform was launched, the Logistics Sector is constantly collecting information to keep the access constraints map up to date. Partners are invited to refer to [Log.IE – Haiti Earthquake 08/21](#) and the [Log.IE User Guide for Data Collection](#) for data collection.

## 1. Overview

More than one month after the devastating earthquake that hit the south-west of Haiti on 14 August, the speed and effectiveness of humanitarian relief efforts continue to improve. However, as the Government and its partners progressively transition into a recovery and reconstruction phase in many affected areas, coordinated efforts to get humanitarian aid to those most in need continue to be hampered by the deteriorating security situation, limited humanitarian access, and limited communication with hard-to-reach communities, particularly in the rural areas that are most affected.

## 2. Assessments and Access Constraints

### Road Access Constraints

- The bridge in Jeremie is still damaged and not accessible to four-wheels vehicles.
- An alternative road via Vertigo village is accessible to 4x4 vehicles and trucks, although partially submerged. However, when it rains, crossing the river becomes impossible.
- According to the Director of the Ministry of the Environment, a floating bridge will be constructed to provide an alternative to the Jeremie bridge. The new bridge should be ready by 15 December, 2021.
- The bridge of Port-a-Piment is accessible to 4x4.
- The last updated (22/09) access constraints map may be found [here](#).
- The Logistics Sector in-country seeks live updates and contributions to map logistics constraints. Please refer to [Log.IE – Haiti Earthquake 08/21](#) and the [Log.IE User Guide for Data Collection](#).



Grande'Anse bridge – Source: Logistics Sector Partner

### Air Transport Infrastructures

- Les Cayes and Jeremie airports are operational.
- Regular commercial lines are also available and functional for Les Cayes and Jeremie.

### Sea Transport Infrastructures

- Miragoane and Jeremie ports are functional and accessible by sea.

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### 3. Logistics Services

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- **Air Transport:**

- UNHAS continues to provide air transport for passengers and light humanitarian cargo. All requests can be sent to: [haiti.unhas@wfp.org](mailto:haiti.unhas@wfp.org). Humanitarian organisations must be pre-registered to benefit from this service. The passenger booking request document is available [here](#).
- In addition to regular flights, special flights can be arranged to transport humanitarian personnel and cargo in the areas that remain inaccessible by road.
- Due to the high demand for UNHAS helicopters, one aircraft was mobilised for the operation on 27 September for passenger transport only. It is a free-to-users service accessible to anyone applying the same UNHAS passenger booking procedure.
- Regular commercial routes are still available and operational to Les Cayes and Jeremie.

- **Road Transport:**

- The road transport service from Port-au-Prince to the South is still offered by some private companies but remains disrupted due to the security situation, which makes the planning of operations unpredictable.
- To mitigate the effects of this situation, a convoy is organised by the DGPC and WFP every day from Port-au-Prince to Les Cayes. As capacity is limited, organisations wishing to join the convoys should contact the Logistics Sector at least 48 hours in advance ([haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org](mailto:haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org)). Organisations joining the convoy with their own vehicles must ensure that their vehicles are in good condition and that they have been refuelled before the convoy leaves.
- WFP offers transport solutions in Port-au-Prince to partners wishing to move their humanitarian cargo. For all logistics service requests, partners are invited to contact [haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org](mailto:haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org).

- **Sea Transport:**

- WFP barge transport is available from Terminal Varreux Bollere to Garde-Cotes in Bizoton (roll on/roll off). The service is free of charge for users and will be available until mid-October. Up to eight rotations can be made per day. Requests can be sent to [haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org](mailto:haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org).
- A container barge transport service can be made available from Port-au-Prince to Jeremie. Requests can be sent to [haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org](mailto:haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org).
- A barge service with a capacity of over 650 mt from Port-au-Prince to Miragoane will be ready mid-October for roll-on/roll-off operations. Whilst the current barge serving Carrefour can only carry one vehicle, the new one will be able to carry up to nine. The journey time will be approximately 6-8 hours. The service will initially run for one month, with a possibility of extension until the end of the year.
- The barge service is currently the best way to access Miragoane without passing through Martissant.
- Humanity & Inclusion (HI) is providing a cabotage service with 10 sailing ships able to move a total capacity of 160 t. Requests can be sent to [m.vidon@hi.org](mailto:m.vidon@hi.org). Many mooring points are available, including Miragoane, Baraderes, Anse-a-Macon, Pestel, Corail, Jeremie, Dame Marie, Anse d'Haisnault, Les Irois, Les Anglais, Port-a-Piment, and Les Cayes. The signature of the Memorandum of Understanding and its annexes is required to request services.

- **Customs:**

- Through the IMPACCT group, information on custom procedures will be shared and consultations with authorities will be held to ensure all humanitarian cargo can enter the country without delays. More information can be obtained contacting [impacct.2021@gmail.com](mailto:impacct.2021@gmail.com).

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- IMPACCT bulletin #4 on customs, immigration, and quarantine procedures is available [here](#).
- **Warehousing:**
  - Storage capacity is available in Port-au-Prince at the DGPC logistics base.
  - All requests for storage in Port-au-Prince or Les Cayes should not exceed ten days in order not to occupy the space with non-emergency stock.
  - A storage capacity assessment is underway in Les Cayes for the South department. The results will be shared with partners as soon as it is completed.
  - Caritas is evaluating the possibility to share a storage space with partners in Leon, for the Grand'Anse department. The storage space is currently under assessment. Due to the remoteness of Leon, the COUD warehouse in Château could be used – provided it is assessed secured.
  - For all storage service requests, please contact [haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org](mailto:haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org).

## 4. Logistics Sector's Activities

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### Coordination

- A coordination mechanism at departmental level has been launched for the Departments of South and Grand'Anse. Meanwhile, the coordination cell at national level continues to be active
- Meetings for the South are held on a weekly basis, every Wednesday at 17:00 in Les Cayes (COUD). The Grand'Anse meetings are held twice a month, every second Thursday at 16:00 at the Jeremie police station.

### Information Management

- Coordination meetings minutes and activities at national and departmental level and other useful information (including logistics capacity assessments, and maps) can be found on [Haiti Logistics Sector webpage](#).
- Information channels:
  - Interested partners are invited to register to the National Logistics Sector mailing list in Haiti using this [form](#).
  - The National Logistics Sector dedicated WhatsApp group can be joined [here](#).

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