



Rapid visual assessment from Port-Salut to Port a Piment / Dpt SUD
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Damages

Important damages on the coast line.

Estimated 80 to 90% of houses totally or severely damaged.

Note: impressive damage to solid structures (RC frames and cement block construction).

Data collected by local actors are not consistent and often based on different criteria (two to three damage categories), with very basic means (handwritten sheets with very basic information, one name, area and damage).

Power lines totally destroyed.

Solar plant in Les Coteaux covering the entire Arrondissement severely damaged (not operational).

Water distribution networks not operational (sources and catchments blocked by debris).

Some water wells operational, water analysis show high concentration of e-coli.

Schools: SDC has conducted a damage assessment from Port-Salut to Chardonniere (transmitted to the MoE in Les Cayes). Out of a total 168 classrooms 77 are severely damaged (46%).

According to local contacts most usable classes (88) are being used as collective shelters (information not verified).

Individual belongings spread everywhere (clothes, damaged furniture, etc.).

Only few trees still standing.

Activities

Affected families engage in self-repair of houses, mainly erection of basic shelter with salvaged material.

Some tents of various sizes and types are visible (camping type).

Few tarps visible.

Progressive presence of NGOs in Port a Piment where MsF clinic installed (cholera unit).

Mainly assessment phase, little activity, few distributions (some small private initiatives or charities).

Few teams working on clearing of electricity infrastructure (yellow trucks).

Some heavy duty equipment clearing the main roads (Haitian Relief Operation).

Needs reported

Priorities change depending on location, in general: food, water, medicine

Access

Main roads cleared but bridges damaged (river crossings possible with 4WD vehicles, can be difficult when it rains).

River crossing after Roche a Bateau ok, river crossing after Port a Piment more difficult.

Remote areas mostly not accessible by vehicle. In general people walk (up to three hours to joint the coast), some donkeys are used for goods transportation.

Other

No market activity.

Apparently less population if compared to house density, probably a number of families have moved to PaP or Les Cayes.

No apparent security issues, number of pick-ups loaded with relief goods cross the affected areas without problems. No road blocks.



Most trees down



Heavy infrastructure damages



Some tarps, most personal belongings lost