

Haiti: Earthquake

Situation Update #8

As of 3 September, 2021



HIGHLIGHTS

- At least 2,248 people are reported dead, 12,000 injured, and 344 are still missing. More than 130,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed. (OCHA)
- The Grand'Anse's bridge is still deteriorated and closed to four-wheels vehicles. Jeremie remains inaccessible by road.
- Jeremie is accessible by sea, several service options are made available.
- The National Logistics Sector in-country seeks live updates and contributions to begin mapping logistics constraints. Please refer to [Log:ie – Haiti Earthquake 08/21](#) and the [Log:ie User Guide for Data Collection](#).

1. Overview

On Saturday 14 August 2021 at 08:30 EDT, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. The epicentre was recorded around 12 km (7.5 miles) from the town of Saint-Louis-du-Sud, about 125 km west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. The main tremor was followed by several 4.6 to 5.2 magnitude aftershocks. More are likely to be encountered. There is an immediate need for search and rescue teams, medical assistance, and road access facilitation. Severe humanitarian access constraints and fragile security situation greatly complicate the humanitarian response in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Security constraints are currently threatening road access to the affected areas and partners are seeking for other modes of transportation including via sea.

2. Assessments and Access Constraints

Road Access Constraints

- The bridge in Jeremie is still damaged and not accessible anymore to four-wheels vehicles.
- An alternative road through the village of Vertigo is now accessible to 4x4 vehicles and trucks, although partially submerged.
- The bridge of Port-a-Piment is accessible to 4x4.
- The last updated (20/08) access constraints map can be found [here](#).
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Air Transport Infrastructures

- So far, no cold-chain storage services are made available at Port-au-Prince airport.
- Les Cayes and Jérémie airports are still operational but not open for international operations.
- Regular commercial lines are also available and functional for Les Cayes and Jérémie.

Sea Transport Infrastructures

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



Grande Anse's Bridge – Source: Logistics Sector Partner

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3. Logistics Services

- Air Transport:
 - UNHAS is offering air transport services. All requests can be sent to: haiti.unhas@wfp.org. The flights are available to passengers and to light cargo such as medical items.
 - Regular commercial lines are also available and operational for Les Cayes and Jérémie.
 - U.S. military helicopters are being withdrawn.
 - Humanity & Inclusion (HI) is offering a pick-up service from the airport to storage spaces in Port-au-Prince.
- Road Transport:
 - The Logistics Sector is facilitating access to WFP fleet convoys from Port-au-Prince to Les Cayes and other locations in the affected area. The service is free-to-user, but limited to seven trucks. Requests can be sent to haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org at least 48 hours in advance. Transport services to Jeremie will depend on accessibility. Partners' vehicles can also join the convoy by reaching out to the Logistics Sector with details on the cargo and vehicle.
 - Organisations joining the convoy with their own vehicles must ensure that their vehicles are in good condition and that they have been refueled before the convoy leaves.
 - Partners wishing to extend their journey to Jeremie can continue their route from Les Cayes without the need for a convoy.
- Sea Transport:
 - WFP barge transport will be made available from Terminal Varreux to Garde-Côtes (Roll on/Roll off). The service will be free-to-user for a month starting 16 August. Until eight rotations will be performed per day. Requests can be sent to 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.
 - The barge service is currently the best way to access Miragoane without passing through Martissant.
 - Humanité & Inclusion (HI) will provide 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. Many mooring points are available, including Miragoâne, Baradères, Anse à Macon, Pestel, Corail, Jérémie, Dame Marie, Anse d'Haisnault, Les Irois, Les Anglais, Port-à-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.
 - 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.
 - Mobile storage units (MSU) are potentially available in Les Cayes.
 - All requests for storage in Port-au-Prince or Les Cayes should not exceed 10 days in order not to occupy the space with non-emergency stock.
 - For all storage service requests, please contact haiti.logisticsservices@wfp.org.

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4. Logistics Sector Activities

Coordination

- Partners are invited to reach out to the Logistics Sector Coordinator, Lila RICART (lila.ricart@wfp.org) for any air freight request. Air freight transportation options will be considered depending on the needs.
- UNHCR is importing 14 containers of relief items and is looking for partners to take the donations and distribute it. The organisations taking over the cargo will be responsible for customs clearance, warehousing, and the distribution. For more information, please contact: llevatr@unhcr.org.
- The minutes of Wednesday 1 September Logistics Sector's coordination meeting can be found [here](#).
- The next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 September at 11:00 EDT [online](#).
- A regional coordination meeting will also take place with the partners present in Les Cayes on Wednesday 8 September at 17:30 EDT. For more information, please contact: josiane.elkhoury@wfp.org

Information Management

- The last updated (20/08) access constraints map can be found [here](#).
- An interactive cartography tool ([Log:ie – Haiti Earthquake 08/21](#)) has been set-up for partners to find and share logistics access constraints related information. Please refer to the [Log:ie User Guide for Data Collection](#). Partners are encouraged to share information via the tool or Logistics Cluster focal points.
- Useful information (e.g. Logistics Capacity Assessments, maps) may be found on the [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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