HAITI FACTSHEET

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From April to June

33,019
people were supported in obtaining civil documentation.

6,515
people were informed on protection rights, access to essential services, and UNHCR's mandate.

168
benefited from gender-based violence prevention and response activities, including GBV survivors.

Situation

Haiti's protection environment continued to deteriorate as escalating gang violence drove new waves of forced displacement and deepened humanitarian needs. By May, nearly **1.5 million people** had been forcibly displaced nationwide, while attacks in **Artibonite**, Port-au-Prince, particularly **Cité Soleil**, forced tens of thousands to flee. Armed groups continue to expand their **territorial control** beyond the capital, contributing to widespread **protection risks**, including **killings,** kidnappings, sexual violence, recruitment of children, and restrictions on access to essential services.

Against this backdrop, **deployment** of the UN-backed Gang Suppression Force (**GSF**) began, with international **personnel arriving** to support efforts to restore security and protect civilians. Despite these measures, continued violence and displacement raised concerns about the feasibility of planned **electoral processes** and broader political stabilization **efforts**. Looking ahead, the United States Supreme Court's June order supporting the end of Temporary Protected Status (**TPS**) for more than 350,000 **Haitians** raises concerns over potential returns to the country, placing additional pressure on already fragile communities.

Amid ongoing challenges, authorities inaugurated specialized **judicial** and police **units** to strengthen responses to serious crimes, including sexual violence. The National Identification Office (**ONI**) expanded its nationwide ID distribution programme (Kat Ou La), reaching almost 90,000 identity cards distributed as of June. Moreover, Haiti reaffirmed its commitment to addressing statelessness at the Cartagena+40 process, **commercial flights** with the Dominican Republic partially resumed, and a visit from the **UN Secretary-General** underscored continued international support for Haiti's security, governance, and protection efforts.

Highlights

- UNHCR strengthened inter-agency coordination by deploying dedicated protection staff to reinforce capacity and providing temporary support to the Protection Cluster. This has included UNHCR participation in inter-agency field visits in response to recent displacement from Cité Soleil to identify protection challenges and advocate for the integration of protection considerations into the humanitarian response.
- UNHCR and the National Migration Office (ONM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen the response to forcibly returned Haitians. The agreement defines priority areas for cooperation and supports joint efforts to enhance assistance to forcibly return individuals and internally displaced people (IDPs), while enabling the expansion of UNHCR's protection-focused interventions in border areas.
- UNHCR supported the launch of Organisation de Développement et de Lutte contre la Pauvreté (ODELPA) second youth capacity-building programme, benefiting 80 young people through training on GBV prevention, vocational skills, digital safety, and conflict resolution.
- UNHCR partner, the Initiative Citoyenne pour les Droits de l'Homme (ICDH), conducted three mobile birth registration activities in the municipality of Belladère, in collaboration with the Civil Registry Office. The activities reached more than 400 people, helping facilitate access to birth certificates.
- UNHCR partner, the Organisation des Citoyens pour une Nouvelle Haïti (OCNH), convened a forum on legal identity and statelessness in Cap-Haïtien, bringing together nearly 50 government, judicial, and civil society representatives to discuss civil registration systems challenges and reforms. OCNH also donated birth registration materials to the Capotille civil registry, to support statelessness prevention efforts in hard-to-reach areas.

Operational overview

UNHCR supports internally displaced people (IDPs), forcibly returned individuals, and those at risk of statelessness in Haiti, with a focus on legal identity, access to rights, and protection. Working with the government, civil society, and UN Agencies, UNHCR contributes to monitoring protection risks, strengthening accountability to affected populations, and improving data gathering, particularly in border and displacement-affected areas. UNHCR participates in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) and is an active member of the Protection Cluster.

First deployed after the 2010 earthquake, UNHCR reinforced its presence in 2024 in response to escalating displacement. Since September 2025, UNHCR's operations in Haiti have been supported and coordinated by the Agency's Multi-Country Office in Panama, helping strengthen the response through added technical expertise.

The UNHCR–ONM MoU will strengthen protection monitoring and data collection on population movements in Haiti's border regions, helping inform assistance and address the needs of forcibly returned and displaced populations.

Through community outreach, legal assistance and advocacy, UNHCR partner, the Initiative Citoyenne pour les Droits de l'Homme (ICDH), supports access to legal identity and rights in Haiti.

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