



Situation Report #2

Increasing violence in Haiti continues to put the lives of women and girls at risk

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Country:	Haiti
Emergency type:	Protracted humanitarian emergency and response to escalation in gang violence
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Key Figures



6 million
Total people affected¹



1.5 million
Women of reproductive age²



225,000
Estimated pregnant women²



920,000
People targeted with SRH services



400,000
People targeted with GBV programmes

Highlights

- Since February, the humanitarian situation in Haiti has continued to deteriorate due to an increase and intensification of violence associated with armed gangs. Gang violence in the capital Port-au-Prince continues to escalate, with much of the violence targeting civilian population, including women and girls. This is continuing to drive displacement. An estimated 60,000 people in Haiti have been newly displaced due to violence and have limited access to food, water, shelter, protection, and healthcare – including sexual and reproductive health services.

¹ [OCHA, Haiti: Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan, February 2025.](#)

² Estimated figures are based on the Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings calculator.

- The operating environment continues to pose challenges with high security risks, which limit humanitarian access to some areas, including displacement sites, and impact service provision. Many humanitarian organizations have drastically reduced their operations while they are monitoring the situation.
- The recent attack around the women and girls' safe space (WGSS) located in Delmas 19, which was supported by UNFPA and run by implementing partner, FOSREF, was forced to suspend the activities for two weeks before relocating to Delmas 41. Although activities have recommenced, between 450-580 women and girls who were previously attending the WGSS in Delmas 19 are unable to access the new location because they were dispersed by armed gang attacks.
- Due to funding cuts, a review and re-prioritization of the [2025 Humanitarian Response Plan](#) is underway. The potential reductions in the humanitarian response comes at a time when the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) needs continue to increase in Haiti, including approximately 1.5 million people requiring GBV protection services.³

Situation Overview

- Since mid-February, incidents of violence have increased in the country's capital, leading to mass displacement of populations. The majority of these people were already displaced and are forced to relocate again, as some displaced sites were closed because of this violence and these people fled to other host locations. The most affected areas include the municipality of Port-au-Prince, Carrefour-Feuilles, Bas Peu de Chose, Avenue Christophe, Bois Verna and Morne-à-Tuf.
- Thousands of women and girls have fled their homes and are now living in makeshift shelters without access to basic services, and vulnerable to sexual exploitation and abuse. There have been reports of women giving birth without any medical assistance.
- Further deterioration of the security situation, marked by the additional threatening advance of armed gangs and noticeable increases of kidnapping, murder, killings. The gangs have also burned, ransacked, and destroyed public buildings including many hospitals and clinics, forcing many to close or suspend their operations.
- Access is severely limited in areas controlled by armed gangs, particularly in Port-au-Prince and Artibonite communes.
- The international airport remains closed. This continues to impact and delay the shipping of medical supplies, and SRH kits, including post rape kits.

UNFPA Response

Despite the recent deterioration in Port-au-Prince, UNFPA and its partners have remained and continue to provide life-saving SRH and GBV services. The activities focused on the dignity kits distribution, SRH and GBV services within supported health facilities, awareness raising activities within women's safe spaces, provision of remote psychosocial support, referral, case documentation and GBV information via a hotline.

- To date, 200 mama kits and 1,850 dignity kits⁴ were distributed in the displaced sites, including lycée Marie Jeanne, Ministère de la Communication, Delmas 33, Joseph Bernard, Site Manjwa and Ministère Education Nationale.
- All the planned dignity kit distribution and deployment integrated SRH/GBV mobile team operations in displaced sites (office de protection civile, Akra, Jean Marie Cesar) were suspended since last March 12 due to the security situation. UNFPA and its implementing partners are monitoring the situation and will restart dignity kit distributions in displacement sites when access is possible.

³ [OCHA, Haiti: Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan, February 2025.](#)

⁴ A dignity kit contains essential items to maintain hygiene and health. It includes sanitary pads; soap; a torch; socks; underwear; toothbrush and toothpaste; a bag; and a leaflet with key messages on GBV, the prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation, psychosocial support, and other available services.

- 3 out of 4 WGSS supported by UNFPA in the Metropolitan Zone of Port-au-Prince (MZPAP) are operational and are used as an entry point for case management services, psychosocial support, and provision of information on GBV services. Between January 15 to March 20, 545 women and girls have participated in activities in the safe spaces and received psychosocial support, however, since the escalation of gang violence, the WGSS's have been forced to reduce activities.
- UNFPA provided equipment and supplies for emergency obstetric care (EmONC) and clinical management of rape to ensure that supported-health facilities in MZPAP and Artibonite have essential supplies to continue the provision of maternal health and GBV services. A total of five supported-hospitals in MZPAP are able to provide SRH and GBV services. These hospitals include Eliazar Germain, Centre de Petite Place Cazeau, Hôpital Universitaire La Paix, Centre hospitalier Fontaine and Hôpital Raoul Pierre Louis. During the reporting period, 687 deliveries and 343 caesarean sections were supported.
- There have been concerning increases in the number of GBV cases. UNFPA and partners are operating a hotline to provide psychosocial support, information, and referrals.

Results Snapshots



1,030
People reached with **SRH services**
100% female



6
Health facilities supported



2,719
People reached with **GBV prevention, mitigation and response activities**
90% female, 10% male



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Safe spaces for women and girls supported

	2,050	Dignity kits and mama kits distributed to displaced women and girls
	3	Safe spaces supported by UNFPA
	9	Reproductive health kits provided to hospitals and health facilities to meet the needs of 3,600 women

Coordination Mechanisms

Gender-Based Violence:

- GBV sub-cluster conducted a rapid assessment of the impact of the U.S. funding freeze on GBV interventions in Haiti. This reveals significant consequences. 22 organizations contributed to this assessment, including national and local organizations as well as international NGOs and United Nations agencies. The estimated total financial impact is around US\$4 million, which will potentially affect more than 750,000 people in need. The most severely impacted activities involve direct services for GBV survivors and the management of essential personnel. Given the gravity of this situation, enhanced coordination among stakeholders and diversification of funding sources are crucial to mitigating the negative effects on the most vulnerable populations.
- UNFPA is actively involved to ensure the prioritization of GBV coordination cluster, and that life-saving services such as clinical management of rape and post-rape care, case management, and mental health, especially psychological and psychiatric support, are included in the ongoing Reprioritization HRP 2025 exercise.
- A meeting was held with the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Coordinator, UNFPA Humanitarian Coordinator, Cluster Protection Coordination, and IOM team on how to strengthen access to GBV services in displaced sites. There is an urgent need to update and disseminate GBV referral pathway information, including providing training to displaced committee management, sharing copies of referral pathway, and conducting awareness raising with the displaced community on GBV services and how to access them.
- The UNFPA Deputy Representative and SRH Coordinator meet with the Ministry of Health in order to launch the MISRP/SRH Inter-agency Working Group in Haiti. The review of the terms of reference by the Government is underway. The focal point from the Government will participate in the workshop on coordination of SRH in emergency setting from 7-11 April in Dakar. The workshop will be held by the reproductive task team within UNFPA’s Humanitarian Response Division.

Funding Status

UNFPA is appealing for US\$28.9 million to strengthen and expand access to life-saving SRH and GBV services in Haiti in 2025. As of March, the total amount received by UNFPA Haiti was US\$2.6 million, representing only 8% of the required funding. With the needs escalating in Haiti, additional funding is urgently required to ensure women and girls are able to access these critical services.

