

Hurricane Melissa – HAITI

Situation Report # 2- Date 10/28/2025



HIGHLIGHTS

- *The crisis cell of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) has been activated. The General Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC) has added an orange alert for the Artibonite and Nord-Ouest department. The Southern departments and the Ouest remain in red alert.*
- *The Transitional Presidential Council has announced schools, and the commercial sector will remain closed tomorrow, Wednesday 29 October, to limit the impacts of the storm on the population.*
- *Some flooding and flooded rivers have been reported in the Nippes and Sud departments, but they have not affected health facilities.*

Figure 1. Departments on alert by the DGPC.



GENERAL SITUATION

- *At least 3 dead, one in Sud-Est (fallen tree), 2 in Port-au-Prince (Fontamara commune, landslide). No additional deaths have been reported so far.*
- *69 health facilities have been contacted so far. Only 3 (small health facilities without beds) have reported damage in the roof. No other damage has been reported so far.*
- *The water has receded in Immaculée Conception Hospital (HIC) in Les Cayes (Sud Department) and patients were not relocated.*
- *In the Nippes department, some vaccines had to be relocated as the cold chain was interrupted in some health facilities due to power shortages caused by lack of sunlight (solar powered fridges).*



Figure 2. Hôpital Immaculée Conception des Cayes

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- An investigation is ongoing in temporary shelters in the Grand' Anse department, as diarrhea cases have been reported. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
- PAHO/WHO remains in direct and constant contact with the MSPP and health facilities in the affected departments to ensure regular monitoring of the situation, identify gaps and priority needs, and verify the implementation of preparedness measures. This coordination also includes the joint completion of the preparedness checklist ahead of the storm's arrival.
- A health cluster was held and partners expressed their concern for not having received funds for health, only WaSH interventions.
- The MSPP has prepositioned kits of medicines and supplies in the Ouest department ready to be deployed.
- PAHO/WHO has prepositioned emergency kits (2 IEHK, 1 trauma kit, and 1 cyclone kit) capable of reaching 11,100 people. These kits are ready for deployment at PROMESS (Tabarre, Ouest Department) to be sent as needed to affected areas. PAHO also has water evacuation pumps ready to evacuate water from health facilities if needed.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of funds for as Health was not included in the 4M CERF allocation.
- Communication with our staff in the departments, and even in Port-au-Prince, is challenging because some of them only have electricity through solar panels and there has been no sun for the past couple of days.
- Due to road blockages, PAHO is unable to bring support by the road, and is fully dependent on UNHAS flight availability. Access working group is working to gain access for humanitarian aid to be able to be directed to the departments by the road.