

Humanity Road – Haiti

Activation: Hurricane Matthew

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Highlights

Hurricane Matthew made landfall near Les Anglais, Haiti around 700 AM EDT (1100 UTC) on October 4, 2016 as a Category 4 storm. The southern peninsula has been heavily impacted and has been damaged by winds and flooding. There are reports of heavy destruction in some coastal towns along with power and communications outages. Southern Haiti has effectively been cut off after the bridge linking it to the capital, Port-au-Prince, collapsed.

This Situation Report No. 1 is based on information from social media and contains general information such as maps and links and information on sectors including relief efforts, transportation, and communications. It also includes a section on Areas Impacted, which is divided by Departments and Communes.

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Situation Overview

Background:

Hurricane Matthew attained hurricane status on September 29, 2016 and became a Category 5 hurricane on September 30 in the Caribbean Sea. On October 1, it weakened to a Category 4. [Source](#) It made landfall near Les Anglais, Haiti about 700 AM EDT (1100 UTC) on October 4, 2016. [Source](#) Southern Haiti has effectively been cut off after the bridge linking it to the capital, Port-au-Prince, collapsed. The deputy mayor of the southern coastal town of Les Cayes described the scene there as "catastrophic". [Source](#) The National Meteorological Centre (CNM) of Haiti warns that the risk of severe flooding accompanied by mudslides and case coastal flooding remain evident across the country with a higher intensity for coastal regions. [Source](#)

Highlights:

October 4:

- 11 towns severely affected by the hurricane: Grande Anse, Nippes, Les Cayes, Roche, Chardoniere, Ile a Vache, Jacmel. [Source](#)
- An orphanage in Jérémie is underwater. 123 children have been displaced including 17 disabled. [Source](#)
- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) [Source](#). The aircraft carrier George Washington and the amphibious transport dock Mesa Verde, are also deploying to Haiti as is the Comfort hospital ship. [Source](#)
- DigicelHT confirms there are communications difficulties on the network particularly in Les Cayes and Jérémie. [Source](#)
- Houses have been damaged by winds and flooding in the departments of Grand'Anse, Nippes, Ouest, Sud, and Sud-Est.
- In Gerard, relief centers are flooded and the city is destroyed. [Source](#)

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General Information

Relief Efforts

- The aircraft carrier George Washington and the amphibious transport dock Mesa Verde, supported by Navy and Marine aviation, are deploying to Haiti to provide relief assistance. The hospital ship Comfort is also preparing to deploy. [Source](#)
- NGO Food For The Poor Haiti is ready to deliver dry foods to affected locations. [Source](#)
- SIDR is in Jacmel and positioned to mobilize pumps to start pumping out homes. [Source](#)
- The Government is deploying its military engineering corps in Grand'Anse and Sud Departments. [Source](#)
- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the central Caribbean. USAID has pre-positioned relief supplies and is preparing to ship in additional needed supplies. [Source](#)

Useful Sites and Numbers

- Civil Protection of Haiti tweets in Haitian Creole and French. [Source](#)
- News website with updates. (FR) [Source](#) and (EN) [Source](#)
- Mayor (Port-au-Prince): 2210 1010 or 3882 1979. [Source](#)

Situation Reports

- [OCHA Situation Report No. 1, October 3, 2016](#)

Maps

- Open Street Map in both Creole and English. [Source](#) and [Source2](#)
- Copernicus Emergency Management Service reference maps. [Source](#)
- Google Crisis Map. [Source](#)
- Hospital Information Map. Includes Medical Facilities & Demographic Information. [Source](#)
- ESRI Hurricane and Cyclone Public Information Map (Includes geotagged social media). [Source](#)
- Department of Defense has published a Hurricane Matthew APAN site [Source](#)
- ECHO Map from European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations [Source](#)

Shelters

- Emergency Evacuation Shelters in Grand Sud (opens download window). [Source](#)
- Emergency Evacuation Shelters in Other Departments (opens download window). [Source](#)
- Temporary Shelter Management. [Source](#)

Photos / Videos

- Oct 4: Driving tour of a location in Haiti today (Creole/French). [Source](#)

Water

- Oct 4: Civil Protection warns to use only treated water, being the risk of water bringing cholera germs. (Creole: *Lè gen inondasyon, gen risk pou dlo pote tout kalte mikwòb, sitou mikwòb kolera. Fòk nou rete veyatif epi toujou sèvi ak dlo trete*). [Source](#)

Communications

- There are communication difficulties with the greater south of Haiti. [Source](#)

- DigicelHT confirms communications difficulties on the network particularly with Les Cayes and Jérémie. (*Digicel confirme difficultés de communications sur le réseau particulièrement avec les Cayes et Jérémie*). [Source](#)
- Director of Digital Communications for @moisejovenel and @phtkhaiti. Reported that in Leogane @digicelht is working fine but there is no electricity [Source](#)
- DigicelHT network restoration progressing well. Les Cayes and Saint Louis du Sud coming back online gradually. [Source](#)
- 1 pm: Alert for Digicel antenna located in the Rue Norgez zone impasse Germain # 4. Dangerous antenna. [Source](#)

Transportation

- National Road 2 (RN2) cut at Petit-Goave because of a bridge washed away. (*La Nationale 2 (RN2) coupée au niveau de Petit-Goave à cause d'un pont emporté par les eaux*). Unconfirmed [Source2](#)
- A landslide in Anse Milieu has disrupted traffic (between Les Anglais and Tiburon). (*Glissement de terrain à Anse Milieu provoquant la rupture de la circulation (Trajet Les Anglais et Tiburon)*). [Source](#)
- The Ladigue bridge in Petit-Goâve, connecting Grand'Anse, Nippes and South at the rest of the country collapsed. Unconfirmed
- Airports in Port-au-Prince and Cap Haïtien are closed from Monday at 6 am to Wednesday at 6 am (*Aéroports de Port-au-Prince et du Cap Haïtien fermés du lundi 3 octobre à 6 am au mercredi 5 octobre à 6 am*). [Source](#)

Impacted Areas

(information found in social media as of Oct 4, 2016)

[Artibonite Department](#)

- Anse-Rouge - no information since landfall ([Pop 32.104](#))

[Grand'Anse Department](#)

- The Government has lost contact with the departmental delegate of the Grande Anse, according to the Minister of the Interior François Joseph (*Le gouvernement a perdu le contact avec le délégué départemental de la Grande Anse, selon le ministre de l'intérieur François Joseph*). [Source](#)

Jérémie:

- An orphanage in Jérémie is underwater, 123 children have been displaced including 17 disabled. [Source](#)

- Roofs swept into town, sea level risen. (*toits emportés dans la ville, la mer qui monte*). [Source](#)

Dame Marie:

- A lot of damage with roofs houses washed away and flood according to Daniel Gerard Rouzier. (*beaucoup de dégâts matériels avec toits maisons emportés et inondation selon Daniel Gerard Rouzier*). [Source](#)

Nippes Department

- List of shelters in Nippes. [Source](#)
- Per someone's message, Petite Rivière de Nippes totally submerged. Grandparent's house by the sea destroyed. [Source](#)
- Photo - Petite-Rivière-de-Nippes. [Source](#)
- In Anse a Veau the sea has entered the bottom of the city. Several destroyed houses. (*Anse à Veau: la mer est entrée au bas de la ville. Plusieurs maisons détruites.*) [Source](#)
- Plantations destroyed. [Source](#)
- A lot of houses destroyed in Plaisance du Sud. [Source](#)
- Photo - Damage in Plaisance du Sud. [Source](#)
- Reported damage in Petit-Trou and Baraderes. [Source](#)
- Damage to Miragoâne (photo). [Source](#)

Nord-Ouest Department

- Strong winds, big waves and heavy rains on Baie de Henne. Many people were evacuated. (Creole: *Forts vents, grosses vagues et fortes pluies sur Baie de Henne, dans le Nord-Ouest. De nombreuses personnes sont évacuées*). [Source](#)

Ouest Department

Port-au-Prince:

- 10 am - Power has been cut down. [Source](#)
- In Gressier, a local elected indicates that 80% of agricultural plots of communal section are totally destroyed. In Petionville wind threw trees damaging houses. The river Grise is in flood and threatens to leave its banks and flood the Cul de Sac Plain, including vulnerable communes of Damien, Tabarre, Cite Soleil and every neighborhood from Cazeau to Marin. In Petit-Goâve trees have fallen to downtown and it is impossible to move. [Source](#)
- Rue Fleury Bathier: a high voltage cable out in the street, EDH is requested to take steps if it is not done yet. [Source](#)
- Zone Alerte Street, Street Champ de Mars problem of flooded street caused by cars parked on sidewalks obstructing the flow of water. [Source](#)
- Rue Saint Martin: Potable water supply problem reported. [Source](#)

- Director of Digital Communications for @moisejovenel and @phtkhaiti. Reported that in Leogane @digicelht is working fine but there is no electricity [Source](#)
- Port-au-Prince: equipment, mattresses, sleeping bags, basic necessities, emergency health kits needed. [Source](#)
- Photo: Downed trees (photo). [Source](#)

Petit Goave

- The Mayor of Petit Goave confirms that three people lost their lives so far. [Source](#)
- Laboule road was closed because of falling trees causing a traffic jam. [Source](#)

Croix des Missions

- The bridge from the Croix des Mission (RN8) is closed to both pedestrian and automobile traffic. (*Le pont de la Croix des Missions fermé a la circulation pietonne et automobile*). [Source](#)
- The bridge from the Croix des Mission (RN8) hit by the waters of the overflowed river Grise. (*Le pont de la Croix des Missions touché par les eaux de la riviere Grise debordée*). [Source](#)

Sud Department

Les Cayes:

- 09.30 am - Hurricane Matthew has hit Les Cayes. [Source](#)
- In Port-Salut communications are down. [Source](#)
- The Ravine to the South is flooded and inundated the city of les Cayes [Source](#)
- 12.20 pm - in Île à Vache up to 4 feet of flooding, houses damaged, farms lost. [Source](#)
- Items needed in Les Cayes and Jacmel areas: generators, shovels, wheelbarrows, pumps to pull water out of homes, tarps & metal sheeting to cover areas, food, bottled water, ready to eat food, blankets. Housing for families is needed too. [Source](#)
- Video - Building Destroyed. [Source](#)
- Photo - Storm surge. [Source](#)
- Photo - Major flooding. [Source](#)
- Real time photos and videos on Radio Television Caraibes page. [Source](#)

Côteaux:

- One home fell and a pregnant woman was injured in Roche-à-Bateaux . (*Une maison est tombée et une femme enceinte blessé*). [Source](#)

Chardonnières:

- In Chardonnières people aren't able to reach their families or know what's happening. [Source](#)

Aux Anglais:

- 50 houses have been destroyed in Aux Anglais. [Source](#) & [Source2](#)

Gerard:

- Relief centers are flooded. City of Gerard is completely destroyed. [Source](#)

Sud-Est Department

Jacmel:

- Road to Province of Jacmel is broken. [Source](#)
- There are significant flooding concerns with the river and ocean. Many houses have been destroyed and trees have fallen. There is no electricity. [Source](#)
- Significant coastal flooding and severe wind damage to buildings and trees. Cellular phone service continues to be scarce at best. Power is reported to be out within the entire central and western peninsula, making it near impossible for anyone to charge their mobile devices. [Source](#)
- Photo: Damage in Jacmel. [Source](#)