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Humanitarian Situation Report Template
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**Humanitarian Situation Report [1]
COVID-19 – [HAITI]
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY : HAITI

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
8 cas actifs (+14.29%) – 26/03/2020		

<https://www.haitilibre.com/article-30371-haiti-covid-19-bulletin-quotidien-26-mars-2020.html>

26/03/2020 :

HAÏTI :

Cuba vient au secours d'Haïti :

« Au nom du Président de la République, Jovenel Moïse, et du peuple haïtien, je remercie le Gouvernement et le peuple cubains pour le déploiement d'une brigade médicale de 348 médecins et infirmiers en Haïti dans le cadre de la lutte contre le Covid-19 » a déclaré le Chancelier Claude Joseph.

Un 8e cas de Covid-19 confirmé :

Mercredi, le Ministère de la Santé a confirmé un 8e cas de Covid-19 en Haïti soit 1 de plus qu'hier <https://www.haitilibre.com/article-30355-haiti-flash-7-cas-de-covid-19-confirmes.html>

ChildFund-supported areas (Provide only if you have reliable data on this. You can report on a consolidated basis or by program state/region/province/etc. if you have this detail.)

Geographical area (country or state/region/province)	Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
Département Ouest	4		
Département Sud Est	2		

Département Artibonite	1		
https://www.haitilibre.com/article-30355-haiti-flash-7-cas-de-covid-19-confirmer.html			

- **Any relevant background information about areas affected.**

Le directeur général du ministère de la Santé indique aussi que 104 personnes ont été placées en quarantaine, dans trois départements du pays (Artibonite, Sud-Est et Ouest).

« Le directeur général du ministère de la Santé a avoué de manière voilée qu’Haïti pouvait faire face à situation catastrophique. Le haut-fonctionnaire a appelé la population à faire preuve de compréhension et indique qu’étant donné la vitesse de propagation, Haïti devrait bientôt atteindre la phase 2 », relève Gotson Pierre, pour qui il s’agit d’un aveu d’impuissance.

- **Host government posture: Have they declared a state of emergency and/or requested outside assistance? Which nationwide measures has the government taken, e.g., limitation on meetings, internal travel, school closures etc.**

The government of Haiti has implemented measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. Schools, universities, vocational centers, and factories are closed until further notice; gatherings larger than 10 people have been banned.

A curfew is in place from 8 PM.-5AM.

The Directorate of Civil Protection (DPC) has activated the National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN) and the Departmental Emergency Operation Centres (COUD) of all ten departments.

- **What responses has the government put into place to address the health crisis and/or the economic impact?**

WHO and humanitarian partners are supporting the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP) to implement its COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

(<https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Plan%20de%20Pr%C3%A9paration%20et%20de%20R%C3%A9ponse%20du%20MSPP%20au%20CoronaVirus.pdf>)

The Ministry of health has quarantine measures in effect but they are prioritizing home quarantine. The situation might change with the evolution of COVID-19.

The Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP) have set up isolation mechanisms for suspected patients while they are conducting the test for COVID-19.

WHO has been assisting the Ministry of Health in the implementation of the National Preparedness and Response Plan (launched on 13 March 2020). WHO has also undertaken preparedness activities across four areas:

- Coordination with authorities and responders.
- Surveillance, training laboratory personnel, provision of supplies, and technical support to assist airport and health personnel detect and notify of suspected cases.
- Infection prevention and case management.
- Risk communication, including preparing key messages on avoiding discrimination against people potentially affected by COVID-19.

The UN has established a Crisis Management Cell to coordinate the UN’s internal response. Under the leadership of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General /RC/ HC, three groups have been established to monitor the implementation of the eight pillars recommended by WHO

(communication, operational and logistics support, surveillance, entry points, laboratories, prevention and case management).

So too, the health sector has re-initiated its meetings.

- **What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?**

The President of Haiti announced a number of measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Haiti, including that its borders, ports, and airports will be closed and commercial flights will be suspended with the exception of transportation of merchandise, and the captains and the pilots of cargo vessels/planes.

13/03/2020:

Le Premier ministre haïtien a signé une note, diffusée hier, restreignant les déplacements des passagers à destination d’Haïti en provenance des pays classés en zone rouge (France, Italie, Allemagne, Iran, Chine, Corée du Sud).

Selon cette note, les compagnies de transport « ne pourront embarquer à destination d’Haiti aucun passager provenant des zones rouges qui n’a pas passé au moins 14 jours dans une zone sans risque avant le voyage ».

En outre, « les citoyens haïtiens et les étrangers vivant en Haïti ayant séjourné dans une zone affectée par l’épidémie dans les 14 jours précédant leur arrivée en Haïti seront mis en quarantaine en observation pour une période déterminée ». Dans une déclaration publiée sur Facebook, le Président de la République M. Jovenel Moïse a précisé qu’il s’agissait d’une quarantaine domiciliaire d’une période de 14 jours.

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	# of Enrolled and Sponsored Children		COVID19 Cases Reported in ChildFund Communities (Y/N/Unknown) Provide number if available.	Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.)	Number of enrolled children diseased as result of COVID19
	Sponsored	Enrolled			
Chaîne des Matheux (Artibonite)			0	0	0
Réseau écoles (hors CDM)			0	0	0

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with Partner organization and child ID from salesforce) diseased as a result of COVID19. (Note: These need to be reported immediately following the regular sponsorship protocols.)

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)?					
	Program Implementation	CVS	M&E Level 2	Enrollment /Disaffiliation	Sponsorship Communication	DFC
Chaîne des Matheux (Artibonite)						
Réseau écoles (hors CDM)						

Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.

- **What issues are children in these areas facing (food shortages, safety concerns, schools closure, etc.)?**

Schools closure

Safety concerns, because, if the parents are affected they will not be able to take care of the children

More generally, COVID-19 outbreak would cripple an already weak health system. Haiti’s main health problems are related to reproductive health, existing infectious diseases (malaria, diphtheria and measles) and medicine shortages. Access to health services is already low. The 2019 socio-economic crisis has

forced many hospitals to reduce activities due to shortages of medical inputs, oxygen and fuel – and they have not regained full functionality. Insecurity has aggravated the situation, making access to health services even more difficult and causing supply problems. A COVID-19 outbreak would increase mortality among the most vulnerable.

Socially, two issues are likely to hamper mitigation of the virus: poor sanitary conditions and the inability of a large swathe of the population to isolate. Poor sanitary conditions and hygiene are expected to constrain current containment measures calling for frequent handwashing and respiratory hygiene, as 60 per cent of households do not have water or soap at home. Further, more than 6 million Haitians live below the poverty line (less than US\$ 2.41 per day), and more than 2.5 million are below the extreme poverty line (less than US\$ 1.23 per day). For them, the implementation of any sort of quarantine would almost be impossible, since they lack the capacity to accumulate the necessary resources to stay indoors. Programmatically, WASH activities, logistics, preparedness and response coordination need to be strengthened. Emergency medical units also need to be scaled up, and access to information for particularly vulnerable women’s groups must be ensured.

- **Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis situation.**

Part 3: ChildFund’s Response

- **Who is or will be leading/managing the response?**

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- **Planned, desired or ongoing response – inside or outside current operational areas.**

Ongoing :

Desired : distribution of bokits, soaps and organization of awareness handwashing sessions in order to contain Covid 19

- **Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?**
 - Local authorities
 - NGO and local organization
- **What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed? How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund? Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?**

Items: Bokits, soaps

Budget: an estimated budget of 15-20 K USD is needed

Clusters or working groups: CLIO

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Part 4: Office and Staff Status

Office Status (Open/Closed)	Number of Staff:				
	Diagnosed with COVID19	Diseased from COVID19	Working from Office	Working from Home	On Special Leave
Closed	0	0	0	8	0

Notes:

- Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR.
- Special leave as per [COVID19 Administrative Guidelines](#).

Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>.

Part 5 Human Resources

- Which visitors are there in the country ? Please include names, functions, contact information and arrival/departure dates for both IO and RO staff (note: due to the travel ban, this will apply only once the ban has been lifted) **No visitor**
- Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams? **No**
- Are there any other major HR issues? **No**

Part 6 Safety & Security

- Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner? **Yes**
- Are the courts still operating? **No**
- Are there reports of looting or increased criminality? **No**
- Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities? **Yes**
- Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area. **Yes**
- Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment? **Yes. The local staff telework and is now obligated to stay at home.**
- Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted) **No staff nor donors will be able to leave or come until May, at best.**

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

Grant Job Code	Grant Name	Donor	Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced/Suspended)	Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No)

Provide any additional narrative on how the COVID19 crisis affects implementation of your major grants.

Part 8 Funding

Provide information about potential sources of funding, including grant donors, subsidy, Emergency Action Fund, Alliance members, GIK, etc., for these emergency response efforts using the chart below:

Donor	Program	Amount (USD)	Requested? (Y/N)	Confirmed? (Y/N)

- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- o List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.
- o List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.

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- o Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired? **Not for now**
- o Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.
- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.