

# MAGNITUDE 5.9 EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED HAITI

## SITUATION REPORT No. 1

AS OF 11:00AM ON OCTOBER 8, 2018

**MAGNITUDE: 5.9**

**LOCATION: Latitude 20.04N  
Longitude 72.98W**

**DEPTH: 15.3km**

**DATE : October 6, 2018  
TIME: 20:12**

**NEARBY CITIES:**

**20 km WNW of Port-de-Paix, Haiti**



### SITUATION OVERVIEW

According to the Technical Unit of Seismology, the 5.9 magnitude earthquake occurred at 8:12PM (Local Time) at a depth of 15.3km. The earthquake was located Latitude 20.04N and Longitude 72.98W at approximately 20 km WNW of Port-de-Paix, Haiti.

The following is a synopsis of the impact to lives and property based on Situation Report #2 as at 1:00pm October 7, 2018 from the NEOC, the Directorate of Civil Protection, Ministry of the Interior and Territorial Communities, Haiti. No external assistance has been requested by Haiti, however the CDEMA Coordinating Unit continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates as necessary.

Department	Community	Deaths	Wounded	Missing	Houses destroyed	Houses damaged
Artibonite	Gros-Morne	3	30		15	10
Artibonite	Terre-Neuve		4		8	
Artibonite	Gonaives		20			5
North	Cap-Haitien		14			
North	Plaisance					3
North West	Port-de-Paix	8	100			
North West	Saint Louis du Nord	1				
North West	Chansolme					
North West	Bassin Bleu		20			
Total		12	188	0	23	18

---

## **Actions Undertaken by the NEOC, Haiti**

### **GENERAL COORDINATION**

---

- The National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) was partially activated on October 6, 2018 and continues to lead response coordination with the National and Departmental Disaster Risk Management Systems. Public information via regular updates continue to be shared with the population via social media and traditional media.
- A delegation led by the Head of State, accompanied by the Prime Minister and several Ministers, including the Minister of the Interior and Territorial Communities, of Public Health and of Public Works, Transport and Communications, has travelled to the North-West department to assess the situation first-hand.

### **ASSESSMENTS AND SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS**

---

- Civil Protection agents and high ranking military staff are deployed on the ground for initial assessments, while specialised teams are carrying out search and rescue.

### **RELIEF OPERATIONS**

---

- Relief work began very early on Sunday morning. Convoys of food kits and potable water were deployed to Grand Nord, particularly Port-de-Paix and Gros Morne.

### **HEALTH**

---

- The health teams of the Departments of North, North-West and Artibonite have been mobilised.
- Hospitals in these departments have treated 151 injured persons, including fractures and slight injuries.
- The Ministry of Public Health has increased the technical capacity of the hospitals in Port-de-Paix. Material support was provided early on Sunday morning to maintain the operational unity of facilities for medical emergencies.
- The Haitian Red Cross is proceeding to send units of blood towards the affected Departments, taking into account present and potential need. Thirty-five of these (17 of packed cells, 18 of plasma) have already been transferred to Port-de-Paix.