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# HAITI MIGRANTS & RETURNEES

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Supporting the well-being of Haitian migrants, the communities they return to and building the Government of Haiti's capacity to better accommodate returnees and deliver services to help them reintegrate.

## BACKGROUND

USAID/Haiti's migration program supports a broader U.S. Government commitment to promote human security, advance sustainable development, and foster more stable and resilient societies that can effectively and humanely manage migration. USAID/Haiti's four-year, \$17 million program supports the well-being of Haitian returnees, the communities they return to and builds the capacity of the Government of Haiti (GoH) to better manage the flow of returnees and deliver reintegration services.

## GOALS

### **Component One - RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION SERVICES**

USAID offers a package of support services to help migrants re-establish their lives in Haiti upon their return. Specifically, USAID provides migrants with assistance including food, hygiene kits, and two cash transfers (valued at approximately \$40 each). In addition, this initiative helps address individuals' medical or psychological needs through access to first aid and timely referrals for medical care and specialized services for vulnerable individuals, particularly for unaccompanied or separated children, pregnant or lactating women, and youth. Returnees also receive low-cost emergency health insurance for 12-months.

### **Component Two - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING**

USAID's technical assistance and resources strengthen the GoH National Migration Office (ONM) and other GoH authorities by improving their ability to register and support returned migrants. USAID is partnering with ONM to develop a multi-year capacity development strategy.

### **Component Three - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SPACES REHABILITATION**

USAID implements projects to support the socio-economic reintegration of repatriated migrants and foster community development in five regions (Artibonite, Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes, Cap-Haitien and Port-au-Paix). Examples of projects include the rehabilitation of community infrastructure and refurbishment of public spaces (e.g., community cleanups, public building/park repairs, youth club centers, trash cleaning campaigns, expanding water access).

## RESULTS TO DATE

- A total of 30,500 repatriated Haitian migrants were helped to find a dignified and safe reception, and reintegration into Haitian society between May 2021 and May 2024. Of note, 90% of these returns occurred during the 12-month window between July 2021 through June 2022.
- USAID improved ONM's reception facilities in Cap-Haitien and Port-au-Prince with the necessary water, sanitation and shelter facilities to properly welcome, register, and assist returned migrants.
- Three regions (Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes, Cap-Haitien) have benefited from rehabilitation projects, benefiting a total of 114,756 people.
- Seven infrastructure rehabilitation projects are underway, with eleven more projects in the pipeline.

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