After the passage on October 4 of Category 4 Hurricane Matthew, Haiti is facing the largest humanitarian event since the earthquake six years ago.

- OCHA estimated 1.3 million people living in the hardest hit areas. 750,000 people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance. These figures may increase once figures from the Northwest, Ile Gonaves are included.

- Department de Grand Anse reports (COUD): 475 dead, 58 missing, 358 injured, 99,400 displaced families, 66,166 houses destroyed, 6614 houses slightly damaged, 20,057 houses heavily damaged.

- NGOs and MSPP EMIRA responded to large reported case of cholera in Randel by helicopter provided French Embassy. WASH mobile rapid response teams to be strengthened.

- According to the Ministry of Education, 300 schools have been affected nationally mostly in the Grand South Departments (Grand Anse, Nippes, and South), or 100,000 students.

- In the department of Artibonite, the most affected communes are St. Marc, Grande Saline and Anse Rouge. Gonaives has been relatively spared. About 4,000 families are affected, 750 are displaced and homes of 1 350 households were flooded. Road sections are damaged or impassable. Hygiene kits, kitchen sets, food aid and rehabilitation of homes and schools are required for immediate assistance. Priorities for reconstruction will be to give assistance to farmers, growers and salt marsh workers.

- Road between Jérémie and Les Cayes is now open. Access to remote communities, especially in the mountain areas remain limited.

- Since Wednesday 5 October UNICEF has 6 staff members from Emergency, WASH, Education and Protection sections deployed in the field in les Cayes, Jérémie and Gonaives. Staff are assisting partners with distribution and conducting rapid needs assessment. UNICEF looking for office space in Les Cayes.

- A large number of health centres in the most affected areas have been damaged. Information gathered from various sources in the field suggest that the human death toll (dead and injured) will be heavier than the current official figures.
UNICEF’s actions with partners

3,000 blankets, 4,000 buckets without retainers, 60 drums of HTH, 100,000 soap, 350 Aquatabs’s box, 350 SRO Boxes, 2,000 Lactated Ringer boxes are scheduled to be sent to the departments of South and Grande Anse as soon as loading is complete Sunday. Supplies will be distributed by OXFAM, ACTED, DINEPA and MoH.

WASH
- In partnership with ACTED and Oxfam, UNICEF delivered prepositioned emergency supplies, including family water kits, water purification tablets (aquatabs), tarpaulins and mosquito nets, allowing to assist quickly 10,000 people in Grande Anse and South Departments.
- UNICEF provided one water bladder of 10,000 litres to damaged hospital in Les Cayes, which is now supplied with the water system of DINEPA, partially reactivated with UNICEF providing support for continuous functioning of water pumps.
- Ongoing water tanking, established 2 days after the hurricane, is using water from the DINEPA borehole for which UNICEF is providing funds for the water-pump fuel.
- In partnership with DINEPA, Care International and ACTED additional 6 water bladders are also being installed in the various points in Les Cayes to cover the needs of estimated 20,000 people.
- Two trucks with 48,000 commercial water bottles have been sent to the South / Les Cayes as an immediate measure to provide safe drinking water to the affected families, while in cooperation with partners the efforts are underway to re-establish the water supply.
- UNICEF rented three water trucks to supply displaced people with drinking water in and around Jeremie, located in 30 temporary shelters (precise number of people in shelters is still being assessed).
- UNICEF supplies prepositioned with DINEPA, consisting of water bladders, water pumps, water storage buckets, HTH chlorine and water purification tablets (aquatabs) sufficient to cover the needs of an estimated 40,000 people during 15 days are being distributed in Grande Anse and South Departments.
- Two flatbed trucks to transport water to established water distribution points are heading to the most affected areas on Sunday. These trucks will primarily transport water from the DINEPA borehole to the bladders set in the cities, some of which will be used as water points for the local population.
- UNICEF is also working on supplying mobile toilets with DINEPA. As many areas are flooded, digging toilets is impossible. Question of desludging is too be resolved quickly. A TDH/PADF/UNICEF team is assessing the South West of the department.

PROTECTION
- In Port au Prince, 130 orphans have been placed in secured place, provided with NFI, water and food, directly coordinated by CP section and IBESR.
- In Les Cayes, a UNICEF Child Protection Officer is on the ground, supporting IBESR in conducting needs assessment of children in the total of 19 institutions.
- In total of 14 centres damages have been reported and the most pressing needs are provision of food as well as water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure minimum conditions for the children.
- Together with IBESR, UNICEF is prioritizing provision of assistance to vulnerable families to help avoid the cycle of informal foster care/ institutional care. Communities and government will also need to support reunification of those children who might have been separated from their families. Information from Grande Anse, Nippes, South is still being gathered.

EDUCATION
- An initial estimation indicates that at least 300 public schools in Haiti have been damaged by the hurricane, affecting estimated 106,000 children. Assessments of the situation in private schools are ongoing.
- Ministry of Education is planning reopening of schools for Monday, 10 October, however it is likely to expect that schools in the most affected areas will remain closed
- UNICEF and partners are prioritizing the establishment of temporary learning spaces and delivery of school supplies and materials to avoid prolonged disruption in education and learning for children.
- MoE continues to update the master list of the affected schools. In particular in the Southern Departments (Grand Anse, Nippes and South) heavy damages have been reported in school infrastructure. Many children have lost all their books and school supplies. Around 70% of schools in Grande Anse might have been damaged, 90% in Jérémie

HEALTH AND NUTRITION
- UNICEF is closely collaborating with PAHO for the emergency Health response and in supporting the Nutrition Section of the Ministry of Health, re-establishing sectoral coordination at central and departmental level to maximize preventive measures and care capacity in the affected areas.
- Only the Emergency service and the maternity ward are operational in the Les Cayes main hospital, which has been heavily damaged by the hurricane. The Outpatient clinic is damaged and needs urgent repair.
- There is a lack of essential drugs and medical supply in the whole department of Grand Anse. As the Cholera Treatment Center is no longer functional 13 cholera patients are staying in the emergency room. Rehabilitation of the CTC should be finished tonight.
- The main Hospital in Jeremie is also severely damaged, while information about the situation in Dame Marie hospital is still not available. A further health assessment is ongoing in the 5 affected departments.
- In partnership with ACTED and MDM, UNICEF supported cleaning and re-establishment of the Cholera Treatment Centre in Jeremie. Further assessment are on-going in the most affected Departments.
FUNDING

UNICEF requires a minimum of US$ 7.3 million is needed for life-saving interventions in response to the needs of affected people, with further needs to be identified as the impact of Hurricane Matthew becomes clear. We thank donors who have already expressed their interest to support UNICEF’s actions (600,000 euros from the Italian Government, 1.5 million US dollars from the US fund via the Mercury Fund, CAD 900,000 from Canada).

COMMUNICATION

UNICEF had 5 media interviews (including CNN) during 8 October. More articles are available on UNICEF Haiti’s blog Timounyo. Follow the situation on the Twitter and Facebook accounts of UNICEF Haiti.

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