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

- A total of 61,537 people were hosted in 192 shelters. The shelters that were made available in the Southeast department are now closed as people are safely returning to their home.

- Communications remain limited and many communities still inaccessible especially in mountain areas within the affected areas of south-west Haiti. *La Petit Goave de la Digue*, which was a key bridge that connected the southern Peninsula to the rest of the country, collapsed on Tuesday, 4 October. Road access between Les Cayes and Jeremie was restored. The road linking Anse-a-Veau and Baradères via Petit-trou des Nippes is reopened.

- According to the Ministry of Education, the school cycle for more than 100,000 children is at risk and more than 200 schools have been affected mostly in the Grand South Departments (Grand Anse, Nippes, and South).

- According to WFP Office in South-East, up to 80% harvest have been lost in some areas,

- There has been high level of damage and destruction in Grand-Anse and the South, particularly in the cities of Les Cayes, Jérémie and Port Salut. The assessment of needs on the ground has only just begun due to severe weather conditions and lack of access.

- UNICEF teams installed a water bladder of 10m/3 for the Hospital of Les Cayes. UNICEF NGO partners Care and Acted are installing water bladders elsewhere to create strategic water points.

- An assessment mission to visit 18 orphanages has begun by UNICEF’s Protection team.

- A chartered cargo aircraft loaded with tons of humanitarian supplies is expected to arrive to Port-au-Prince this weekend. The shipment comes from UNICEF Regional Office Latin America and Caribbean and carries life-saving humanitarian provisions for the most-affected children and families by Hurricane Matthew. The cargo includes sanitation and hygiene goods, water-testing products and purification tablets, educational and early child development kits, health and nutrition equipment to benefit children and women in areas most hard hit by the landfall of the hurricane Matthew.

### October 7, 2016

#### Situation in numbers

- **4,615,468** Population less than 18 years old (IHSI 2015)
- **10,911,819** Total population (IHSI 2015)
- **1,125,402** Estimated affected population (UNOSAT)
- **500,000** Children affected in the Grand South (UNICEF projection)
- **271** Dead people (Civil Protection Department)
- **750,000** In need of assistance (United Nations in Haiti)
- **61,537** Persons in shelters (Civil Protection Department)

#### Estimated UNICEF Funds required

5 million USD will be needed to cover immediate life-saving needs
UNICEF’s first priority remains to ensure access to clean water and sanitation to people affected by the hurricane, and the continuity of school services with the delivery of educational supply (school kits, tents, early childhood development kits, etc.).

The second UNICEF team reached yesterday the South by road, transporting staff from Emergency, WASH, Education and Protection sections. A truck loaded with emergency water supplies crossed the river in Petit Goave safely. These teams join the 20 interagency multi-sectoral teams, working hand in hand with NGO partners and authorities.

In the department of Grand-Anse, stakeholders assisting the daily COUD meetings, and our teams on the field report, 66,000 houses destroyed, 20,000 houses heavily damaged and 30,000 affected families in the city of Jérémie. Reportedly also the town of Moron has been highly affected.

Information gathered from various sources suggests that number of human casualties (dead and injured) will be heavier than the current official figures.

WASH
In the South, UNICEF team’s priority is to identify ways to re-establish the water supply system. A water bladder of 10m³ was made available for the Hospital of Les Cayes. Care and Acted are planning the distribution of other water bladders. Two of them will be added near shelters that host most of the evacuated children and families. Tomorrow a Tdh/PADF/UNICEF team will conduct assessments in the South West.

PROTECTION
An assessment mission to visit 18 orphanages has begun by UNICEF’s Protection team. So far, 2 orphanages and 3 shelters visited had no access to basic services and 45 out of the 186 schools used as shelters were damaged and without roofs. In the next weeks, UNICEF’s Protection program will focus on making a rapid children’s identification and referral, aiming to ensure assistance to vulnerable families to help avoid the cycle of informal foster and institutional care. Gathering information from Grande Anse, Nippes and South is still ongoing.

EDUCATION
Heavy damages have been reported in school infrastructure in the Southern Departments (Grand Anse, Nippes and South). Moreover, many children are reported to have lost all their books and school supplies, while schools have been used as shelters. Ministry of Education has called upon partners to support affected schools (more than 200 according to the MoE) and the 24,000 affected children. Around 70% of schools in Grande Anse might have been damaged. The education of more than 100,000 children is at stake.

In a meeting organized on 6 October the Ministry of Education (MoE) attended by more than 50 local and international organization the MOE called for the provision of immediate assistance in response to the impact of the hurricane on school infrastructure. The MoE intends to reopen schools Monday 10th of October. Partners have identified a funding gap of 3.5 million USD in order to respond to immediate needs and reopen school to benefit 77,000 children.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION
Heavy damages have been reported on health institutions in the communes of Baradère, Arnaud, Azil, Petit trou-des-Nippes, Anse-à-Veau and Plaisance in South. The main Hospital in Jeremie is also severely damaged while more information is awaited on the situation on the Dame Marie hospital. A further assessments of health infrastructure and immediate needs of population is ongoing in the 5 affected departments.

UNICEF is closely collaborating with PAHO for the emergency Health response and supporting the Nutrition Section of the Ministry of Health in re-establishing sectoral coordination at central and departmental level, to maximize preventive measures and care capacity in the affected areas. In addition, opportunities are being explored to improve epidemiological surveillance and control risks to health and nutrition in affected areas, but also to prevent disease outbreaks in shelters and communities, while ensuring efficient information management.

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Based on the current figures a minimum of 5 million USD will be needed for UNICEF to set-up a response that covers immediate life-saving needs with further needs to be identified as the impact becomes clear.

UNICEF would like to express its thanks to donors for their generous contributions, including the Italian Government for their contribution of 600,000 EUR and the US fund for their contribution of 1.5 million USD.

UNICEF Haiti responded today to questions from 10 European and North American media.

More articles are available on UNICEF Haiti’s blog Timounyo. Please also refer to the Twitter and Facebook accounts of UNICEF Haiti.

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