FACT SHEET
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NRC's operations in Haiti

Humanitarian overview

Haiti is facing a complex and protracted humanitarian crisis driven by escalating armed violence and exacerbated by acute poverty, weak governance and climate impacts. Armed groups exert control across large parts of the country, particularly the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince (MAPAP) and surrounding departments, restricting movements, limiting access to essential services and generating severe protection risks.

Violence and competition for territorial control have **displaced over 1.4 million people** (12% of the population), including around 400,000 in 2025 alone (IDMC, UNICEF). In 2026, **6.4 million people are estimated to need humanitarian assistance** (HRP/GHO). The response remains severely constrained by insecurity, access restrictions, limited operational capacity and major funding shortfalls.

Despite sustained international engagement, security conditions continue to deteriorate, and deployment of the UN-authorised "Gang Suppression Force" may further affect access and security dynamics. Humanitarian efforts continue to be constrained by funding shortfalls, as well as severe access and security challenges. Many international NGOs are focused on safer areas, leaving the most vulnerable communities without support in hard-to-reach areas controlled by armed groups. Meanwhile, the situation in Haiti is likely to deteriorate further, with continued displacement, rising protection risks and a widening gap between humanitarian needs and response capacity.


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Our core activities

- Education
- Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)
- Protection from violence
- Shelter and settlements
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

NRC Haiti

Established	2025
International staff	7
National staff	30

Our areas of operation

- Metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince
- Artibonite Department
- Planned expansion to Centre Department



Our activities in detail

We assisted 18,918 people in 2025 (exceeding the annual target, at 108% achievement), of which:

- 44% were IDPs and 56% vulnerable host community members affected by violence
- 6,617 people were reached through education projects
- 6,387 people received legal assistance (civil documentation)
- 12,130 people received emergency hygiene kit distributions

Our advocacy and communications helped raise awareness of humanitarian needs in Haiti, with a special focus on the under-reported protection crisis.

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Education

We support children and young people affected by the crisis by ensuring they have access to safe, inclusive learning. We partner with schools, teachers, families and communities to reduce school drop-out, support reintegration, and provide psychosocial support. Our catch-up classes help out-of-school children recover lost learning and re-enter formal education. We also train teachers, provide educational kits to pupils, and support small-scale school improvements, including furniture and basic WASH and facilities infrastructure.

In 2026, we have expanded our education programme from MAPAP to Artibonite Department, reaching children and their families in very hard-to-reach communities.

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Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Together with our local partners, we support out-of-school children and their families to obtain the civil documentation needed to re-enter formal education and graduate. We also support families and communities to improve their access to rights and services by obtaining civil documentation and a better understanding of legal pathways available to them and routes to access services.

In 2026, we are conducting an ICLA needs assessment to identify legal barriers related to documentation, access to services, and housing, land and property rights. The findings will inform the design of a contextually relevant ICLA programme for displaced and violence-affected communities.

Protection from violence

We work with individuals and communities to help them stay safe and respond to risks linked to displacement, violence, and restrictions on movement.

In 2025, we carried out an analysis to better understand the humanitarian context and community dynamics. This included identifying risks, mapping community groups, and identifying existing support mechanisms. The analysis helped us better understand the challenges people face and design protection programming which fits the local context.

Based on this, we now work with local partners to support people who face severe protection risks (e.g. due to displacement, or threats from armed groups). We do this through different types of support, including one-on-one case management, targeted individual assistance (cash or in-kind), and community-led protection plans and initiatives to mitigate risks.

Protection monitoring provides up-to-date contextual analysis, which we share with other organisations, so that responses can be better aligned and more effective.

We also partner with gender-based violence and child protection actors to complement NRC's core response.

External coordination

NRC is actively engaged in humanitarian coordination in Haiti, both at strategic and technical levels. NRC currently chairs, on an interim basis, the Emergency Response Commission of the NGO Forum, has a seat at the HCT, and represents NGOs in civil-military coordination discussions. We also participate in the Education and CCCM/Shelter-NFI clusters, as well as the Humanitarian Access Working Group, and technically support our local NGO partner in their co-leadership of the Protection Cluster. We co-lead the regional protection sector and the regional ProLAC protection monitoring system and host the LAC RMD Coalition (a prominent regional advocacy platform).

Shelter and settlements / Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Although WASH and Shelter & Settlements are not core competencies currently prioritised by NRC Haiti (due to other actors being present), the distribution of emergency hygiene kits for people recently displaced by violence formed a key component of our initial response, meeting critical needs whilst helping NRC develop community acceptance. A small technical team supports the rehabilitation of critical WASH and other physical infrastructure in the schools prioritised by our education programme.

Multi-purpose cash assistance

NRC is implementing multi-purpose cash assistance in Artibonite, initially focusing on Saint-Marc and surrounding hard-to-reach areas where households displaced by armed violence are living with host communities. Targeting is based on socioeconomic vulnerability, food insecurity and exposure to protection risks linked to armed violence, movement restrictions, and limited access to essential services.

Support to local actors

Our ambition is to ensure timely, locally driven frontline responses, strengthen communities' resilience to future crises and support durable solutions. We build equitable partnerships with local organisations, recognising their existing expertise and capacities, promoting complementarity, and mutual capacity strengthening. Our partnership with Initiative Citoyenne pour les Droits de l'Homme (ICDH) facilitates birth certification and school enrolment for out-of-school children. Ongoing partnerships with Organisation Féministe Marijàn (OFMA) and Solidarite Fanm Ayisyèn (SOFA) support frontline GBV and child protection responses, with further ambitions for joint advocacy and engagement with the Protection Cluster alongside OFMA. We are also developing partnerships with education actors in hard-to-reach areas and exploring collaboration with Organisation des Citoyens pour une Nouvelle Haïti (OCNH) and Bureau des Droits Humains en Haïti (BDHH).

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