



# EVICTIONS IN IDP CAMPS REPORT

March 2011



# EVICTION SITUATION IN IDP CAMPS March 2011

## **Highlights**

- Since records began in June 2010, residents of 247 camps have been threatened with eviction<sup>1</sup>.
- IDPs living in 45 sites housing 44,017 people have already been evicted by landowners.
- An estimated 165,977 people live in camps currently threatened with eviction.
- This represents 24% or one in four of all people living in IDP camps
- 178 camps, or 16% of the total number of IDP camps in Haiti, are currently under threat of eviction.
- Since January 2011, the rate of eviction cases has increased: threats of eviction have been verified in 68 camps since January 2011, compared with 179 cases reported between June and December in 2010.
- 24 cases have been resolved through negotiations with the landowner by IOM Camp Management staff.
- 8% of the IDP population threatened with eviction is located on public land and 67% is located on private land (25% no data on ownership).
- Delmas continues to be the most affected commune with 69 sites affected, followed by Petionville (38) and Carrefour (24).

### Report summary

This report contains information collected by the IOM Protection and Camp Management Operations (CMO) teams throughout Port au Prince, Carrefour, Cite Soleil, Croix des Bouquets, Petionville, Delmas and Tabarre communes. It also, includes information gathered by the CMO teams in Leogane, Gressier, Petit Goave, Grand Goave and Jacmel regions. It represents the data up to and including March  $4^{\rm th}$  2011.

The data collected shows a total of 247 sites in 10 communes which have come under threat of eviction (see the categorization of case typologies below). The threat of eviction has affected approximately 233,941 individuals thus far. [See Table 1]

**Status of Threatened Eviction:** Of those cases, 44,017 have been evicted. 23,947 are living in camps where the threat of eviction has been resolved through mediation by Camp Management Agencies and IOM Camp Management Operations (CMO) staff. The remaining 165,977 individuals, in 178 camps, live in camps where the threat of eviction is as yet unresolved. [See Table 1] This 165,977 people represent 24% or roughly one in four of the total number of IDPs in camps<sup>2</sup>.

Of the total number (247) of camps which have faced threats of eviction, 45 (18%) have already been evicted, 13 (5%) have been partially evicted, 102 (42%) are still going through a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For definition of "Forced Eviction" and definition of "threat of eviction" see definition section on page 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: This 24% statistic was calculated by taking 165,977 individuals (the sum of the population of camps which are still open and where there is an ongoing threat of eviction) as a percentage of 680,494 individuals (the total current population of camps according to the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix Report March 16th 2011).



mediation process, 11 (4%) cases have been temporarily resolved (after a mediation process), and 24 (10%) have been totally resolved and do not now report any threat of eviction. In 52 sites (21%) the threat of eviction has been identified but no active support has yet been received from IOM's CMO teams. [See Table 1]

**Eviction Threats by Commune:** In terms of the number of IDP camps in the different communes, the most affected commune is Delmas, where there have been verified threats of eviction in 69 sites, affecting 134,737 individuals. Of those, 26,967 have already been forced to leave 10 camps. [See Tables 2-8]

The second most affected commune is Petionville with 38 sites, affecting 18,934 people of which 3,633 have already left 15 camps. The third most affected commune is Carrefour involving 24 sites with 26,623 individuals of which 911 IDPs were evicted from a camp. [See Tables 2-8]

Cite Soleil commune has the second highest number of individuals (6,215) who have already been evicted [See Table 3]. In Cite Soleil, IDPs were forced to leave 7 camps out of a total of 20 which have been threatened with eviction.

The information collected in the regions (Jacmel, Leogane/Gressier and Petit Goave/ Grand Goave) shows that Petit Goave is the commune with the highest number of sites affected (23), followed by Leogane (10), Jacmel (9) Grand Goave (4) and Gressier (3). Only 2 sites in the regions have been evicted. Through active negotiation efforts the situation in 8 camps has been permanently resolved and in 8 camps it has been temporarily resolved (8); 31 camps are in a mediation process. [Tables 2-8]

**Eviction Threats on Public/Private Land:** 78% of camps currently threatened with eviction are privately owned whereas only 7% of camps threatened with eviction are publicly owned. (In 15% of camps under threat of eviction ownership status of the land is unknown.) [See Table 10]

In population terms, 67% of people currently threatened with eviction live in camps on land which is privately owned. 8% of people threatened with eviction live on public land and 25% of people threatened with eviction live on land where ownership is unknown. [See Table 11].

#### **Definitions and Categorization of Case Typologies**

For the purposes of this document, IOM have used the definition of Forced Eviction agreed by the Housing Land and Property working group of the Shelter Cluster and agreed by the head of Protection and CCCM Clusters.

Forced Eviction is defined as "a forced removal from an IDP camp without informed consent or provision of an adequate housing alternative".

This report brings together data on all camps where there has been a threat of eviction. Before being added to the database, each rumored threat of eviction was verified through a site visit by the CMO. During the site visit, the CMO met with camp residents and where possible the landowner to assess the veracity of the threats.

Once a threat of eviction is confirmed by the CMO, he/she will then classify that threat of eviction into one of 6 defined categories:



- **Evicted:** The eviction has already taken place and the IDP population was forced to leave the camp. Sometimes, this type of eviction occurs after several time extensions by the landowner.
- <u>In mediation:</u> The CMO mediates between the landowner and the IDPs and secures a time extension for the camp with the landowner while another solution is found on where to locate the IDPs.
- **Partially evicted:** Only a specific number of the IDP population accommodated in the camp have been evicted by the landowner. The other IDPs remain in the camp.
- <u>Temporarily resolved</u>: The CMO team has received an extension of time for the camp with the landowner so that IDPs can remain in the camp for the time being. However after the expiry of that time extension the IDPs will again be at risk of eviction.
- **Resolved:** The threat of eviction existed, but the landowner is now no longer demanding the return of his land. This mostly occurs after CMO mediation efforts.
- <u>Identified without assistance from CMO</u>: Information about a specific eviction threat to an IDP camp has been received by the CMO through an external source (camp committee, CCCM partner, DPC, other), but the CMO has not yet intervened.

#### In Case of Eviction

Any agency which discovers a threat of eviction is asked to contact IOM at the address below so that the IOM CMO Unit can verify the case, add it to the database and begin working to mitigate the threat.

The template for reporting evictions can be downloaded from the CCCM website. Please send the report via this dedicated email address: <a href="mailto:cccmhaiti@iom.int">cccmhaiti@iom.int</a>

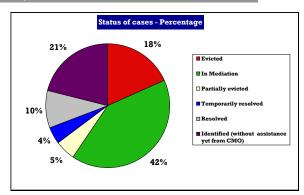
This reporting protocol has been agreed as part of the inter-cluster Evictions Guidelines (copy available at <a href="https://www.cccmhaiti.info">www.cccmhaiti.info</a>).

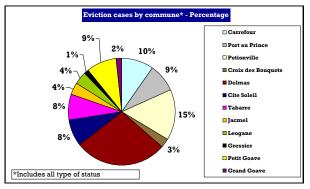
#### TOTAL EVICTIONS IN IDP CAMPS

Updated: 4 March, 2011

Table 1: Status of eviction cases and IDP population affected			
Status of cases	Sites	Households*	Individuals*
Evicted	45	9,634	44,017
In Mediation	102	25,483	119,585
Partially evicted	13	584	2,326
Temporarily resolved	11	978	4,770
Resolved	24	4,789	23,947
Identified (without assistance yet from CMO)	52	9,060	39,296
TOTAL	247	50,528	233,941
*Approximation			

Table 2: Status of eviction cases by commune and IDP population affected				
Commune	Eviction cases*	Households**	Individuals**	
Carrefour	24	6,239	26,623	
Port au Prince	21	2,200	10,373	
Petionville	38	4,521	18,934	
Croix des Bouquets	7	1,247	5,258	
Delmas	69	27,542	134,737	
Cite Soleil	20	2,817	12,820	
Tabarre	19	2,772	11,987	
Jacmel	9	380	1,612	
Leogane	10	633	2,722	
Gressier	3	501	2,180	
Petit Goave	23	1,359	5,380	
Grand Goave	4	317	1,315	
TOTAL	247	50,528	233,941	
*Includes all type of status				
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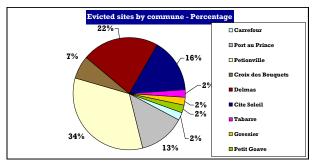


#### BREAKDOWN OF CASE STATUS BY COMMUNE

Up to 4 March, 2011

Table 3: Sites where eviction has already taken place				
Commune	Sites	Households*	Individuals*	
Carrefour	1	212	911	
Port au Prince	6	844	3,094	
Petionville	15	847	3,633	
Croix des Bouquets	3	330	1,650	
Delmas	10	5,752	26,967	
Cite Soleil	7	1,271	6,215	
Tabarre	1	53	150	
Gressier	1	325	1,397	
Petit Goave	1	Unknown**	Unknown**	
TOTAL	45	9,634	44,017	
*Approximation				
**See the details in database				

Table 4: Sites currently in mediation				
Sites	Households*	Individuals*		
18	3,510	14,901		
2	136	566		
4	1,169	5,461		
4	917	3,608		
21	14,779	73,766		
6	314	1,291		
1	45	194		
16	2,657	11,597		
8	380	1,612		
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12	965	4,041		
2	212	833		
102	25,483	119,585		
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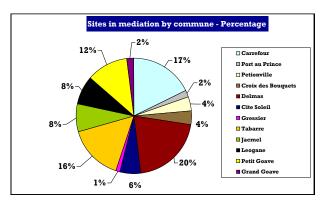
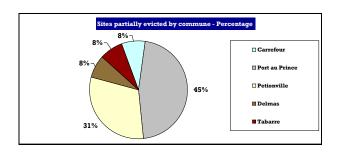


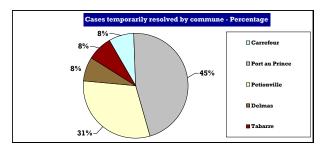
Table 5: Sites partially evicted			
Commune	Sites	Households*	Individuals*
Carrefour	1	40	160
Port au Prince	6	242	944
Petionville	4	270	1,102
Delmas	1	Unknown**	Unknown**
Tabarre	1	32	120
TOTAL	13	584	2,326
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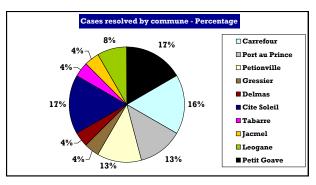
Table 6: Sites where situation has been temporarily resolved			
Commune	Sites	Households*	Individuals*
Port au Prince	1	373	2618
Petionville	2	246	892
Petit Goave	6	254	778
Grand Goave	2	105	482
TOTAL	11	978	4,770
*Approximation			

Table 7: Sites where situation has been resolved				
Commune	Sites	Households*	Individuals*	
Carrefour	4	2,477	10,651	
Port au Prince	3	399	2,277	
Petionville	3	367	1,578	
Gressier	1	131	590	
Delmas	1	705	5,700	
Cite Soleil	4	306	1,464	
Tabarre	1	30	120	
Jacmel	1	Unknown**	Unknown**	
Leogane	2	234	1,006	
Petit Goave	4	140	561	
TOTAL	24	4,789	23,947	
*Approximation				
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Table 8: Cases identified without assistance yet from CMO			
Commune	Sites	Households*	Individuals*
Port au Prince	3	206	874
Petionville	10	1,622	6,268
Delmas	36	6,306	28,304
Cite Soleil	3	926	3,850
TOTAL	52	9,060	39,296
*Approximation			







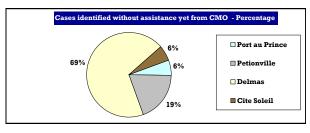


Table 9: Number of IDP campslocated on private and public land (DTM March				
Commune	Camps located on private land	Camps located on public land	No data	
Carrefour	85	24	18	
Port au Prince	97	59	6	
Petionville	62	12	3	
Croix des Bouquets	67	12	2	
Delmas	172	47	12	
Cite Soleil	32	11	3	
Tabarre	59	11	6	
Ganthier	4			
Jacmel	13	5	1	
Leogane	68	22	3	
Gressier	28	6		
Petit Goave	64	9	1	
Grand Goave	30	6	1	
TOTAL	781	224	56	

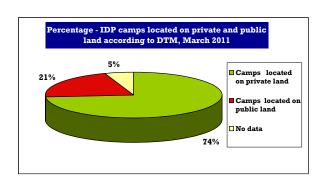


Table 10: Number of IDP camps currently at risk of eviction located on public or private land (March, 2011)				
Commune	IDP camps threatened with eviction located on private land*	IDP camps threatened with eviction located on public land*	No data*	
Carrefour	14	3	2	
Port au Prince	4	1	7	
Petionville	14	3	3	
Croix des Bouquets	4			
Delmas	51		7	
Cite Soleil	4	1	4	
Tabarre	14	1	2	
Jacmel	7	1		
Leogane	6	2		
Gressier		1		
Petit Goave	18			
Grand Goave	2		2	
TOTAL	138	13	27	
* Figures exclude camps already evicted and cases resolved				

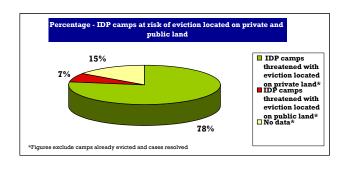


Table 11: Number of individuals currently at risk of eviction located on public or private land (March, 2011)				
Communes	Individuals threatened with eviction located on private land*	Individuals threatened with eviction located on public land*	No data*	
Carrefour	9,598	4,527	936	
Port au Prince	1,023	66	3,913	
Petionville	7,538	5,803	382	
Croix des Bouquets	3,608			
Delmas	70,011		32,059	
Cite Soleil	891	1,530	2,720	
Tabarre	11,118	382	216	
Jacmel	1,552	60		
Leogane	1,591	125		
Gressier		194		
Petit Goave	4,819			
Grand Goave	605		710	
TOTAL	112,354	12,687	40,936	
* Figures exclude camps already evicted and cases resolved				

