



Programme of Support to the Haitian National Police

SITUATION

The Haitian National Police (HNP) is facing infrastructural, organizational, and operational challenges that require urgent internal reforms and significant capacity building in several of its areas of operation.

In the last 12 months (Sept. 2021 to Aug. 2022), kidnappings and homicides have increased by 213% and 25% respectively. 200 gangs are now present in the country, with 95 operating in Port-au-Prince alone. Confidence in public institutions and their ability to maintain law and order has reached a historic low leading to an increased closure of business, higher unemployment and external migration.

The HNP currently has a force of 15,498 police officers, including 1,771 women. This corresponds to a police-to-population ratio of 1.30 officers per 1,000 inhabitants, compared to 1.33 in October 2019 which is below the internationally recognized standard of 2.2 with further investments needed.

The Programme of Support/Basket Fund aims to increase the capacity of the HNP to improve security, conduct law enforcement activities, and address persistent institutional weaknesses within the HNP. Throughout, the UN and supporting Member States and partners will help the HNP improve administration and logistics, police training and operational capacity to combat gang violence in Haiti.

OBJECTIVES



Improved skills of HNP personnel and an increase in the police:population ratio, with greater representation of women



Strengthened capacities to fight organized crime



Strengthened operational capacities to fight and dismantle gangs



Increased effectiveness of the general, criminal and penitentiary intelligence services



Improved intervention capacities through the rehabilitation of infrastructure and the provision of equipment to meet logistical requirements



The performance, good governance and compliance of HNP administrative procedures are improved

KEY RESULTS

- Training (intelligence, financial management, human rights, negotiation, crisis management, task force coordination);
- Fifty police officers trained in accounting and financial auditing;
- Provision of 25 standardized all-terrain vehicles and 250 motorcycles for police patrols;
- 300 communication radios will be allocated to field intervention units;
- Creation of a police intelligence data center with branches in the 10 geographic departments of the country; and provision of surveillance equipment and subsequent training to the DRG;
- Construction of two Departmental Directorates (Nippes and Nord'Est) and rehabilitation of two IGPNH Regional Offices (Hinche, Cayes);
- Refurbishment of about twenty structures (police stations and sub-police stations) to improve the comfort and security of police officers;
- Installation of 20 solar energy systems in the rehabilitated police stations; and dozens of computers and computer equipment will be sent to these police structures;
- Creation of a cell to fight against cybercrime with adequate equipment and operating materials;
- Several Police Units will receive hundreds of individual tactical protection equipment;



ALIGNMENT WITH THE HNP DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND HAITI'S STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Support Program is aligned with the government's priorities regarding the rule of law, justice and security as expressed in the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti 2030.

The rule of law, justice and security remain priorities for the Government of Haiti. The Program is the result of extensive consultations between the HNP, the UN and the main technical and financial partners involved in the security sector (such as the United States, Canada, France and the OAS), to coordinate plans and programmes and thereby ensure the optimization of the assistance provided to the HNP.

The program is overseen by a high-level steering committee, while a technical committee ensures the integrity of the results and the rapid implementation of the work plan. National and international stakeholders ensure close coordination of efforts between partners and the programme of support to avoid duplication of efforts.

«The response to the problem of insecurity that Haiti is experiencing requires a synergy between the different national actors and the international partners».

Frantz Elbé, Director General of the HNP.

MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The program is managed by UNDP, in close collaboration with the UN Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), the Haitian Ministry of Justice and Public Security and the HNP, with technical support received from various UN agencies including UNODC.

The most recent research, reviews, and assessments of international and national institutions and think tanks on policing and security, including specifically on gang warfare, as well as the detailed recommendations of recent audits and assessments of Haitian public institutions, have been incorporated into this program.

More than 200 gangs throughout the country, **95 in Port-au-Prince.**

In 2021, displacement of over 13,900 people, including approximately 5,695 women and 5,984 children.

In 2021, +34.3% increase in HNP deaths compared to the 2nd half of 2020.



Area of Intervention
Security



Location
National



Budget : **\$28M**
Available: **\$14.2M**



Implementing Partners
Primature, MJSP, MAEC, HNP, BINUH, UNODC



Project duration
June 2022 - March 2024



Financial partners
Canada, United States, Japan, Italy

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