This document details the IFRC's support in areas agreed upon with the relevant National Society. The IFRC seeks resources to carry out this country/cluster plan listed here as funding requirements.
Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with more than 6 million people living below the poverty line. Rising food costs and inflation have contributed to increased food security needs, with 1 in 3 people requiring urgent food assistance.

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly hindered Haiti’s economic and social development and has exposed critical weaknesses in the health system, including limited access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene. By the end of 2020, 4.6 million people required humanitarian assistance, an increase of almost 80 per cent on the previous year. The health system in Haiti is also failing to meet the needs of the estimated 150,000 people exposed to cholera, and the 2.2 million requiring assistance with reproductive health, infectious diseases and availability of medical supplies.

Access to education has also been affected by recent events, which has contributed to an increase in the number of Haitian nationals migrating throughout the American continent. The country has also seen waves of prolonged violence and civil unrest in recent years.

In addition, Haiti remains extremely vulnerable to natural hazards. It sits at the centre of the “hurricane belt” and in an active and high-risk seismic zone, making it one of the countries with the highest exposure to hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and drought. Degradation of the environment and the consequences of climate change further exacerbate this vulnerability.
The Haitian Red Cross was founded in 1932 and now operates with 12,000 active volunteers in the 130 branches. The National Society prioritises strengthening the capacity of vulnerable communities in order to prevent, prepare and respond to natural disasters. In recent years, it has scaled up disaster management services to respond to the needs of affected vulnerable communities with the introduction of the Community Based Health and First Aid Approach.

Another longstanding mission for the National Society is to improve social inclusion and protection for migrants and vulnerable populations in Haiti. The more recent increased food insecurity crisis prompted the National Society to increase efforts to help communities obtain stability in this area.

Throughout 2020, the National Society of Haiti supported the Ministry of Public Health and Population in the implementation of COVID-19 emergency response activities with the support and collaboration of partners of the Red Cross Movement in Haiti. A total of CHF 4.1 million was made available by the Movement for the response in Haiti, including CHF 1.2 million through the IFRC’s Global Emergency Appeal.
### Membership coordination

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Seven other National Societies have a physical presence in Haiti and are directly involved in humanitarian assistance. The National Society has also recently received support from the Turkish Red Crescent as part of a contribution to the COVID-19 response in Haiti and has been working with the Dominican Red Cross and the Haitian Embassy in the Dominican Republic to translate COVID-19 messages into Creole for the Haitian population living there.

- **The American Red Cross** provides support with disaster risk reduction and disaster preparedness, as well as National Society development.

- **The Canadian Red Cross** focuses on the implementation of community health projects in Haiti.

- **The French Red Cross** has been historically involved with health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and disaster risk reduction, but this was downgraded in 2020.

- **The German Red Cross** has been providing assistance with migration projects, expected to end in 2021.

- **The Netherlands Red Cross** implements climate change, disaster risk reduction, and disaster preparedness projects in Haiti.

- **The Spanish Red Cross** and **the Swiss Red Cross** are both involved with livelihood actions in Haiti, as well as projects that focus on water, sanitation and hygiene.

The National Society has also received support from other National Societies through the Latin Caribbean Country Cluster Support Team, including The Chinese Red Cross and the Swedish Red Cross. In addition, it has built partnerships with the World Food Programme, UNICEF, USAID, AECID, and WHO and the Pan American Health Organization.

In 2020, the reorientation of funds from National Society partners led to difficulties mobilising resources and guaranteeing sustainability in the country, civil unrest hampered the implementation of projects, and the COVID-19 pandemic created a high turnover of personnel that further weakened project implementation. Several projects considered as “non-life saving” were cancelled.
Haiti is highly exposed to hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. Between 1976 and 2012, losses as a result of hydrometeorological events alone averaged nearly 2% of annual GDP. In 2016, Hurricane Matthew, a category four hurricane swept through Haiti, which had already been devastated by an earthquake and weakened by decades of political turmoil. The hurricane affected more than two million people, killing more than 500 and displacing 175,000. In August 2020, Tropical Storm Laura struck Haiti causing additional damage and loss of life.

Haiti is facing increasing climate risks in a context that is now also marked by the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, which has already caused a serious health crisis. In addition, Haiti remains highly vulnerable to natural hazards, mainly hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. More than 96% of the population is exposed to these natural hazards.

**TARGET 1**
Communities have increased capacity to address the evolving impacts of climate change.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Adapt to the rising and evolving risks from climate change
- Develop a climate change adaptation strategy
- Encourage behaviour change by engaging communities in climate change programs
- Reduce the impacts of climate and environmental crises

Funding requirement in Swiss francs: 350,000
People to be reached: 100,000

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The most likely natural disasters in Haiti are hurricanes and earthquakes, which cause significant destruction to infrastructure. Natural disasters affect the fragile confidence of people in the capacity of the Government to manage humanitarian aid. Along with this comes the increased risk of spontaneous protests and access difficulties.

The country is vulnerable to disease outbreaks, and especially at high risk to cholera. Urgent humanitarian needs therefore include safe health, water and sanitation, shelter and livelihoods. Insecurity and violence are on the rise, and many Haitians who can afford to are either leaving the country or sending their families abroad.

There has been an increase in gender-based violence, with a risk of sexual exploitation by humanitarian actors. If the reputation of humanitarian actors declines further, they may face targeted attacks. A political and institutional crisis continues as the Government is supported by the international community to organise a humanitarian response while facing a serious risk of mismanagement of international aid in affected areas.

**TARGET 1**
Vulnerable communities’ capacities to prevent, prepare and respond to disasters are strengthened

**TARGET 2**
Disaster management services to respond to the needs of vulnerable communities are scaled-up

**TARGET 3**
People affected by crises and disasters are able to develop their skills to address their needs

**ACTIVITIES**
- Support communities to reduce their vulnerability and exposure to hazards
- Enhance coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders
GROWING GAPS IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
1,860,000

People to be reached
500,000

Social and health inequalities continue to increase in Haiti. The cholera epidemic began in 2010 and has since become endemic, with 36,045 cases reported in 2015. The chikungunya virus appeared in 2014, and almost 70,000 presumptive cases were reported that year. In the first 10 months of 2015, 3,036 cases of Zika virus were reported. The prevalence of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is 2.2 per cent in people aged 15-49, and mortality remains higher in children of mothers with a lower educational and economic status.

In 2012, the Government of Haiti elaborated a 25 year National Health Policy to reduce morbidity and mortality linked to major health problems and to build an efficient, accessible, and universal health system. The elimination of measles, rubella, and congenital rubella was verified in 2014. Movement partners work with the National Society to implement the Community Health and First Aid Approach, promoting effective and concrete participation with communities to address priority health needs using the framework for building community resilience.

**TARGET 1**
The resilience of communities is improved and vulnerability reduced

**TARGET 2**
The health and wellbeing of communities is improved through access to health, water, sanitation, and hygiene services

- **ACTIVITIES**
  - **Support** public authorities in taking actions for community health management
  - **Develop** harmonized contingency planning for disaster preparedness, response, recovery and resilience
  - **Fight** against epidemics and prevalent non-communicable diseases
  - **Create** programs able to address community health vulnerabilities

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53.7%
amount the Haitian population increased between 1990 and 2015

64.2
average life expectancy in Haiti
The migration population in Haiti faces significant health and socio-economic challenges. The country's continuous socio-economic issues caused by political turmoil have increased instability, poverty, and risk of epidemics. These factors contribute to the country's vulnerability thereby driving migration flows. Between March and September 2020, there were 490,542 border crossings.

Haitian people make up the largest immigration group in the neighbouring Dominican Republic, and they account for more than 680,000 people in the United States. There are an estimated 1.6 million more Haitians abroad than the number of migrants Haiti has received from other countries, mainly because of the natural and humanitarian disasters that plague the country.

Many Haitians have been repeatedly targeted with discrimination in the Dominican Republic and face anti-immigrant rhetoric from the Bahamas to Chile. Between 2018 and 2020, there were 2,847 repatriations, mostly from the Bahamas, U.S. Coast Guard, Mexico, Turks and Caicos and Chile.

**TARGET 1**
Migrants and displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance and protection at key points along migratory routes

**TARGET 2**
Assistance and protection needs of internally displaced people and host communities are addressed

**ACTIVITIES**
- **Implement** mechanisms to collect qualitative feedback from migrants
- **Create** materials with important information for migrants

**490,542**
number of people that crossed the border between March and September 2020

**People to be reached**
30,000

**Funding requirement in Swiss francs**
350,000
VALUES, POWER, AND INCLUSION

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
150,000

People to be reached
30,000

Crisis situations such as those present in Haiti create a fertile environment for the resurgence of gender-based violence and sexual abuse and exploitation, constituting one of the greatest protection challenges that individuals and communities can face. An estimated 34 per cent of women in relationships are victims of domestic violence and 12 per cent of women report having experienced domestic violence at least once in their lives, a statistic that remains unchanged since 2012. An estimated 12 per cent of Haitian women also reported having experienced sexual violence at least once in their lives.

In addition, 31 per cent of women suffer from or are exposed to violence that includes elements of psychological pressure with the aim of exerting control. Examples include excessive jealousy, assumed infidelity, limitation of contact with the outside world or family, and strict control of movement. Of the survivors of sexual violence, 60 percent are under the age of 18. The teenage pregnancy rate is 14.9 per cent, 4 per cent of women aged 18 to 24 admit to receiving money, food and gifts in exchange for sexual favours, and 24 per cent of teenage girls justify violence in certain circumstances.

**TARGET 1**
A comprehensive Protection, Gender and Inclusion approach across operations and programmes

**TARGET 2**
People at risk or survivors of sexual and gender-based violence have an increased capacity to prevent, respond, and mitigate risks

**TARGET 3**
People at risk or survivors of trafficking in persons or other forms of exploitation are better supported

**ACTIVITIES**
- **Integrate** Protection, Gender and Inclusion minimum standards in all programming
- **Host** an annual Protection, Gender and Inclusion workshop for staff and volunteers
- **Include** the specific needs of sexual and gender-based violence responses in emergency response programming

34% percentage of women who are victims of domestic violence in a relationship

12% of Haitian women report having experienced domestic violence at least once in their lives
ENABLER 1
ENGAGED WITH RENEWED INFLUENCE, INNOVATIVE AND DIGITALLY TRANSFORMED WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
90,000

The IFRC will work with the National Society to strengthen engagement with partners inside and outside of the network, so that they can collaborate on the biggest challenges facing communities within Haiti. This will involve country-level planning processes to keep all involved parties aligned, and support for Movement Coordination from the IFRC. The National Society will also network with partners to ensure stronger visibility and adequate resources on key themes at the regional and global levels.

The IFRC and the National Society aim to act as one force to both influence public behaviour and advocate for policy change at the domestic, regional and global levels. Together, they will jointly educate representatives of humanitarian and development agencies as well as relevant ministries about their roles and activities. The IFRC will support and accompany the National Society to strengthen their auxiliary role, positioning and voice on humanitarian and development issues.

**TARGET 1**
Strengthened engagement with partners to work collectively on the challenges faced by communities

**TARGET 2**
Priorities at the regional and global levels have stronger visibility and adequate resources

**TARGET 3**
The National Society and the IFRC are effective advocates, influencing both public behaviour and policy change

**ACTIVITIES**
- **Support** strengthening of volunteer and youth networks
- **Develop** and implement a communication campaign targeting national authorities
- **Ensure** programming and communication aimed at public behaviour change are integrated with Community Engagement and Accountability initiatives
ENABLER 2
ACCOUNTABLE WITH AN AGILE MANAGEMENT AND A RENEWED FINANCING MODEL WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
560,000

The IFRC will support National Society volunteers and the communities they work with as effectively and efficiently as possible. It will prioritise the promotion of a strong culture of gender, diversity and inclusion both at an institutional level and in the way humanitarian operations are carried out, including mechanisms for monitoring and improvement. The IFRC will also promote the participation of National Society staff and volunteers in regional and global networks to expand awareness and knowledge among peers.

In 2021, the IFRC will renew its partnership with the National Society and develop a new financing architecture to increase its financial resources. The IFRC will increase resources to invest in National Society Development through mechanisms such as the National Society Investment Alliance, the Capacity Building Fund, and the Empress Shôken Fund and other innovative approaches to funding. The IFRC also plans to generate global fundraising insights, manage a global platform for fundraising knowledge sharing, and build a mechanism for investment in National Society resource mobilisation development in emerging markets, using the Virtual Fundraising Hub.

TARGET 1
A strong culture on gender, diversity and inclusion

TARGET 2
Financial resources are safeguarded and managed effectively, efficiently and transparently

TARGET 3
Global fundraising insights generated and shared

TARGET 4
Quality and timely delivery of commitments to donors

ACTIVITIES
- **Create** a procedure for the implementation of the National Society’s Gender Policy
- **Promote** the systematisation of Sex and Age Disaggregated Data collection during humanitarian operations
- **Increase** National Society staff involvement and awareness of IFRC commitments with donors
- **Promote** National Society staff participation in donor forums locally and regionally
ENABLER 3
TRUSTED BY COMMUNITIES, OWNED AND VALUED BY THE MEMBERSHIP WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
320,000

The IFRC will support the National Society to become the trusted partner of choice for local humanitarian action with capabilities to act in the global network. Assisted by the IFRC’s global platform, the National Society will strengthen its network and improve its ability to co-design activities that reinforce local action. It will also better address the sustainability of its services through strategic and development plans. The National Society’s financial sustainability will be improved through investment in three pillars – accountability and systems development, resources mobilization, and vision and mandate.

Membership Coordination is a core part of the IFRC’s work. It will prioritise a change in mindsets to encourage greater trust from the membership and increased efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian actions. Membership coordination mechanisms, including shared leadership initiatives and country support mechanisms for peer support to National Societies, will be implemented with enhanced movement coordination. The IFRC will also support the integration of Movement-wide commitments and minimum actions into strategies, policies, procedures, programs and operations.

The IFRC will support the National Society to integrate the six Movement commitments for community engagement and accountability. The National Society will aim to empower people and communities, vulnerable to and affected by crises, to influence decisions that affect them.

TARGET 1
The National Society becomes the trusted partner of choice for local humanitarian action

TARGET 2
Greater trust, efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian actions

TARGET 3
People vulnerable to and affected by crises are empowered to influence decisions that affect them

ACTIVITIES
• Improve financial sustainability through investment
• Revise financial sustainability and operational plans
• Develop income generating activities
• Support the implementation of Community Engagement and Accountability minimum commitments
• Develop best practices and case-studies
The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 14 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

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