Demonstrators including political activists marched in the streets in Port-au-Prince, this Monday, October 24th to demand the departure of the government in place. They say they are opposed to the intervention of a foreign armed force in the country. Renowned Haitian journalist Roberson Alphonse was shot in an assassination attempt this morning October 25th, and is currently being treated for injuries at a hospital in the capital.

Since the start of the cholera epidemic in Haiti, children under the age of 14 have accounted for nearly half of the 1,700 suspected cases. Gang violence, fuel shortages and street blockades hamper humanitarian access to clean water and health services for patients, increasing the risk of women and children dying from the disease. As of October 22nd, the Ministry of Public Health and Population had reported 1,752 suspected cases and 40 deaths from cholera nearly half of them in the vulnerable area of Cité Soleil.

As a result of the fuel shortage and the gang war blocking Port Lafito, public, private and mixed hospitals are sinking into a multifaceted crisis whose outcome is uncertain. In several hospitals in the city, a shortage of oxygen has arisen; patients and health professionals are increasingly fearing the worst.

The UN Security Council has unanimously adopted a sanctions regime against Haitian actors ranging from travel bans to asset freezes. It also adopted measures against gang members and specifically Jimmy Cherizier (alias "Barbeque") who committed acts threatening the peace, security and stability of Haiti and has planned, directed or committed acts that constitute serious human rights violations.

At least eight people were killed and a dozen others wounded by bullets on October 21st, in Bon Repos, Croix-des-Bouquets, in a shooting carried out by heavily armed men in a car. Evangelot Bact, chief commissioner of Croix-des-Bouquets, was shot dead outside his residence in Tapage, in Tabarre, on October 18th, by armed men, after 27 years of service. Mass killings escalate in Croix-des-Bouquets. Attacks by armed bandits against the civilian population have dramatically increased with the worsening of the war between several groups of criminal gangs. At least 15 people were killed on Monday October 17th the artistic village of Noailles. Many organizations have denounced the clashes between gangs in this village (a grouping of 75 artists' studios which support nearly 300 families) which have caused more than a dozen deaths and hundreds of displaced persons.

The World Bank has temporarily closed its office in Haiti, for a period of 30 days. This decision has been effective since October 14th. The entire staff was evacuated due to the acute security and humanitarian crisis caused by the blocking of the Varreux oil terminal.

Heavy rains have been falling in Haiti since the weekend due to a tropical wave. As such flood warnings have been issued for several departments including Grand’Anse, Nippes, Sud, Sud-Est, Artibonite, West, North, North-East and North-West.

With the ongoing security issues and political issues throughout the country, our regional distribution centers have remained closed all last week. In Port-au-Prince we were able to serve all the beneficiaries planned for the month of October at our warehouse. However, due to many hospitals working at reduced capacity due to the fuel crisis, we have been unable to fulfill our feedback reports for the medical containers.

In Caracol, due to fuel issues, our warehouse has only been able to function a couple days a week. We are currently trying to get 20 containers from the port in Cap-Haitian. At the moment our Port-au-Prince office is closed because of fuel scarcity. We have been unable to get any containers. Our warehouse was able to function last Saturday the 22nd and will also serve beneficiaries tomorrow October 26th. We can only ensure none-electricity powered functions at the office. At the moment we only have 400 gallons of diesel of reserve for generators which equates to 4 full days of work and which we are saving for potential reopening. We also have 500 gallons of diesel for car use that we are saving for our fleet. We have placed an order of 6,000 gallons of diesel from the Varreux oil terminal and are trying to emphasize that our work is crucial to the underserved and we should thus be proprietary once the fuel is made available. Our employees have been advised to work from home as best possible until further notice and we only keep essential security and maintenance staff on the premises.