

**“Urgent Global Action Needed for Haiti,”  
says ECOSOC President Bob Rae**

10 September 2024 - As the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly kicks off its High-level Week in New York on 22 September, world leaders are expected to tackle critical global issues, including the multifaceted crisis in Haiti. Urgent action is needed to save lives and put Haiti on the path to stability as the window of opportunity to deliver results narrows.

Underscoring the international community's attention to the crisis in Haiti, H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, undertook a mission to Haiti from 26 to 28 August, to assess and discuss the multifaceted crisis in the country.

During his visit, the ECOSOC President met with Haitian authorities, civil society representatives, women leaders, and UN staff. Ambassador Rae also visited a school serving as a shelter for families who were displaced from their homes due to clashes between armed gangs. Discussions focused on urgent protection and humanitarian needs, assistance for internally displaced persons and the pressing need to address the ongoing violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, terrorizing the Haitian population. From security, human rights, development and humanitarian challenges to the ongoing political transition, the visit demonstrated the importance of coordinated and effective international support for Haiti's stability and socio-economic recovery, reconstruction and institutional stability.

Despite urgent protection and humanitarian needs, Haiti's [Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan](#) for 2024, has received less than 36% of the required US \$673.8 million. Mobilizing resources for the growing challenges of food insecurity, displacement and migration, lack of access to education as well as supporting the important role of women-led organizations are crucial for Haiti's transition to stability and recovery.

Addressing the root causes of vulnerability and instability requires a comprehensive approach. The Haitian people continue to show their resilience, and it is incumbent on the international community to provide them with much needed support.

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