



MEDIA ADVISORY
HAITI'S CHILDREN CANNOT WAIT
Impact of violence on Haitian children and youth:
Beyond the numbers!
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Haiti's children and youth are facing a multidimensional crisis, marked by violence, hunger, displacement, and a worsening economic situation. Instability is threatening their safety and futures. With 1 in 2 children food insecure, 300,000 out of school, and 365,000 displaced, the challenges are immense. Haiti's 2024 UN Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan requires \$673.8 million to assist 3.6 million people, but it is only 43% funded—leaving millions of vulnerable children at risk.

WHAT: The press conference will reflect on the outcome of the ECOSOC special Meeting on Haiti's Children on 2 December in the morning. The Economic and Social Council intends to highlight the critical urgency of the current situation in Haiti. The meeting aims to mobilize immediate action to address the urgent humanitarian and protection needs of Haitians, with a focus on children and youth. The Council will also explore solutions to the escalating crisis, and identify how Member States, the United Nations and international partners can support Haitian-led efforts to rebuild and protect the future of its children and youth. Key opportunities for partnerships and investments to address the root causes of Haiti's instability and secure a more sustainable and resilient future will also be discussed.

The press conference will provide a platform to raise awareness on the latest situation in Haiti, renew the call for international solidarity, and mobilize urgent actions and resources to support Haiti's children and youth.

WHEN: Monday, 2 December 2024, 13:00/13:15 to 13:45 EST

WHERE: Press Briefing Room (S-237)

PARTICIPANTS:

- H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Inter Agency Standing Committee Principal Advocate for Haiti.

WEBCAST: The event will be streamed live on <https://media.un.org>

ACCESS: The press briefing is open to all UN accredited media.

KEY LINK: <https://bit.ly/HaitiCantWait>

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