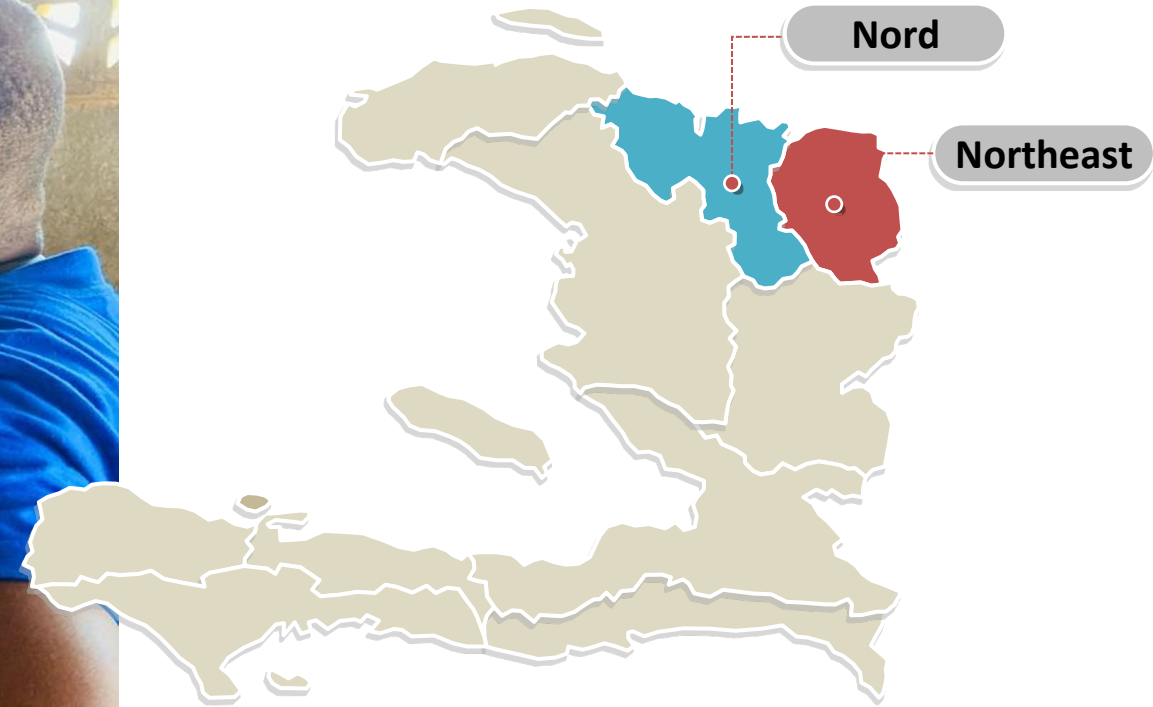


Concerns with IDB's Agriculture Project in North and Northeast Haiti (HA-J0015)

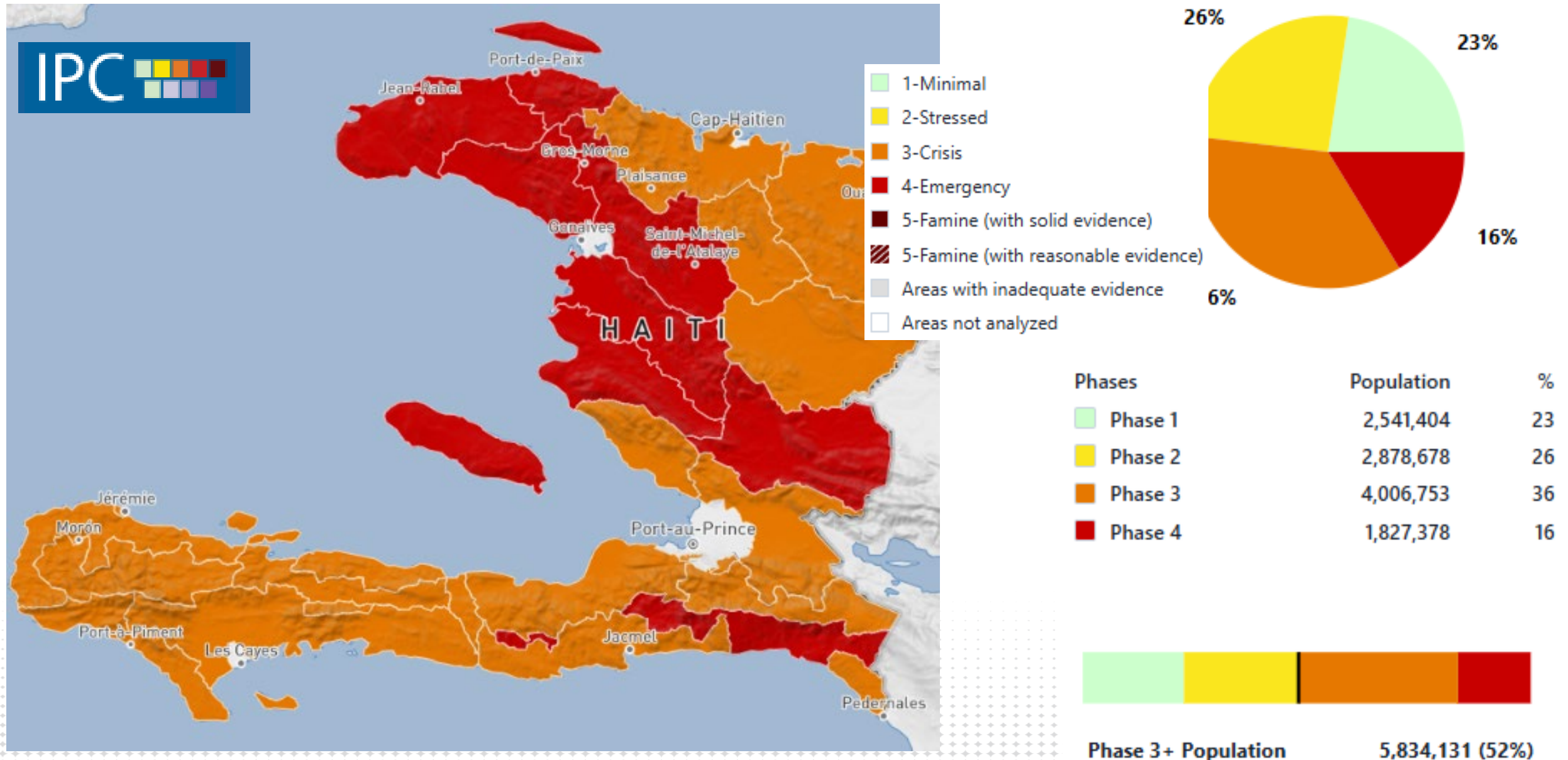
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Who we are: 5 Haitian Civil Society Organizations + 80 grassroots associations representing smallholder farmers across North and Northeast Haiti

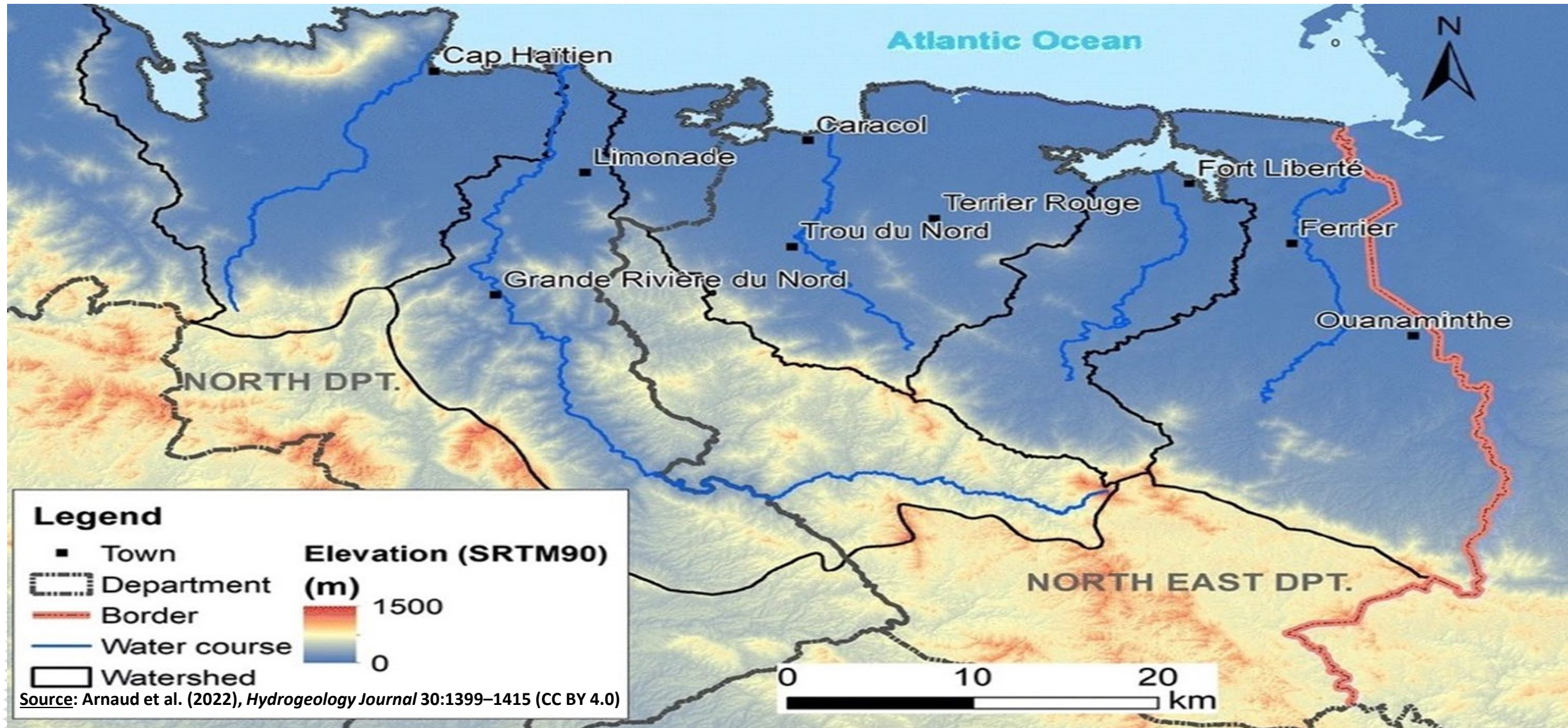


Smallholder Farmer Platform for North and Northeast Haiti - <https://bit.ly/HaitiSmallholders>

5.8 million Haitians (52%) face acute food insecurity



The North is facing increasing drought but there is water in the Plaine du Nord Aquifer if it is managed effectively



AGRIPAIN Project

Goal: Improve food security in North and Northeast Haiti

Component	IDB	IFAD	Total	Benefits
1. Irrigation: repair canals in 2 communities	\$5.98M	1.5M	\$5.98M	570 farmers
2. One-time vouchers & technical assistance	\$24.21M	\$5.17M	\$29.38M	7,500 farmers
3. Matching funding for associations and SMEs	\$5.43M	\$1.41M	\$6.84M	150 associations/SMEs
Project management			\$2.5M	
Total	\$35M	\$9.2M	\$44.2M	

Primary Concerns

- Smallholder farmers associations **not consulted** in design
- Does not adequately address three main barriers to productivity: access to **water**, **seeds** and **credit**
- Just two irrigation projects benefitting **only 570 farmers (.4%)**
- **Inadequate safeguards** against benefits flowing to large producers not focused on local consumption
- **One-time individual vouchers** do not result in sustainable improvements in productivity **for annual crops**

Timeline of efforts to inform the project design

October 2025

Call with Country Director; promised February visit never held

February 2026

Survey of 1,100 farmers in 74 communities submitted

March 2026

Call with Deputy Project Director; promised May visit never held

May 2026

85 organizations send farmer platform to IDB

May 2026

IDB declines to meet; refers groups to local Ministry staff

July 2026

Ministry presentations about the project in Haiti

July 2026

IDB meeting: unwilling to make changes to the project

July 31, 2026

Grant proposal to be submitted to OPC

Sept 16, 2026

IDB Board slated to vote on project

Changes requested

1. **Increase funding for irrigation** and include a **broader set of strategies**, including water storage and distributed small-scale infrastructure (\$5m).
2. Distribute farmer support and technical assistance **through smallholder farmer associations** rather than individual vouchers.
3. Allocate funding to support **Community-Based Seed Banks** in each Department and a network of local seed suppliers (\$3m).
4. **Safeguards** to ensure that smallholder farmers growing for local consumption benefit rather than large producers and suppliers.