

*Half of Haiti is suffering acute hunger; UN renews international security force amid spiraling violence*

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Port-au-Prince, October 2 (RHC)-- Half the population of Haiti is now experiencing acute hunger, according to the World Food Program. Roughly 5.5 million Haitians are struggling to feed themselves and their families, and thousands of mostly displaced Haitians are suffering from “catastrophic hunger.”

This comes as the UN Security Council on Monday authorized another year of intervention by an international security force in Haiti amid soaring gang violence.

WFP Haiti Director Wanja Kaaria told reporters: “Without food security, we will go into continuously being in that cycle of crisis, poverty, and the cycle will continue. And I don’t see food security being given the same importance as, let’s say, security sector.”

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