

**Question for written answer E-001417/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in Haiti

More than 3.6 million Haitians are facing food insecurity as a result of drought. 200 000 people are in extreme food insecurity. More than 1 000 people in Cap-Haitien (Nord Department) have also been affected by heavy rains and flooding since the beginning of February 2016, as have people in Port-de-Paix (Nord-Ouest Department). Some 3.5 million Haitians, amounting to a third of the total population, live in precarious neighbourhoods and informal settlements in urban areas. They suffer from socio-economic deprivation, an elevated risk of disaster impact and forced eviction. The humanitarian needs in Haiti stem from displacement, food insecurity and malnutrition. The situation is compounded by an extremely fragile political and economic situation, and significant vulnerability to natural disasters, including hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, landslides and droughts. According to a recent Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET) estimate, in the absence of assistance up to 1.5 million people in Haiti will be in crisis by March 2016.

How does the Commission intend to offer humanitarian assistance, bearing in mind that the number of humanitarian actors in Haiti has continued to decrease?