Haiti Adoption Notice

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The Department of State is working as quickly as possible to identify options for continued case processing and assisted departure for Haitian children in the intercountry adoption process, while meeting the criteria established by U.S. regulations and the Hague Adoption Convention. We understand and share your concerns about the safety of adoptive children in Haiti.

We ask adoptive families to stay in close contact with their adoption service providers and respond quickly to any requests for information. We will communicate updates through emails from adoption@state.gov.

Currently, U.S. Embassy Port-au- Prince is working with diminished staff and will be very limited in operations due to security concerns near the Embassy. The Embassy is limited in its ability to provide emergency services and consular services to U.S. citizens in Haiti at this time. Please enroll in our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive important information about safety conditions and Embassy closures.

The Department of State's <u>Travel Advisory for Haiti</u> has been at Level 4 – Do Not Travel since March 2020. U.S. citizens should not travel to Haiti, and those in Haiti should depart immediately using commercial or other private transportation options when available and safe to do so.

U.S. citizens in Haiti who wish to record their presence should provide updated contact information on our <u>crisis</u> intake form.