

Viv Ansanm

OVERVIEW

AS OF DECEMBER 2025

Viv Ansanm is a coalition of gangs that are responsible for widespread violence and coordinated attacks on critical infrastructure that exacerbate political and economic instability in Haiti. It formed in late 2023 from a merger of Port-au-Prince's two main gang factions, the G9 Family and the G-Pep Alliance. Each of these factions in turn consisted of several semiautonomous gangs with their own operating areas and leaders.

Together, the members of Viv Ansanm control more than 90 percent of Port-au-Prince, as well as areas with access to key resources throughout Haiti. As a result, Viv Ansanm has reshaped Haiti's gang landscape amid a conflict that has killed thousands of people and displaced at least 1.4 million people since 2022.

Operating Area

Primarily Port-au-Prince and the surrounding metropolitan area; operates throughout Haiti's Artibonite, Center, and West departments

Members

Probably thousands; membership fluctuates as individual gangs join or leave the coalition

Tactics And Targets

Gaps in Haitian Government control, as well as Viv Ansanm's social media activity, allow the gang to project influence over much of the Haitian population. It punishes perceived opposition through armed assaults, targeted killings, and massacres. Its main revenue comes from systematic extortion and kidnappings for ransom. Viv Ansanm maintains its personnel strength through forced recruitment, including of minors.

Terrorist Group Designation

The US State Department designated Viv Ansanm as a foreign terrorist organization and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity in May 2025.



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KEY LEADERS



Jimmy Cherizier

a.k.a. Jimmy Barbecue

Viv Ansanm spokesperson and leader of the G9 Family

[The US State Department offers up to a \\$5 million reward for information leading to his arrest](#)



Gabriel Jean-Pierre

a.k.a. Ti Gabriel

Leader of the G-Pep gang



Vitelhomme Innocent

Leader of the Kraze Barye gang

[The US State Department offers up to a \\$2 million reward for information leading to his arrest](#)



Johnson Andre

a.k.a. Izo 5 Segond

Leader of the 5 Segond (5 Seconds) gang



Joseph Wilson

a.k.a. Beenie, Lanmo San Jou

Leader of the 400 Mawozo gang

[The US State Department offers up to a \\$1 million reward for information leading to his arrest](#)

NOTABLE ATTACKS

September 2025

Labodrie, West Department, Haiti

Viv Ansanm members kill more than 40 people in retaliation for their perceived cooperation with law enforcement that led to the death of a local gang leader.



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NOTABLE ATTACKS *(continued)*

January–March 2025

Kenscoff and Carrefour areas, West Department, Haiti

During a period of heightened local instability, Viv Ansanm members kill at least 115 civilians, injure at least 59 others, and force more than 3,000 people to flee the area.

December 2024

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

A Viv Ansanm faction leader orders the killing of more than 180 people in retaliation for their perceived involvement in the death of his son.

February 2024

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Gang members attack two Haitian prisons and release hundreds of inmates in an effort to overthrow the Haitian Government.

October 2021

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Before the formation of Viv Ansanm, members of the 400 Mawozo gang—which later joined Viv Ansanm—kidnap and hold 17 missionaries hostage for 62 days before releasing them.

