

WHAT IS NEXT FOR HAITI?

**FROM INTERNATIONAL RELIEF
TO RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION
TO HAITI'S HISTORIC LEGACY**

From the Global Alliance for Disaster Reduction

Very soon, the first phase of a historic emergency response and international relief will end in Haiti and it will again be time to do the right thing, which is a concerted and sustained international effort to rebuild Haiti and give Haitians a chance to create a new historic legacy.

OBJECTIVE

**To build capacity for disaster risk
reduction rapidly in all Haitian
sectors**

**OTHER OPTIONS INCLUDE
DOING NOTHING,
OR DOING THE WRONG
THING (e.g. relocate all
Haitians)
AND LETTING HAITI DIE**

**AN “INTERNATIONAL
RECOVERY FUND” COULD
ENABLE HAITI TO START ON
THE ROAD TO SELF
SUFFICIENCY, BUT IT MUST BE
USED WISELY AND WITH
SUITABLE ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A concerted, coordinated, and
sustained international effort
to rebuild Haiti and Haitian
lives should use
an approach that balances
science and engineering
and the politics
with reality.**

THE GOAL

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**ESTABLISH AN INSTITUTIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION THAT WILL BENEFIT
FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HAITIANS
AND HAITI'S CARIBBEAN BASIN
NATIONS**

URGENCY: START NOW!

The 2010 hurricane season is only 4 ½ months away, and Haiti's poverty cycle must be broken, not exacerbated again.

**Balancing Science,
Engineering and Politics
with Reality**

A HYPOTHESIS

With Disaster recovery funds, and accountability, Haitians could start moving towards self sufficiency in future disasters during the recovery and reconstruction period.

REALITY IN HAITI

Haiti needs immediate access to a
“Haitian Recovery Fund”
administered by an agency like the
Inter-American Development Bank
that can start engaging Haitian
stakeholders and international
donors in a long-term programme
having institutional accountability.

Accountability

A five-year demonstration period could provide metrics for measuring progress and assessing accountability .

POLITICS

Any Haitian Recovery Fund should exist for the benefit of Haitians and be independent of local and international politics to the fullest extent possible.

REALITY IN HAITI

Haiti needs everything:

Sustainable food and water resources...

**Robust shelters and resilient housing,
schools, hospitals, businesses,...**

Infrastructure: Roads, port, airfield, ...

REALITY IN HAITI (continued)

Haiti needs everything:

- Education with a relevant curriculum that penetrates all sectors of Haitian Society and equips children and adults alike for a future that includes disasters**
- Business enterprise that will begin to lift Haitians out of poverty.**

REALITY: Use existing Administrative Model

A Haitian Recovery Fund could be administered using an existing international “Model” that assigns accountability to an “Executive Board.”

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: An Example

The “Executive Board” might include Haitian President Rene Preval, the UN Secretary-General, and experienced high-level representatives of selected UN agencies, and other institutions and organizations.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

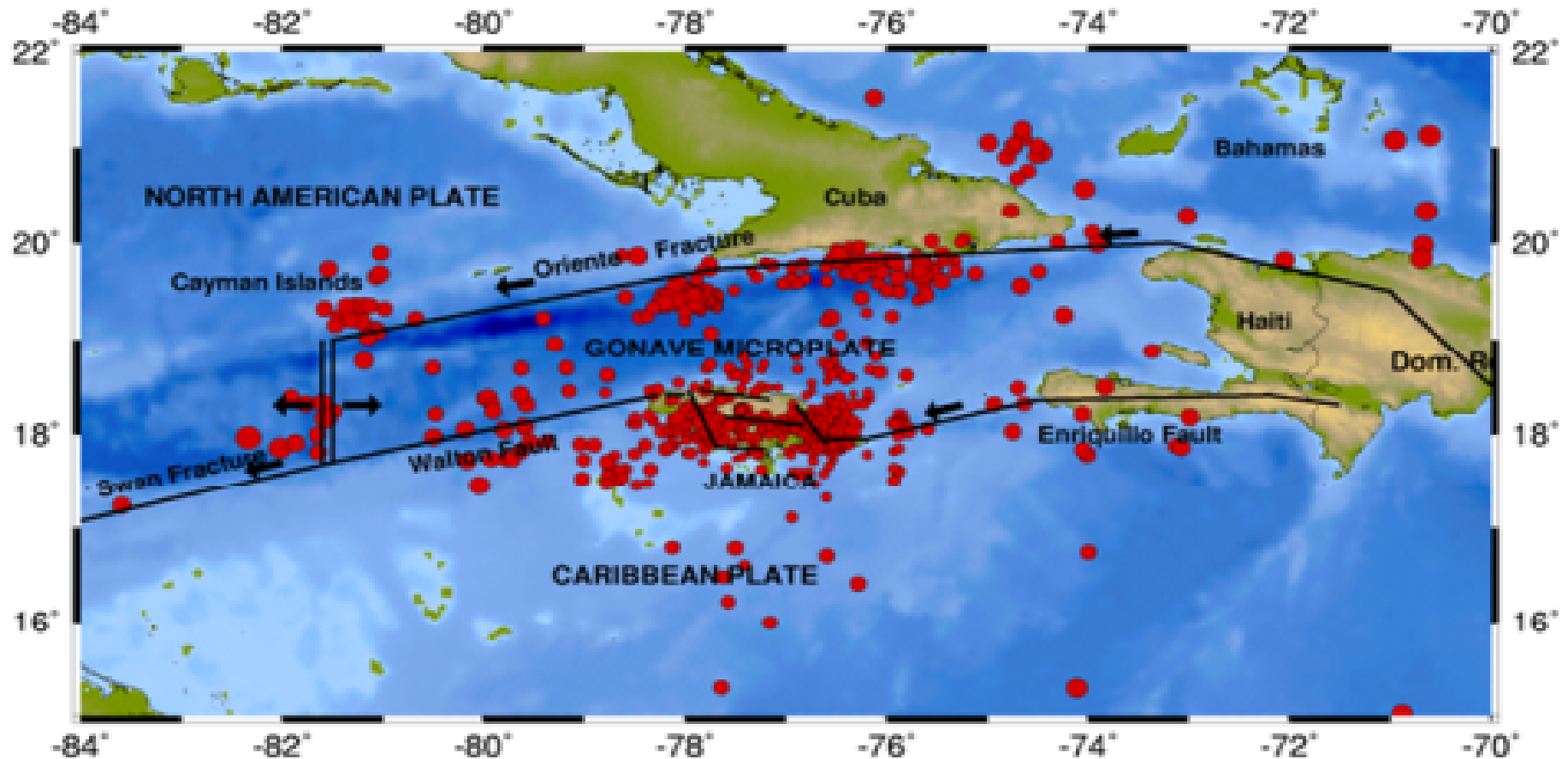
Haiti is located in a geographic area prone to disasters caused by earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and landslides, ..., and the 2010 hurricane season is only 5 months away

REALITY

**Haiti needs everything, but
nothing should be built
without full consideration of
the potential disaster risk
and the benefit/cost.**

HAITI IS LOCATED ON THE GONAVE MICRO-PLATE

The Gonave Microplate



HAITI'S POVERTY EXACERBATED BY PAST DISASTERS

- Mudslides caused by **Hurricane Gordon** killed more than 1,000 people in 1994
- **Hurricane Georges** killed more than 400 and destroyed most of the crops in 1998.

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- In 2004, heavy rains from **Hurricane Jeanne** caused landslides and flooding that killed more than 3,000 people, mostly in the city of Gonaives.

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- Haiti was hit in 2008, by four severe windstorms: **tropical storm Fay and hurricanes Hanna, Gustav, and Ike.**
- **Damage was estimated at \$ 1 billion.**

The bottom line:

An unprecedented concerted, coordinated, and sustained international effort that gives Haitians a future and a chance to create a historic legacy is the right thing to do.

Lesson

THE KEY IS:

1) KNOW THE DISASTER
HISTORY OF YOUR
REGION

2) KNOW YOUR
COMMUNITY

