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## Haiti After Quake

#### **Developments:**

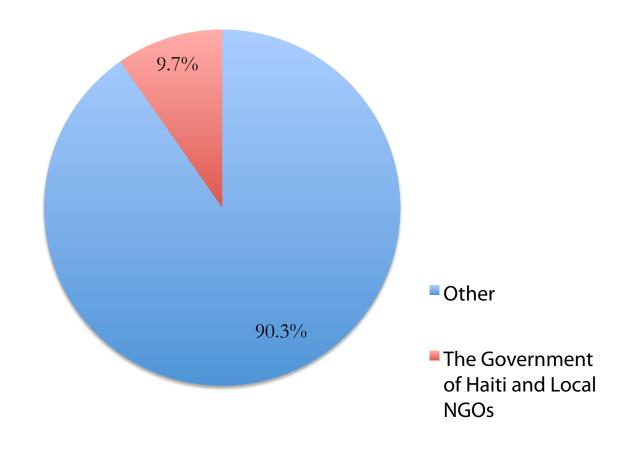
- Under 5 mortality rate dropped by 11%, and maternal morality by 23%.
- HIV infections reduced by 50% since 2008.
- Overall life expectancy increased 3.5 years.
- More than 1 million children are benefiting from free education since the introduction of the national program for free education in 2011.

#### **Challenges:**

- 58.7% of Haitians live in poverty and 24% in extreme poverty.
- 60% lack access to basic healthcare.
- 38% lack access to improved water sources and 69% to improved sanitation; water borne illnesses, including cholera, remain a leading cause of death among children.
- More than 700,000 people have contracted cholera since the outbreak began in 2010 and more than 8,600 have died.
- The prevalence of acute malnutrition amongst children under five increased from 5.1% in 2012 to 6.5% in 2013.

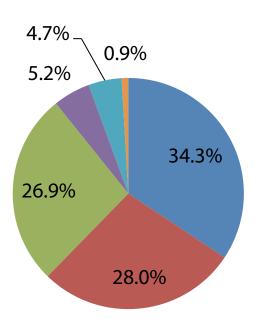
### Aid to Haiti

Between 2010-2012, \$6.4 billion in aid was disbursed to Haiti. Of the \$6.4 billion, 9.1% was channeled to the Government of Haiti, and 0.6% to local NGOs.



## Haiti: .9% of Humanitarian Aid was Invested in National Systems

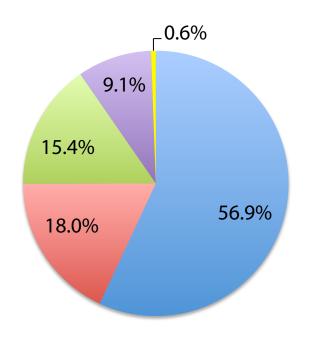
RECIPIENTS OF \$2.42 BILLION IN HUMANITARIAN AID DISBURSED BY DONORS TO HAITI FROM 2010 TO 2012 (IN USD MILLIONS)



- Donors' civil and military entities with a mandate to respond to disasters: 34.3 per cent or \$830.6 million
- Other non state service providers (NGOs and private contractors): 28.0 per cent or \$676.4 million
- UN entities and international NGOs as part of the UN flash appeal: 26.9 per cent of \$651.6 million
- Recipient of in-kind goods and services not identified: 5.2 per cent of \$125.3 million
- International Federation of the Red Cross and National Red Cross Societies: 4.7 per cent or \$112.5 million
- Government of Haiti: 0.9 per cent or \$22.5 million

## Local Organizations and Businesses Received an Estimated .6% of Humanitarian Aid

RECIPIENTS OF \$6.43 BILLION IN HUMANITARIAN AND RECOVERY AID TO HAITI DISBURSED BY DONORS FROM 2010 TO 2012 (IN USD MILLIONS)



- Donor agencies, multilaterals, NGOs and contractors\*:56.9 percent or \$3.66 billion (estimate)
- Unspecified or in-kind:18.0 percent or \$1.16 billion
- In support of the GOH: 15.4 percent or \$992.1 million
- Government of Haiti using country systems:9.1 percent of \$582.3 million (estimate)
- Haitian non-government or private organizations:
   0.6 percent or \$37.10 million (estimate)

<sup>\*</sup> Likely to be primarily international, but may include some local service providers that have not been fully specified. The category includes donor agencies acting as direct service providers.



### Cholera in Haiti

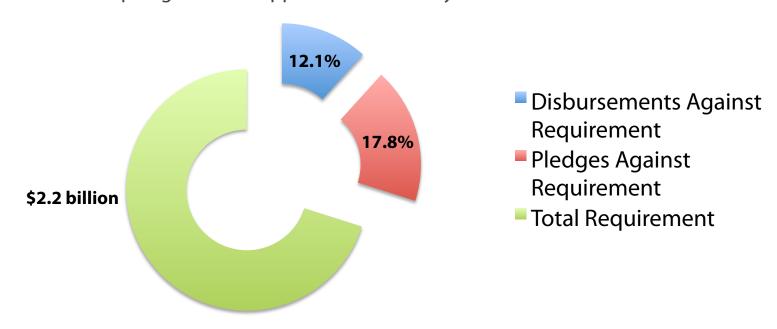
Though suspected cases of cholera have declined by 76% in 2014, there has been a recent upsurge in cases and fatalities.

#### **Epidemiological Evolution of Cholera in Haiti, 2010-2014**

Year	Oct-Dec 2010	2011	2012	2013	Jan – Nov 2014	Total
Cases	185,351	352,033	101,503	58,574	14,869	712,330
Fatalities	4,101	2,927	908	587	132	8,655
Fatality Rate	2.2%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1%	1.2%

## International Response to the Cholera Outbreak in Haiti

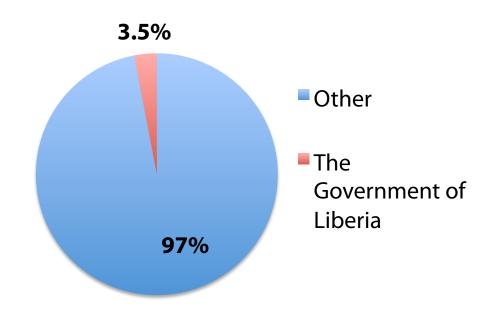
- The National Plan for the Elimination of Cholera in Haiti will require \$2.2 billion for ten years, 2013-2022.
- To date, donors have pledged \$395 million (17.3% of the requirement) and disbursed \$268.5 million (12.1% of the requirement).
- 57.9% of the pledges are in support of the Ministry of Public Works.



### **Ebola**

- As of November 21, 2014, there have been 15,935 reported cases, with 5,689 fatalities.
- Prior to the outbreak, Liberia had one physician for every 100,000 people, Sierra Leone had two.
   The United States has 245.
- Eight Americans have contracted Ebola, eight have survived.

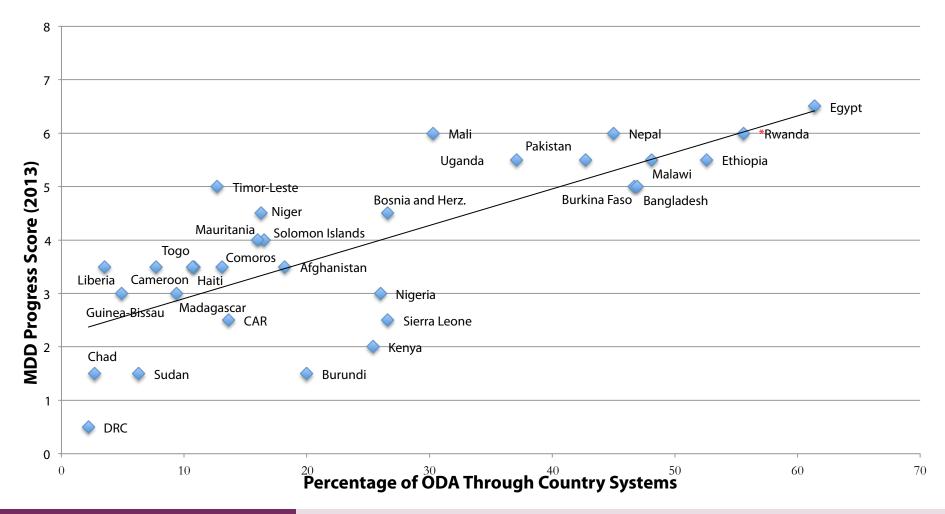
#### 2010 Recipients of Aid to Liberia



## Cholera and Ebola and Weak National Systems

- There remains little international support for national systems in Haiti and Liberia, with each country receiving 10.8% and 3.5%, respectively, of its aid through national systems.
- Countries in fragility receive an estimated 30% of all global aid, approximately \$50 billion a year—77% continues to bypass the systems of local public institutions.
- Among countries in fragility, the strongest performers on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) receive 28% more aid through their national systems than others.

## Strong Correlation Between Use of Country Systems In Fragile States and MDG Progress



### Five Myths

- 1) Foreign aid doesn't work.
- 2) It is possible to lift countries out of poverty without working with the public sector.
- 3) NGOs are the solution.
- 4) Poor countries are too corrupt to work with.
- 5) It is not cost-effective providing high quality services in developing countries.

### Five Ways Forward

- 1) Reward staff who localize aid dollars.
- 2) Prioritize implementation through and with national counterparts.
- Reassess how we evaluate risk.
- 4) Challenge common assumptions about what is considered "sustainable" and "cost-effective" in fragile settings.
- 5) Prioritize the transfer of function to local authorities.