

Hurricane-Ravaged Haiti Needs \$2 Billion In Donations Clinton Foundation Stole From Its Earthquake Relief Funds

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Once again, Haiti is devastated by a natural disaster, this time by [Hurricane Matthew](#).

Before the hurricane plowed into the southeast U.S. coast, where it caused major flooding and widespread power outages, "Matthew" had struck Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, killing 877 people and displacing tens of thousands.

No doubt, there'll be a drumbeat asking you to donate to Haiti's hurricane relief, if it hasn't already begun.

Don't!

Below are the reasons why.

"In 2010, a massive 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti, killing more than 200,000 people, leveling 100,000 homes, and leaving 1.5 million people destitute."

As Dinesh D'Souza recounts for [National Review](#), July 18, 2016, "countries around the world, as well as private and philanthropic groups such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, provided some \$10.5 billion in aid, with \$3.9 billion of it coming from the United States. **But very little of this aid money actually got to poor people in Haiti.**"



Bill Clinton & George W. Bush inspected the devastation of the Haiti earthquake, March 22, 2010.

According to the National Review:

"Bill Clinton was the designated UN representative for aid to Haiti. Following the earthquake, Bill Clinton had with media fanfare established the Haiti Reconstruction Fund. Meanwhile, his wife Hillary was the U. S. secretary of state, in charge of U.S. aid allocated to Haiti. Together the Clintons were the two most powerful people who controlled the flow of funds to Haiti from around the world."

Read more about what the Clintons did with the billions of dollars meant for Haiti's earthquake relief, [here](#).

In 2015, [Vice.com](https://www.vice.com) sent an investigative reporter to Haiti, who was shocked to find Haiti still devastated 5 years after the earthquake, with many people homeless or living in self-made shacks, without running water or plumbing, despite the \$10 billion in relief aid pledged around the world.

Transcript of the video (selected excerpts):

7:21 mark: “What’s odd is that the Haitians who received little to no foreign aid actually seem to be doing than those in the designated relief areas.

8:06 mark: “But there was one permanent structure that was built here for the earthquake survivors. For some reason **the International Olympics Committee** [IOC] thought that these people could use an **\$18 million state-of-the-art soccer field and recreation center** [instead of plumbing and running water], adding insult to injury in a community lacking in even the most basic amenities.”

8:32 mark: “But this [the IOC soccer field] wasn’t the only strange reconstruction project we saw foreign aid invested in. Seven hours north of the earthquake, **over \$300 million of foreign aid was spent in the district of Caracol, [a town that wasn’t affected by the earthquake]**.... But even though the town wasn’t affected, it didn’t stop our government aid from being invested in **another soccer field [that actually cost \$2.9 million to build, not the \$300 million spent by the contractor]**. The State Department’s records say the cost of constructing the Caracol soccer field was even lower — \$2.3 million.] And when we looked at the cost of many other projects, we noticed the same contractor kept coming up [- **Chemonics**, the largest USAID recipient across the world, including in Afghanistan....] There’s been a number of audits that have shown lack of progress, the lack of oversight. Here, this is **a contract of Chemonics with USAID. All the cost information** throughout the contract, that’s all **redacted**, and we just have [blank] pink sheet after pink sheet...25 pink sheets [in total].”

11:21 mark: “**USAID’s real investment here [in Caracol] is the more than \$260 million spent for the Caracol industrial park** — the largest U.S. development project in the aftermath of the earthquake.... [T]here’s paved streets, there’s sidewalks, there’s electricity and there’s drinkable running water which is actually unheard of in Haiti. Unfortunately, it only provides roughly only 10% of the jobs it promised. **Its main tenant is a South Korean garment manufacturing company** which enjoys cheap labor, tax exemptions and duty-free access to the U.S. market. Worst of all, none of the employees we met were earthquake survivors, and **the plan for the park was drawn up before the [earthquake] disaster even happened.**”

13:17 mark: “While many attempts to reform the system have been made, to date, nothing has changed, and the result is the failed **disaster capitalism** we see in Haiti, **where aid has become an industry of pro-profit companies**. In fact, only a month after the earthquake, our own U.S. ambassador was quoted in a leaked document claiming ‘The gold rush is on.’ And now these same companies are using lobbying groups to ensure reforms never come. It’s often said that **waste, inefficiency, corruption**, these are problems that are unique to the developing world, that are unique to Haiti. The reality is that these **are actually fundamental aspects of the U.S. foreign aid complex**. Instead of relying on potentially corrupt money, we simply give it to U.S. companies and allow them to take 25% off the top. It’s a different form of corruption, and without realizing that, we’ll continue to make the same mistakes going forward.”

The standard advice for donating to charities is “Keep it local,” i.e., donate only to local charities where you can keep a better eye on how your donations are spent.

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