

SPOTLIGHT: Haiti by the Numbers

➔ When disaster strikes, we often attempt to quantify it and view chaos through the order of numbers. We don't always succeed. After Chile's 8.8-magnitude earthquake February 27, media called it 6 times, 30 times, 50 times, 300 times, 500 times, 700 times, and 1,000 times larger than Haiti's 7.0 quake. There were other efforts as well. (The answer: 512 times larger.) But Chile saw far fewer casualties than Haiti—and charitable giving is likely to be much lower. Death tolls alone don't draw us. Burma's Cyclone Nargis in 2008 killed about 140,000, but, largely because of the country's restrictive junta, international relief donations totaled only \$310 million. Donations to Haiti surpassed that in nine days.

222,417
CONFIRMED DEATH TOLL ON
FEBRUARY 24, ACCORDING TO
HAITI'S GOVERNMENT

300,000
LIKELY FINAL DEATH TOLL,
ACCORDING TO HAITI'S GOVERNMENT

52,000
CONFIRMED DEATH TOLL,
ACCORDING TO AN INVESTIGATION
BY RADIO NETHERLANDS

"WELL UNDER 100,000"
LIKELY FINAL DEATH TOLL,
ACCORDING TO RADIO NETHERLANDS

63 MILLION TONS
RUBBLE TO BE CLEARED BEFORE
REBUILDING CAN BEGIN

Reuters

\$7.2 to \$13.2
BILLION
COST IN DAMAGE

Inter-American
Development Bank

\$81 BILLION
COST IN DAMAGE OF
HURRICANE KATRINA
IN THE U.S.

NOAA

59
AFTERSHOCKS
4.5M OR GREATER

USGS

16 of 59
AFTERSHOCKS
5.0M OR GREATER

USGS

1,700
ESTIMATED CAREER
MISSIONARIES
BASED IN HAITI

The New York Times

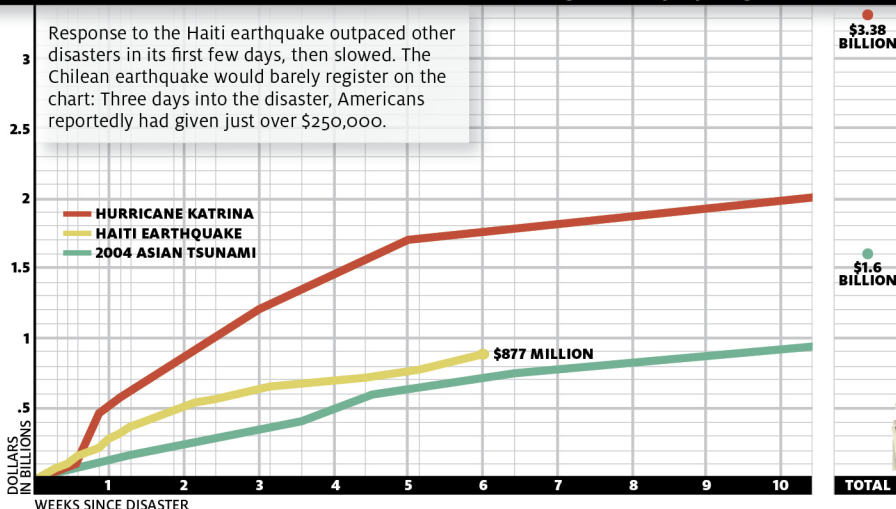
5% HAITI'S PROTESTANT POPULATION IN 1940
20% HAITI'S PROTESTANT POPULATION IN 1960
30% HAITI'S PROTESTANT POPULATION IN 2010

2 in 3 OF HAITI'S PROTESTANTS ARE EVANGELICALS

Evangelical Missions Quarterly

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Response to the Haiti earthquake outpaced other disasters in its first few days, then slowed. The Chilean earthquake would barely register on the chart: Three days into the disaster, Americans reportedly had given just over \$250,000.



\$3.38
BILLION

\$1.6
BILLION

TOTAL



\$2.31
U.S. TAX MONEY
GIVEN TO HAITI
RELIEF IN
GOVERNMENT
AID, PER CAPITA



\$2.84
U.S. CHARITABLE
DONATIONS
GIVEN TO HAITI
RELIEF, PER CAPITA



\$1,006.94
TOTAL U.S. CHARITABLE
GIVING PER CAPITA IN 2008
(TOTAL: \$307.65 BILLION)

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