

Question for written answer E-012118/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: EU support for Haiti after the earthquake

In January 2010 Haiti was struck by one of the most catastrophic earthquakes in history, in which 222 000 people lost their lives and nearly 300 000 were injured. 2.3 million Haitians in the devastated country lost their homes.

Five years after the tragic events in Haiti, the situation there remains difficult. Even before the cataclysm it was one of the poorest countries in the world, and the earthquake merely exacerbated existing problems. Every day people have to fight to fulfil their basic needs, as there is a shortage of food, clean water and access to medical treatment.

Following the disaster, nearly EUR 3 billion in foreign aid arrived in Haiti, with the EU sending 0.5 billion. Most of the funding is, however, allocated primarily to providing temporary solutions which will not do enough to protect Haitians from possible hurricanes, floods, mudslides and earthquakes.

In the light of the above, I would like to ask the Commission the following:

1. How does it intend to support Haiti in future in terms of rebuilding the country and reducing the effects of natural disasters which may occur?
2. What consequences has it drawn for the future from the earthquake in Haiti, with regard both to emergency aid for countries which suffer disasters and to their reconstruction and development?