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That number--I think it has to be over \$1 b. tho because people will compare it to Mitch--sounds right to me altho not only will the destruction likely go higher than the final numbers of I believe \$8.5 b. for Mitch/George but the cost of reconstruction if the aim is modern buildings, modern systems, decentralized development is also likely to be higher.

A separate question, beyond the money are the people who can be committed, which goes to USAID ramping up its staff and capabilities, the civilian response corps and I suspect your QDDR recommendations, on how to imagine a sector by sector renewal with international partners on the ground able to work side-by-side with Haitians in every ministry (starting with those that are priorities, which have to be justice [police, judiciary and prisons], education, agriculture, energy/public works/environment, etc. in PAP but also in those department capitals where you want regional development to be launched--Cap Haitian, Gonaives, Jacmel, Hinche, etc. If it were done as part of an international support team, under UN coord (?), and sign-off upfront from the Haitian government, it might work.

Three last points: 1) the Crisis Corps of the Peace Corps--I know that every RPCV who served in Haiti will be desperate to help. Many of them have professional capabilities. Ask Aaron to locate them.
 2) As part of what announcement is made on Monday, this might be the time to add some number of US Haitian-American Creole-speaking police to the UNPolice force, particularly those with community policing experience, say 100.
 3) Finally, what about an emergency lifting of whatever restrictions (quotas, tariffs, etc.) that may still impinge on Haitian agricultural products coming to US, an emergency provisions of phytosanitary expertise to enable their farmers to meet our standards and remove any restrictions (which exist) on their subsidizing their rice farmers for their domestic production.

I know that you all are working 24/7 on this so I apologize to some degree for accepting your offer to send advice. But that probably won't stop me from sending!! Warm regards, Mark

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Working on the supp now with a similar number.

Keep the advice coming.

Many thanks.

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Hi Cheryl,
Heard you yesterday on NPR. Right on the money in terms of emphasizing coop with GoH and coord with UN et. al. One thing I am not sure that I mentioned. I looked back and relatively early--4 weeks after Mitch at end Oct 98--we made the estimate that the US contribut would have to be about \$1 b. (when early damage estimate was \$6 b.) and that was the general amount mentioned in the first formin meeting by Madeleine here in early Dec and then the supplemental went to Congress with more of a breakdown from USAID in early Feb. As soon as you can get an early supplemental to the Hill while the focus is on Haiti, and our forces are on the ground there, the better chances that it will receive early action. Best, mark

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Great - thanks so much. Love that you are focused on how we rebuild their police force

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Just in case some of this might be of use as you plan for moving forward. Best, Mark

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