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Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance: Reducing the Impact of Devastating Earthquakes

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40+ Years of Disaster Assistance



1963, Irazu, Costa Rica



1963, Skopje Earthquake in
Former Yugoslavia

Disaster Risk Reduction at OFDA

- Risk Reduction is an essential counterpart to disaster response
- Strategic investments in disaster preparedness save lives, protect assets and infrastructure, and help avert costly relief operations



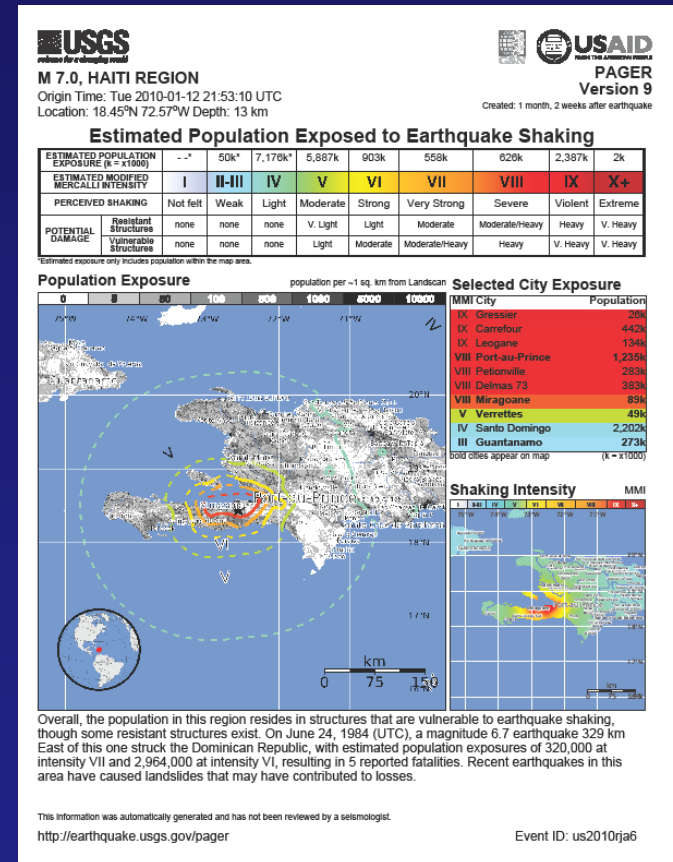
OFDA Mitigation Projects

- **Fulfill OFDA's mandate**
 - Save lives
 - Alleviate suffering
 - Reduce the economic impact of disasters
- **Sustainable**
- **Repeatable**
- **Innovative**



OFDA Earthquake-Related Projects

- Community-based education
- Training
- Research focused
- Response enhancing



OFDA Funded Projects

- USGS Prompt Assessment of Global Earthquakes for Response (PAGER)
- USGS/OFDA Earthquake Disaster Assistance Team (EDAT)
- IRIS Seismology Workshop
- USGS/OFDA Volcano Disaster Assistance Program Seismology Workshop (LAVAS)
- Training on Seismic Hazard Assessments

Possible Funding Mechanisms

General (including sector strategies, country and regional strategies)

<http://www.usaid.gov>

Doing Business with USAID <http://www.usaid.gov/university/>

Annual Partnership Awards (Solicited) <http://www.aascu.org/alo>

USAID/OFDA Guidelines for Unsolicited Proposals

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/

USAID/NSF Memorandum of Understanding

Interagency Agreement with the US Geological Survey