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Most countries fail to deliver on Haiti aid pledges

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International donors promised \$5.3 billion to Haiti after the earthquake

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Less than 2 percent of the money that's been promised has been delivered

U.S. and Venezuela pledged more than \$1 billion each and have delivered nothing

(CNN) -- Six months after a devastating earthquake struck Haiti, most governments that promised money to help rebuild the country have not delivered any funds at all, a CNN investigation has found.

Donors promised \$5.3 billion at an aid conference in March, about two months after the earthquake -- but less than 2 percent of that money has been handed over so far to the United Nations-backed body set up to handle it.

Only four countries have paid anything at all: Brazil, Norway, Estonia and Australia.

The United States pledged \$1.15 billion. It has paid nothing, with the money tied up in the congressional appropriations process.

Venezuela promised even more -- \$1.32 billion. It has also paid nothing, although it has written off some of Haiti's debt.

Former President Bill Clinton, a U.N. special envoy for Haiti, said he plans to put pressure on governments that have been slow to deliver on their promises.

"I'm going to call all those governments and say, the ones who said they'll give money to support the Haitian government, I want to try to

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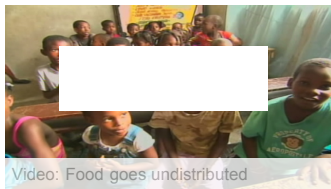
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get them to give the money, and I'm trying to get the others to give me a schedule for when they'll release it," Clinton told CNN's Anderson Cooper earlier this week.

He said the worldwide economic crisis was at least partly to blame.



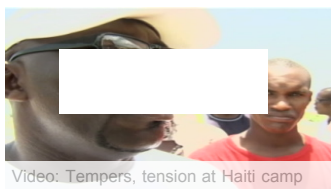
"I think that they're all having economic trouble, and they want to hold their money as long as possible," Clinton said.

Altogether, about \$506 million has been disbursed to Haiti since the donors' conference in March, said Jehane Sedky of the U.N. Development Program.



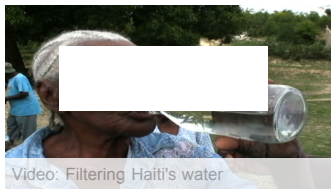
That's about 9 percent of the money that was pledged. But about \$200 million was money that had been in the pipeline for aid work before the earthquake, and about another \$200 million went directly to the government of Haiti to help it get back on its feet, Sedky explained.

That has left the commission with about \$90 million in donations since the conference, Sedky said.



There is some dispute about the World Bank's contribution

The bank says it has made available \$479 million dollars, and of that \$56.6 million has "already been used" for different government-led projects. The World Bank says that this money was provided directly to the Haitian government and did not go into the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission.



CNN compiled the information for this report by reviewing commission figures and surveying the donors that had made pledges to determine the disposition of those

pledges.

Spain, France and Canada are also among the countries that have not yet followed through on their pledges, CNN found.

No countries told CNN they do not plan to deliver the money eventually.

The pledges are for fiscal year 2010-2011, so the donors have until the middle of next year to get the funds to the Haiti recovery commission, Sedky said.

U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said Wednesday that aid delivery to Haiti is going relatively well compared to other disaster relief efforts the world body has been involved in.

"Compared with other disasters, coordination systems in Haiti have actually functioned reasonably well," he said, adding that there was no requirement for aid efforts to work within systems.

"But within that constraint, what we've been trying to do is coordinate the aid responses as best as we can, and we are trying to provide food as quickly as possible," he said.

Some charities, meanwhile, are spending money as fast as they get it, while others are planning long-term projects.

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Doctors Without Borders -- primarily a disaster-relief organization -- has received \$112 million and spent \$65 million, it says. The group plans to spend more than \$109 million by the end of the year, spokesman Michael Goldfarb told CNN.

The Red Cross has spent \$148 million of the \$468 million it has taken in, and is holding some money in reserve for more permanent projects such as shelter and water.

Private money has also come in from the Clinton Foundation, from Mexican telecommunications billionaire Carlos Slim Helu and Canadian mining investor Frank Giustra, but that's not part of the \$5.3 billion pledged by countries at the conference in March.

The January 12 quake left more than 220,000 dead, 300,000-plus injured and more than 1 million homeless. According to recent U.N. reports, the quake destroyed 60 percent of government infrastructure and left more than 180,000 homes uninhabitable.

Six months later, more than 1.5 million remain in overcrowded displacement camps.

According to the United Nations, 1,300 camping sites and 11,000 latrines have been built, and thousands of kilos of food and humanitarian resources have been delivered to those in need.

CNN'S Richard Roth at the United Nations contributed to this report.

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MariePhipps

Haiti is and has always been rife with corruption. Most of those funds will go into the pockets of a few politicians and none of the people will see a dime of it. Until the political corruption is cleaned up, nothing will, or should be, done! Send skilled craftsmen (and pay them well--don't ask fo... [more](#)

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dontlie2u

How do you do that, without a violent coup? Haiti's history is rife with intervention and neglect, beginning with the origins of the Haitian revolution. I think America's politicians are almost just as corrupt, except they're not stealing money to buy food or shelter, like 3rd worlders might need... [more](#)

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Mr. Clinton, with all due respect please do not hassle the other countries or the U.S. for money towards Haiti rebuilding until you can explain why the money, equipment and supplies they have now are not getting to the people who need them. It should take days not months. No more of my money is head... [more](#)

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MartinSA

the big problem is how the money gets to those that need it. already reports are coming in about how supplies aren't being distributed to those that need it. ironically, this is the same problem that occurred prior to the earthquake where billions of dollars never got to the people or was invested... [more](#)

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Ironically speaking the same problems we read about during Katrina in our own country.

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shadowgaze

Why is it when some disaster hits it's we want billions of dollars? You need carpenters, construction workers, ect., so why not just get volunteers to help out? Also, why aren't they all banding together in such a disaster? I know they probably need clean drinking water and perhaps food, but that ... [more](#)

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They have plenty of people right there that could help with the construction, they could be taught a life long work skill in the process. However, supplies would still need to be purchased to build those houses, schools and businesses.

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Baggins920

i think we need to stop helping so many other countries and WORRY about ourselves! who came to the rescue for katrina or the oil spill or any problem we have faced

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tallfigy we are hardly the world's ONLY super power. We are not even in the league anymore. Our

National debt has put other countries ahead of us in the super power category.

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tallfiguy

Agreed! ,but since we are the United States if don't help Haiti we will get killed PR wise. It's one of the many burdens of being the world's only superpower.

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RT06

The US wants some say as to how the money will be spent. They would like to rebuild the infrastructure to attract foreign investors and end the cycle of poverty and corruption. Preval just wants the money and has no time for rebuilding. He has planned an election amidst a chaotic situation, which... [more](#)

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helphaitinow

Sometimes actions do speak louder than promises. In searching for reports on how many homes have actually been built since the disaster, I cannot find any accounts except this: There are no homeless Jehovah Witness's in Haiti. The Jehovahs have built 1,600 small homes, furnished, for their member... [more](#)

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tallfiguy

I heard that also about them. I don't agree with theology either, but it seems like they always respond quickly and effectively after natural diasters.

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Guest

Haiti is a typical " Inner City " Country and like our inner cities bumps sit on their ass's while taking hand outs. The " Bankrupted " U.S.of A., will keep giving this useless Country more and more money as long as obama and Hollywood keep telling us to do so as they are, after all, the presiden... [more](#)

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wow guest again, maybe you should go to Haiti and show them how to get productive. Course that would mean getting off your behind and we know that won't happen.

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philwoodman

typical politicians. promise everything, deliver NOTHING. Makes them look like they care at the moment, gets them votes for their good nature. At the end of the day the people have to fend for themselves, and they are so busy trying to survive that they don't notice how they were scr3wed

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Willie12345

That is very sad news. It proves that most governments are not to be trusted, but that's not anything new. Our own government lies to the people and fails to meet the peoples most basic needs. It does not defend us from the invaders from Mexico, who steal US jobs. It does not ensure that our water... [more](#)

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shadowgaze

Totally agree, wish we could vote "none of the above" at this point in history I'd vote for a 5 year old kid, atleast for the most part they haven't learned to lie yet ! But amazing how power, greed and vanity will allow them (politicians) to act as if nothing will ever affect them because they... more
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Kats50

Why do we waste money sending food etc to this country when the people never get it? I'm sorry to be the one to say this but, our own country is going down the tubes fast, families being tossed out of their homes, kids with no food, we have some terrible stories here. I don't mind helping, but who... more
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RepFloridq

TO samfrancisco: Mr Obama has been in charge for almost a year and a half. What has he done for the poor of this country, nothing. You blame the Republicans but your party is in charge. Wake up Idiot the county's is going down the toilet, I hope you can swim!
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samfrancisco

To Repfloridq , Are you so stupid to think that Pres. Obama is going to repair 8 LONG YEARS OF REPUBLICANS OUTRIGHT RAPING THIS COUNTRY in a year AND A HALF ? It's going to take a while to fix up the near ruination of this country thanks to the republican party .
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jitsuman75

Who cares about haiti? What about Louisiana? They still need help but they aren't getting what they need! how about we help the people here first? Other countries hardly came and helped us out when we were in need. They didn't stay the course like America has with all other countries that had disast... more
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jitsuman other countries did indeed offer to help, many offered, the U.S. and BP refused the offers.
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guestertodd

Pat Robertson was right! Haiti is under the control of the devil.
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