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### WHERE ARE THE \$10 BILLION DOLLARS FOR HAITI?

You should know that last week, Haiti was devastated by Hurricane Matthew, leaving a death toll of more than 900, destroying towns, villages, homes, schools, businesses, and leaving most of the island in disrepair.

You should also know that in 2010, Haiti was hit by an earthquake, practically destroying almost the whole island, leaving 200,000 people dead, and survivors devastated with famine and disease.

In 2010, after the earthquake, there was a national effort to help rebuild Haiti. According to reports, \$10 billion dollars was raised to rebuild it.

It is important for you to know that in 2010, even though \$10 billion dollars was raised and the whole island could have been rebuilt, that was not done.

In a New York Post column titled “Al Nixed Haiti \$\$” Richard Johnson wrote:

“The Rev. Al Sharpton doesn’t want any money going to rebuild Haiti from the devastation of Hurricane Matthew until we find out what happened to the \$10 billion that was meant to rebuild Haiti after the earthquake in 2010.”

Mr. Johnson continued: “What happened to the money that was given the last time? We need to look into it,” Sharpton told me. “I don’t know where the blame lies.”

Ladies and gentlemen, we all know how Haiti is one of the poorest islands in the hemisphere, and when natural disasters strike, suffering gets worse.

Sean Penn, along with other celebrities created organizations to raise money to help rebuild Haiti.

It is a shame that after six years, even before Hurricane Matthew hit, the people in Haiti continue to suffer devastation.

You should know that even though people are getting together once again to raise money for Haiti, I agree with Reverend Al Sharpton that money should not be given to Haiti until we know who is profiting from Haiti’s suffering.

We need to get together and press the authorities to find out where the \$10 billion dollars went and why that money did not help the people in Haiti.

Can you imagine what we could do with \$10 billion dollars? There are countries whose annual budgets are less than \$10 billion dollars.

Reverend Sharpton, I am with you. Where are the \$10 billion dollars that was given to Haiti?

I am Senator Reverend Rubén Díaz, and this is what you should know.