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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Our approach at GeoHazards International emphasizes people. By **strengthening our on-the-ground teams**, we are better able to serve at-risk communities. Our local staff are native to the places where we work, are well-respected within their societies, and are active advocates for disaster resilience. They are best placed to advise on strategies to build resilience that will have lasting impact in their own communities.

Your support makes this possible, and the results are showing. A few highlights are below.

This past May, the **very first Haitian-led earthquake and tsunami drill** was organized, planned, and **led by our Haiti team**. The exercise involved over 4,000 schoolchildren and 200 participants city-wide. Civil Protection Directors from southern and northwestern Haiti joined, and **expressed their interest in running their own drills. A family donation made this possible.**

Our **long-term approach** of reducing landslide risk in Aizawl in northeastern India is paying off. Our sustained efforts over the past 10 years have **emphasized supporting and strengthening local leaders** in implementing landslide safety regulations. The progress so far? Two geologists who oversee the safety of new development excavations are now employed by the municipality. They are supported by 95 registered geologists, 142 engineers, 7 soil engineers, and 9 firms. These new technical resources for the municipality are all helping to guide safe development that will impact generations to come. **Our sustained presence in this area has been possible thanks to unrestricted donations from people like you.**

Thanks to your support we have also been growing our experience in climate change adaptation through technical partnerships. What do we bring to the table? Over 30 years of experience working closely with local leaders in implementing resilience practices *ahead of* disasters. This is a dire need, as many of the communities where we work are facing the brunt of climate change impacts.

Our global community of supporters, dedicated internal team, and network of engaged partners all make this possible. **Thank you for being part of this.**

Our Board of Trustees is so motivated by our progress, especially given the tremendous global challenges of recent years, they generously put together a **\$50,000 challenge grant** to match your donation through December 31. You can contribute today at www.geohaz.org/donate or by using the enclosed envelope.

Thank you deeply for your support,



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