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Note from the President
Disaster Resilience is an ongoing journey...

We work with communities to:
- Provide a science/evidence-based look at disaster risk
- Identify potential damage and consequences to infrastructure, people & society
- Communicate risk in ways that resonate with all community members
- Bring diverse voices together to map a way forward

Building Resilient Infrastructure

Haiti (southern): Local builders construct a disaster-resilient school that can also serve as a shelter. This GHI-led effort included hands-on training in disaster-resilient construction.

August 2023

Creating Resilient Communities

Inspiring Community Preparedness

Haiti (northern): With GHI support, thousands of students practice evacuating based on locally-created plans. These schools are located in low-lying, high tsunami risk areas.

May 2023

Informing Regulatory Policies & Plans

Bhutan: Stakeholders discuss the recent GHI-led studies of earthquake risk to buildings in the capital, Thimphu. This work is a key step in integrating disaster risk in plans and policies.

July 2022

Addressing Vulnerabilities

India: GHI-led team shares recommendations to improve the seismic resilience of power infrastructure. Preventing long & widespread outages during disasters can save lives.

March 2023

Keep Improving & Learning by:
- Sharing best practices from one country to another
- Adapting our strategies to reflect changing disaster risk
- Pioneering new ways to build resilient communities

...our sustained efforts & genuine local engagement lead to Enduring Impact
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