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Responding to earthquakes

The aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti shows just how hard it can be for aid agencies to respond effectively. An [ALNAP Lessons Paper, Responding to earthquakes 2008](#), looks at lessons learned from almost 30 earthquake relief and recovery operations worldwide. ODI has also carried out research on how to get ahead of the crisis 'curve', a major challenge in a situation like the one facing Haiti today.



- [ODI Blog - Haiti: what is needed for long-term recovery?](#)
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Greater aid transparency: crucial for aid effectiveness



The poorest countries will lose out if donors do not publish aid information that is easy to link with recipient government budget systems, argues a [new ODI Project Briefing](#).

- [More ODI work on aid](#)

Human rights and pro-poor growth



What is the relationship between human rights and pro-poor growth? An [ODI Project Briefing](#) identifies points of connection, as well as contradiction.

- [More ODI work on rights](#)

Did Copenhagen deliver for the poor?



Though binding emission reductions were not agreed at Copenhagen, there were pledges to support developing countries responding to climate change.

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A value chain approach to poverty reduction



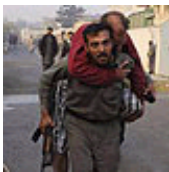
Why has trade liberalisation across Latin America not led to significant reduction in levels of poverty? Can value chain analysis help address this apparent contradiction? A new report from ODI and COPLA investigates.

Documenting climate funds by project, fund and country



Climate Funds Update, an independent website managed by ODI contains up-to-date details on funding initiatives and graphs showing amounts pledged, deposited and disbursed by country and fund.

After the war: views on conflict resolution



ODI Director, Alison Evans, recently participated in a panel discussion on conflict resolution for the New Statesman, alongside the UK Secretary of State for International Development and other senior figures. Full notes are now online.

ODI on... The Seventh Session of the WTO Ministerial



The World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial took place last week. In advance, ODI released a set of papers and blogs on some of the key issues discussed.

- [More ODI work on trade](#)

HIV in a world of fragile states, financial crises and falling budgets



On World Aids Day, Fiona Samuels' blog reviews progress, discussing how the financial crisis has affected responses to AIDS.

- [Project Briefing - The impact of crises and HIV and AIDS on 'skipped-generation' households](#)
- [More ODI work on health](#)

Uncharted territory: land, conflict and humanitarian action



The humanitarian community lacks an understanding of land issues central to many conflicts and post-conflict settings, argues a new book and HPG Policy Brief.

- [More ODI work on conflict and security](#)

Raising the game: mainstreaming children's rights

Twenty years on from the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children

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are still 'invisible' in key development debates. [This ODI Briefing Paper](#) investigates.

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The role of cash transfers in development



A series of six [ODI Project Briefings](#) consider the use of cash transfers as a means of social protection.

- [More ODI work on social protection](#)