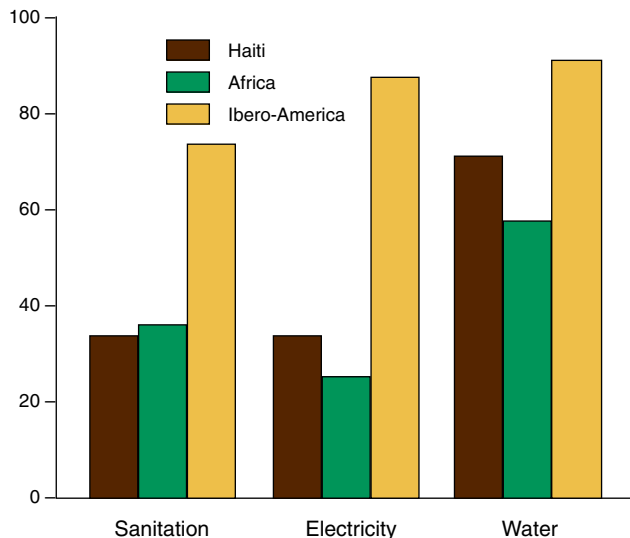


FIGURE 1
Haiti: Access to Sanitation, Electricity and Clean Water

(%of total population)



Sources: World Bank, PAHO.

urged to return to their old Port-au-Prince neighborhoods—the very ones whence they fled, and which remain in rubble.

The utter insanity of this “plan,” forced by the Obama Administration’s criminal inaction, is evident to all. *No one* working on the ground in Haiti believes it will actually work. And yet everyone is going through the motions of failure, as if mesmerized by the looming, certain catastrophe. For example, a dejected architect with the government’s reconstruction committee summed up the implications of the new approach: “Everything has to be done before the start of the rainy season, and we will not be able to do it,” said Gerald-Emile Brun. Edmond Mulet, the head of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti, agreed: “What the earthquake did not bring down, the rains will.”

But the coming rains are no inexorable “natural disaster.” Nor was the Jan. 12 magnitude-7 earthquake. The quake nearly extinguished the nation because decades of looting under British-system economic policies had already left the country totally vulnerable to such an event, reducing its 10 million people to African

levels of misery and degradation no human being should have to endure, with 80% living in poverty, unemployment levels ranging from 50-70%, scarcely 40% literacy among adults, and no infrastructure to speak of (Figure 1). Haiti was indeed a holocaust waiting to happen.

To restate the point: The 250,000-300,000 Haitians who died as a direct result of the Jan. 12 earthquake, had already been condemned to death by internationally imposed Malthusian economic policies decades earlier, many of them even before they were born.

Those same policies, left in place, will ensure that the mass murder set in motion in the past, and underway at present, will continue over the next weeks and months, possibly with another quarter million victims.

If Haiti is to be saved, the effects of *those global policies* of the British Empire’s Inter-Alpha group—past, present, and future—must be eradicated. It is perhaps the only way to give lasting meaning, at this late date, to the countless lives who perished at their hand.

Concretely, that means acting now in such fashion as to *simultaneously* address

Haiti’s Economy Has Been ‘Africanized’

A summary review of some basic physical economic parameters in Haiti during the mid-2000s makes the point (see Figure 1):

- **Life expectancy:** In Haiti, it’s 55-60 years (depending on the source); in Sub-Saharan Africa it is 46 years; in Ibero-America, 71.
- **Access to sanitation:** available to only 34% of Haitians; 36% of Africans; and 74% of Ibero-Americans.
- **Access to electricity:** available to 34% of Haitians; 25% of Africans; and 87% of Ibero-Americans.
- **Access to improved water:** 58% of Haitians; 58% of Africans; and 91% of Ibero-Americans.

In many categories, pre-earthquake Haiti was *worse off* than the average for Sub-Saharan Africa. For example:

- **Energy consumption:** Haiti consumes 251 kg oil equivalent per capita annually; Sub-Saharan Africa, 667; Ibero-America, 1,156.
- **Cereal yield:** In Haiti it is 868 grams per hectare; Africa, 1,071; and Ibero-America, 3,012.

Small wonder that Haiti has to import about 60% of its food, and has widespread malnutrition and infant mortality.