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Through the end of September, IRN and our clients have shipped more than 160 tons of relief supplies to Haiti since the January earthquake. But if anything, the need now is more acute than ever.

Almost all of us last month saw footage of thousands of tents and tarps destroyed in a windstorm – tents that were and still are “home” to a million or more Haitians.

Haiti’s major port facilities were nearly destroyed by the earthquake last January. As a result, for many months shipments into the country were limited to urgent care supplies such as medicine, food and water. With port facilities now opening up, there’s a shift to long-term reconstruction. For months and years to come, Haitians will need literally thousands of shipping containers of furniture, building supplies, and other durable items.

In particular, there’s vast need for beds and mattresses, for almost any furnishings from a residential setting, and for seating, desks, and any other items that can be used to rebuild and outfit schools and classrooms. If you have a project like this that will be generating furniture that needs to go away, or have stored surplus that you are unlikely to use or need again, we hope you’ll call IRN rather than calling in dumpsters.



A Haitian girl stands among the ruins of a tent city destroyed by wind and rain, September 2010

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