Post-Disaster Needs Assessment for culture in Haiti (2016)

Hurricane Matthew struck south-west Haiti on 4 October 2016. It was responsible for 546 deaths and destroyed around 200,000 homes, leaving 1.4 million people in need of humanitarian aid. Subsequently, a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) was launched and UNESCO was entrusted with supporting the Government of Haiti in the drafting of its culture component, with the aim of assessing the damage to cultural heritage in the disaster zone. A consultant, hired to support this exercise, participated in assessment missions to the affected areas in the second half of November 2016. As a result, the damage assessment of heritage and cultural repositories in the areas affected by the earthquake was completed and a draft of the culture component of the PDNA was included in the final document. Cooperation was also strengthened between cultural institutions at the national and local levels.