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The generous and resilient generosity and resilience of the Haitian people has been remarkable, says Danielle Leblanc, a program officer for Development and Peace, a Canadian organization that has been working in Haiti for 40 years. But there is an enormous amount of work to yet to be done in this hard-hit country.

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