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- Land is very mountainous
- Once covered by forests, the country was heavily logged for wood, fuel, and cleared for farming, and is now largely deforested
 - Deforestation caused devastating flooding during 2004 hurricane
- 1980 Survey:
 - 11.3 % of land was suitable for crops
 - 2.3 % was mediocre because of poor drainage
 - 54.7 % was suitable for tree crops or pastures
- 1978:
 - 19.2 % was pasture land
 - 38.6 % was not cultivated
- Densely populated urban areas
 - Increase movement to urban areas
 - 1/4 Haitians living in Port-au-Prince
- Few of Haiti's buildings were constructed for earthquake resistance
 - No building codes
 - Homes made of CMU (concrete masonry unit)
 - Buildings are brittle with no flexibility
- January 2010 earthquake
 - 250,000 houses were destroyed or badly damaged by earthquake
 - 2 million left homeless
 - 123 camps for internally displaced people
 - 82 people share a toilet
 - Houses 85,432 people
 - Forced evictions effecting 60,000 people
 - US contributed \$65 million in aid and built retaining walls, footpath, and t-shelters, and drainage lines
 - Goal of 15,000 new homes was later reduced
 - 37,000 homes were rebuilt, but only 20% of them were seen as long-term or sustainable

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