United Nations Sued for Role in Haitian Cholera Epidemic

Haiti is experiencing the worst cholera epidemic in modern history with thousands of new cases each month. Nearly 7 percent of the Haitian population has had cholera since 2010. It’s estimated that around 8,400 people have died of cholera and more than 685,000 have been sickened by the disease.

A class action lawsuit has been brought against the United Nations on behalf of Haitian families affected by the cholera epidemic that has been raging since 2010. Many believe that cholera was inadvertently brought to Haiti by U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Outline

Problem(s)

Cholera epidemic in Haiti

Date

Ongoing, started in October 2010

U.N. peacekeeping forces in Haiti when epidemic started

Location

Outbreak began about 60 miles north of Port-au-Prince

Responding to massive earthquake

Task being performed

Impact to the Goals

Safety

~8,400 Haitians died of cholera, >685,000 sickened

Customer Service

U.N. immunity from lawsuits questioned

Regulatory

United Nations sued