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Need For An International Disaster Relief Agency

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GAO's case study of the worldwide relief effort in the Sahel region of Africa shows that the response to future disasters should be more timely and better managed.

To insure a timely, effective, and efficient world response to future disasters, GAO believes the world community needs an international agency capable of mounting and carrying out integrated, large-scale disaster relief operations.

As a step in this direction, GAO recommends that the Secretary of State lead the U.N. in generating members' support for strengthening the U.N. Disaster Relief Office and committing resources for this purpose.