

## Project Update: May 2016

On April 16th, a 7.8 earthquake struck Bahía de Caráquez and the greater coastal region of Ecuador. Hundreds were killed, and tens of thousands have been displaced. Everyone's lives were dramatically altered in less than one minute, and the recovery process will take years of work.

Planet Drum was in the middle of relocating its office and living space to a new house, which was very fortunate, since the old house was deemed uninhabitable and therefore demolished only days after the earthquake, with some of our belongings still inside.

Crises create opportunities. Now the region is presented with the challenge of rebuilding, and everyone is eager to make things better than before.

Planet Drum's mission remains the same. Its resolve is strengthened. It will continue to promote ecological restoration and bioregional practices and help guide Bahía and the province of Manabí to an environmentally sustainable future.



The old Planet Drum house is torn down after being declared an at risk structure.



In the centre of Bahía de Caráquez, destruction and demolition are everywhere one looks.