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General Information/Information générale

Title/ Titre	Source	Summary/ Sommaire	Date	Comments/ Commentaires
National Documentation package	Canadian Government		June 28, 2013	Good source that contains other sources
Haiti: Humantarian Snapshot	UN: Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs	IDP, cholera epidemic, food insecurity and malnutrition and natural disasters	13/03/2013	Mostly statistics and numbers
Haiti. Amnesty International Report 2013: The State of the World's Human Rights	Amnesty International	Background, IDP, Housing rights (evictions), Violence against women/girls, Impunity, justice system	23/052013	Short It is a good introduction to other topics
Report of the Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti	United Nations: Human Rights Council.	Rule of law, Civil & political rights, Economic and social rights, Protection, Recommendations	13/02/2013	
World Report 2013: Haiti	Human Rights Watch	Justice system; detention; women/girl rights; children's rights; general overview of Haiti	January 2013	
World Report 2014: Haiti	Human Rights Watch	Justice system; detention; violence against women violence based on sexual orientation; child labor; general overview of Haiti	21/01/2014	

Best Interest of the Child/Intérêt supérieur de l'enfant

Title/ Titre	Source	Summary/ Sommaire	Date	Comments/ Commentaires
2013 Trafficking in Persons Report - Haiti	United States Department of State	Child trafficking, Sexual exploitation	19/06/2013	
Haiti: UN opens probe into cases of alleged child sexual exploitation	UN News Service	Child exploitation, investigation.	23/01/2012	
2011 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor - Haiti	UN: Office for the United States Department of Labor	Child labour Children's rights	26/09/2012	
Education under Attack 2010	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural	Education, Kidnappings, sexual abuse	10/02/2010	
The Impact of Armed Violence on children in Haiti	Peacebuild	Armed conflict; children	2008	
UNICEF Humanitarian Action and Recovery: Mid-Year Review of 2012 Humanitarian Action Review	UNICEF	Situation update; hygiene; child protection; education; health care	2010-2011	
One Year After — The long road from relief to recovery	UNICEF	Children in Haiti	10/02/2010	

Sexual Orientation/ Orientation Sexuelle

Title/ Titre	Source	Summary/ Sommaire	Date	Comments/ Commentaires
LGBT Haitians Targeted with Violence Following Anti-LGBT Demonstration	MADRE: Haiti KOKAVIV	Violence; Anti-LGBTQ Demonstration	25/07/2013	Very short article about demonstration against LGBTQ members.
Gay British man attacked in Haiti at his engagement	The Independent Newspaper	Angry locals attack a British gay man by hurling rocks and homemade bombs as he celebrated his engagement to his partner in Haiti	12/08/2013	Shows that homophobia is still prevalent in Haiti. Social climate: Violent protests against LGTBQ events even though Haiti does not have any laws condemning homosexual relationships. Q: Is this a good source?
Supplementary information on Haiti regarding the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals (LGBT)	Centre for Refugee and Gender studies. Part of UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE	Violence and discrimination against LGTBQ members is against international obligations (ICCP), Economic Opportunities Are Denied to LGBT Individuals, lack of legal protection, earthquake impacts, arbitrary arrest and detention of LGTBQ members	July 2012	Link may not work- copy and paste link to google. <i>www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/LGB_Haiti105_en.doc</i> Good source for a general overview of how LGTBQ members may be persecuted in Haiti. International discussion provides international context arguments.
The Impact of the Earthquake, and Relief and Recovery Programs on Haitian LGBT People	International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission	Effects of earthquake: rights to housing and security of person, right to adequate food, arbitrary arrest and detention, the climate of Haitian society (blame), recommendations	March 2011	Summary of issues and PDF on http://www.iglhrc.org/content/needs-lgbt-haitians-largely-ignored-post-quake-recovery-efforts
Document - Haiti: Further information: Anti-LGBTI march	Amnesty International	Religious groups demonstrate against homosexuality	August 2013	Mostly a call of action- asking people to write to Haitian police. Article provides a bit of background information

Safe Haven: Sheltering Displaced Persons from Sexual and Gender-Based Violence	UNHCR	Report on sexual/gender based violence	May 2013	Brief discussion of sexual violence/stigma towards LGBT persons on page 72, including risk of violence for gay men, limits on LGBT community places and privacy within IDP camps, shelter access for trans-women, and emergency housing access.
Haiti: LGBTI Organization's Office Attacked	Amnesty International	News article on violent attack at office of KOURAJ – a community advocacy organization for LGBTQ issues in Haiti.	December 2013	
IACHR Condemns Recent Wave of Violence against LGBTI Persons in Haiti	IACHR	Press Release re: nearly 50 violent acts against LGBTQ persons in Haiti.	July 2013	

Medical Conditions/Conditions Médicales

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Cholera: increase in cholera cases in Artibonite	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Cholera increase, food insecurity, internal displacement	January 2013	
Haiti: Deplorable Conditions for Cholera Patients	Doctors without Borders	Cholera, staff shortage, resource shortage	March 2013	
For Haitians, Cholera Remains a Major Public Health Problem	Medecins sans frontieres/ Doctors Without Borders		October 2012	
Haiti: Entretien avec le Dr. Jaques Katshitshi, coordinateur des activités médicales	AMI Aide Médicale Internationale	Entretien avec le dr. Jacques Katshitshi coordinateur médical de l'Aide Médicale Internationale en Haïti. Dr. Katshitshi parle de la situation médicale en Haïti particulièrement celle du choléra.		
Haiti partners see progress, challenges in cholera control	Pan American Health Organization & World Health Organization		---	
Aids/ VIH				

VIH le défi	UNICEF	Le travail des employés de l'UNICEF auprès des sidéens en Haïti. Ce document traite de la prévention de la transmission du VIH de la mère à l'enfant, les soins pédiatriques, le développement de la prévention chez les adolescents et les jeunes et les enfants vulnérables affectés et infectés par le VIH/SIDA.	---	
Déclaration d'engagement sur le sida – Rapport de situation nationale Haïti mars 2012	ONU Sida	Rapport de progrès sur l'évolution de l'épidémie du VIH/Sida en Haïti pour la période de janvier 2010 à décembre 2011.	March 2012	
La Nutrition au cœur du développement durable en Haïti	Ministère de la santé publique et de la population		2013	Nutrition et VIH p.6
Haiti's HIV successes and challenges acknowledged on World's AIDS Day	UNAIDS		2012	
Haiti's fight against AIDS and tuberculosis	UNDP		--	

Haiti: Protecting People with HIV/AIDS, One Bag of Rice at a Time	World Food Programme		November 2013	
Mental health – Santé mentale				
In Haiti, Mental Health System Is in Collapse	Deborah Sontag The New York Times	Conditions after earthquake; mental health care system	3/10/2013	
Mental Health in Haiti: A Resident's Perspective	Kathleen Molly McShane, M.D. Academic Psychiatry	Available mental health care conditions in Haiti; Stigma of mental illness; Author's personal experiences with mental illness in Haiti	1/11/2013	
Culture and Mental Health in Haiti: A Literature Review	World Health Organization: Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse	background; health in Haiti; Specific symptoms and disorders; health services	2010	
Culture et santé mentale en Haïti: une revue de littérature	OMS	Littérature sur la santé mentale et les services de santé mentale en Haïti. Ouvrage rédigé suite au tremblement de terre de janvier 2010.	2010	
General Medical situation – Soins de santé en général				

Rapport de situation secteur sante		Augmentation du taux de létalité hospitalière Augmentation du nombre de cas suspects de cholera dans l'Artibonite, le Centre, le Nord-Ouest et le Sud Capacités de réponse limitées pour faire face à l'augmentation des cas	Août 2013	
Dossier Haïti – 12 janvier 2011, 1 an après	AMI Aide Médicale Internationale	Dispositif de soins mis en place par le ONG – Aide Internationale Médicale à Port-au-Prince.	1/12/2011	
Health Care Lags In Haiti's Post-Earthquake Rebuilding Efforts	Doctors without Borders	Health care conditions in Haiti: infrastructure problems	January 2013	
La protection des droits humains en Haïti Janvier – Mars 2013	Haut-Commissariat aux droits de l'homme/Section des droits de l'homme de la Minustah	Les personnes en situation de handicap p.16	2013	
Étude de base intégrée Dix communes de la côte sud-ouest Département du Sud, Haïti	The Earth Institute Columbia University		Septembre 2012	Santé p.82-100

<u>Analyse de la situation des personnes âgées de plus de 50 ans en Haïti</u>	Judite Blanc		Mars 2013	Le système de santé en Haïti p.35
<u>Haïti PDNA Tremblement de terre-Evaluation des dommages des pertes et des besoins généraux et sectoriels</u>	Gouvernement d'Haïti		Janvier 2014	Santé p.66
<u>Haiti, Three Years after the Earthquake</u>	Partners In Health		January 2013	
<u>Health Concerns in Haiti</u>	U.S. Department of State		January 2011	

Housing/Logement

Title/ Titre	Source	Summary/ Sommaire	Date	Comments/ Commentaires
Efforts to rebuild and repair housing in Port-au-Prince after the January 2010 earthquake, particularly in the wealthiest neighbourhoods; availability of houses and apartments in Port-au-Prince (disponible en FRA)	Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada			
Information sur les efforts déployés à Port-au-Prince après le séisme de janvier 2010 afin de reconstruire et de réparer les logements, en particulier dans les quartiers les plus favorisés; disponibilité des maisons et des appartements à Port-au-Prince (available in ENG)	Commission de l'immigration et du statut de réfugié du Canada	Efforts de reconstruction lents, Situation de la classe moyenne, Location de logements (P-A-P), Augmentation de loyer depuis séisme		
Trois ans après le séisme, Haïti entre camps de toile et bidonvilles	Commission de l'immigration et du statut de réfugié du Canada	Camps de déplacés, insalubrité dans les camps, choléra, 80% de la population sous le seuil de la pauvreté	11/1/2013	

Haiti: Les expulsions forcées aggravent la situation déjà désastreuse des personnes sans abri depuis le séisme (available in ENG)	Amnesty International	Expulsions forcées, expulsions par des policiers, témoignages, conditions de vie dans les camps	23/4/2013	
Nowhere to go: Forced evictions in Haiti's Camps for Displaced People (disponible en FRA)	Amnesty International	Forced eviction, conditions in camps, women and poverty, statistics	23/4/2013	
Haiti: Thousands more at risk of forced eviction	Amnesty International	Forced evictions in Port-au-Prince, statistics, further details of violence, risk of further eviction.	4/2/2014	
Haiti: Displaced people still leave in despair four years after devastating earthquake. Some essential figures	Amnesty International	Statistics about internally displaced people, forced evictions, living conditions in camps, relocation/housing solutions adopted.	9/1/2014	
Haiti's Displaced – How long must they clamour until they are heard?	LiveWire, Amnesty International (blog)	Overview of displaced persons in Haiti, daily life, statistics	8/10/2013	

Gender based Violence/Violence basée sur le genre

Title/ Titre	Source	Summary/ Sommaire	Date	Comments/ Commentaires
Fast Facts on the U.S. Government's Work in Haiti: Gender-Based Violence	US Department of State	Suggestions for reducing gender based violence.	29/7/2013	Source gives insight to steps Haiti government has taken to better the situation in Haiti. Source does not directly support Haitian refugee claimants but rather gives insight to the Board's possible counter arguments.
La protection des droits Humains en Haiti Janvier -Mars 2013	Cluster Protection Haiti	Internal displacement/ gender violence/ statistics	March 2011	Quick current stats; document in French
Nobody Remembers Us	Human Rights Watch	Failure to Protect Women's and Girl's Right to Health and Security in Post Earthquake Haiti	2011	
Haiti: Domestic violence, especially in rural areas; protection and services available for victims	Refworld	Stats of domestic violence; situation in rural areas; legislation; police/ judicial system; medical certificates;	June 2013	
Helpdesk Research Report: Violence against Women and Girls in Haiti	Governance and Social Development Resource Centre	Predators, urban areas, effects of earthquake, affect on girls and women in particular, stereotypes and discrimination	2013	

Compilation of recommendations relating to statelessness made during the first cycle (1st - 12th sessions) of the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review	UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),	Short discussion of what recommendations Haiti accepted	July 2013	Haiti accepts recommendations regarding gender-based violence (p.9)
Fanm Ayisyen Pap Kase: Respecting the right to health of Haitian Women and Girls	Lisa Davis and Blaine Bookey	sexual violence; right to health; post-disaster	2011	
Toward Effective Access to Justice: Eliminating the Medical Certificate Requirement in Rape Prosecutions	S. Lankenau Hastings Law Journal	Discussion of access to justice for sexual assault victims in Haiti	2013	More process and analysis – academic journal article
2013 Trafficking in Persons Report - Haiti	United States Department of State	Who is at risk?; prosecution; recommendations; prevention	19 June 2013	
Another UN Soldier Accused of Rape in Haiti	Centre for Economic and Policy Research	Talks about a case of a UN Soldier sexually assaulting a female Haitian	Sept 2013	Shows that women are vulnerable to even those there to “help” the Haitian community
World Report 2014 - Haiti, 21 January 2014	Human Rights Watch		2014	
Combatting Gender Based Violence in Haiti's Displacement Camps	International Affairs Review		Spring 2012	PDF available at the bottom of the web page

<p>Doublement Touchées: Des femmes s'élèvent contre les violences sexuelles dans les camps haitiens</p>	<p>Amnesty International</p>	<p>sexual violence; life in camps; gender; protection; recommendations</p>	<p>10/11/2013</p>	<p>French; Notes and research available</p>
<p>Sexual violence in Haiti's IDP Camps: Results on house hold survey</p>	<p>Center for Human Rights and Global Justice- NYU Law School</p>	<p>Sexual Violence; IDP Camps</p>	<p>11/03/2013</p>	
<p>Haiti Moves to Tighten Laws on Sexual Violence</p>	<p>Inter Pres Services/ News Agency</p>	<p>Discusses possible major reforms to Haiti's penal code to make it easier for victims of rape to prosecute their attackers</p>	<p>7/3/2013</p>	<p>Shows that Haitian government is taking steps to improve the gender based violence situation (in particular sexual assault). Recommended reform is not yet implemented but this source shows that even the Haitian government is aware of the problems and the difficulties in making a change.</p>
<p>Fathers' club addresses violence against women in Haiti</p>	<p>Anastasia Moloney Thomson Reuters Foundation</p>	<p>Discusses changes in people's attitudes, laws, and treatment of women</p>	<p>2013</p>	<p>Community changes- Grassroots reform</p>
<p>Women in post-earthquake Haiti: moving beyond survival</p>	<p>YIFAT SUSSKIND Open Democracy</p>	<p>Discusses legal reforms and how women are moving on after sexual abuse and violence. Also, mentions how to bring rights home (to Haiti)</p>	<p>May 2013</p>	
<p>Unsafe Abortions Haiti's Abortion Crisis</p>	<p>Miami Herald</p>	<p>Talks about the unsafe conditions in which some women are getting abortions</p>	<p>Nov 2013</p>	

The Face of Haiti's Abortion Crisis	MSN news	The country outlaws abortion but women are turning to unregulated, unsafe medical and drug procedures that have become increasingly deadly.	May 2013	Dangers in having abortion (abortion is outlawed)
Earthquake ravaged Haiti struggles to cope with long-hidden abortion health crisis	Courier Mail Australia	Unsafe medical practices because abortion is illegal in Haiti- how it affects women after the earthquake -Connected to rape victims	December 2013	

General Violence/Violence d'ordre général

Title/ Titre	Source	Summary/ Sommaire	Date	Comments/ Commentaires
Anti-government protest in Haiti turns violent	Washington Times	Anti-government protest in Haiti turned violent: police firing tear gas and counter-demonstrators throwing stones at the marchers	11/8/2013	Political violence: Short article with video. Shows political climate in Haiti
RNDDH is raising the alarm about the deteriorating security situation (Mar 2012)	National Human Rights Defense Network	Stats on general violence: murder, kidnapping for ransom, robbery, rape, fire outbreak. Reaction of Haitian authorities	March 2012	PDF press release on page with article summary (see link)