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Rape and other forms of sexual violence are widespread in Haiti and the majority of the victims are young girls. Those responsible for such crimes are rarely brought to justice.

Each year, a large number of rapes take place against the backdrop of carnival; many are committed at gunpoint and involve gangs of young men. Dozens of survivors have come forward and courageously spoken about their experiences. However, many remain reluctant to report their attackers to the police for fear of reprisals and because of the shame and stigma that survivors of sexual violence often face.

In 2006, the Haitian government agreed a National Plan to Combat Violence Against Women. This includes measures which, if implemented, could do much to help stop violence against women and girls. However, in practice, protective measures guaranteeing girls' right to live free from fear and violence remain scarce and inadequate. As a result, girls continue to be at risk of rape and other sexual violence at home and in the community.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Please sign and send this postcard to the Haitian Prime Minister, Michèle D. Pierre-Louis

Image: Girl sitting in a school yard in rural Haiti. © Amnesty International

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern at the levels of sexual violence perpetrated against girls in Haiti, particularly during the carnival period. While the true extent of sexual violence against girls is not known, every year, in Port-au-Prince alone, dozens of girls report being raped at gunpoint by groups of young men.

I therefore urge you, with the support of other members of the Haitian government and the international community, to implement all necessary measures to prevent rape and protect girls' right to live free from violence.

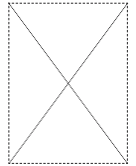
I also urge you and other members of the Haitian government to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that the victims receive adequate support and reparation.

Yours respectfully,

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