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Haiti: Sexual violence after the earthquake

On Thursday 6 January 2011 00:01 GMT, Amnesty International will launch an in-depth report looking at the increase in sexual violence in Haiti over the past year.

The report, *Aftershock: Women speak out against sexual violence in Haiti's camps*, looks at the continued failure to protect women and girls living in the makeshift camps from the risk of rape and sexual assault.

Survivors of sexual violence, already struggling to come to terms with the trauma of losing their loved ones, homes and livelihoods in the earthquake, lack access to medical care and have little prospect of seeing their attackers brought to justice.

Over 50 women and girls shared their stories of what life is like in Haiti's tent cities and their demand for the violence to stop.

Gerardo Ducos, Amnesty International's Haiti specialist will be available for interview. He travelled to Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake, where he led the research on sexual and gender-based violence in the camps. Gerardo will be in Haiti for the first anniversary of the earthquake.

For further information and to obtain an embargoed copy of the report and other media materials please contact:

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