Factsheet: Haiti
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### DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to their 2012 report, UNICEF was involved in providing technical support in the development of a Haitian draft youth policy, which is not publicly available. UN defines youth as aged 15-24 years, however it is unclear what definition is utilised in the draft policy.

#### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: UNSD, ILGA

### SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

- **Youth Development Index:** 0.41 (139 out of 170 countries)
- **Literacy Rates:** 82.07% (Male 15-24: 82.55%, Female 15-24: 81.58%)
- **Net Enrolment Rate:** Secondary School: --

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme, UNESCO

#### LITERACY RATES

- **Both sexes:** 82.07%
  - Male (15-24): 82.55%
  - Female (15-24): 81.58%

Source: UNESCO

#### NET ENROLMENT RATE

- **Secondary School:** --

Source: UNESCO

#### PREVALENCE OF HIV

- **0.6%** (Male 15-24 %)
- **0.9%** (Female 15-24 %)

Source: World Bank

#### TOBACCO USE

- **23.20%** (Male 15-24 %)
- **21.70%** (Female 15-24 %)

Source: WHO

### POLICY & LEGISLATION

The UNICEF report, Children of Haiti: Two Years After (2012), chronicles UNICEF’s activities in the years following the 2010 Haitian earthquake. UNICEF describes its role in providing technical support for the development of a National Youth Policy, National Sport Policy and National Civil Action Youth Policy which were launched by the government in 2011, “providing a foundation for the integration of youth and adolescent rights in national policies.” However, no policy could be located online and it is assumed that it is still in its draft stages.

Haiti’s 2010-2015 Operational Plan to rebuild its education system addresses issues existing prior to the earthquake (ex. accessibility, quality) as well as after (ex. destruction of academic infrastructure, displaced youth out of the school system).

### YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment

Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

### BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Youth, Sport and Civic Action is the governmental body responsible for youth. As described in the Projected Finance Bill for 2013-2014, the responsibilities of the ministry include develop, coordinate and supervise sporting activities, promote community life and youth leadership, and support the training of sport administrators. Its objectives for 2013-2014 are mainly carried on sport, however youth objectives include fighting against the use of narcotic drugs, improving national standards on employment and promoting citizenship and patriotism among youth.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

As described in the 2012 UNICEF report, the National Youth Council of Haiti (CNJH) represents over 16 youth organisations and was formed with the assistance of UNICEF. The National Youth Council was a member of the Haitian Coalition for the International Year of Volunteers (COHAMI), according to United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in Haiti newsletter from December 2011. The coalition was supported by UNV in Haiti and the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Civic Action. CNJH has no online presence.

BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the 2012 budget, the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Civic Action spent HTG 511.0 million (USD 12.9 million) for the fiscal year of October through September 2012. It is unclear what proportion of this amount is spent specifically on youth. The World Bank lists no data on public spending on education in Haiti since 2000.