



COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR FOREIGN POLICY

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE



Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you on behalf of the Country Indicators for Foreign Policy (CIFP) research project, based at Carleton University in Ottawa. CIFP has been tasked by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to undertake a series of detailed case studies of governance and democratic processes in Canadian development partners around the world; Haiti is one of the four countries included in the study. The overall goal of the project is to gain a better understanding of how governance and democratic processes affect issues of development and political security in the country, and to build analytical tools allowing the incorporation of such insights into government development policy and programming.

As part of that effort, we are conducting consultations with a variety of subject and regional experts for each country. Given your extensive knowledge and experience in the areas under study, we invite you to participate in this consultation process, and fill out the enclosed survey. We expect the survey to take between 30 and 60 minutes to fill out. Survey results will be compiled by CIFP researchers and will be used as anonymous contributions to a report on governance and democratic processes in Haiti.

All participants will be provided with an electronic version of the final public report produced by CIFP, and will be credited in the text for their contributions as survey participants; however, should the participant wish not to be publicly recognized for their contribution, CIFP will honour the request and treat the contribution as anonymous. No financial remuneration is available to survey participants.

To preserve participants' anonymity, no names will be applied to individual surveys and survey instruments will not be kept by CIFP in any particular order. Because of the survey format the researcher will have some knowledge of individual responses; however, any such knowledge will be kept strictly confidential. While the survey does include questions regarding the respondents' age, sex, occupation, and nationality, responses to these questions will only be used internally by CIFP, and will not be included in CIFP's final report. CIFP's final report will only use aggregate responses, and no individual participant will be linked in any way with any individual survey or response. Unless they wish their participation to remain unattributed, participants will be listed by name and professional affiliation in CIFP's final report for the purpose of crediting their contributions; however, participants may opt to have their names withheld from any such list.

Your participation in this survey consultation is most appreciated. Please complete the form and return it to the address below; please also forward this document to anyone in your organization who may be interested and able to take part in the survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey or the broader project, they may be directed to me at cifp@carleton.ca or to the CIFP's lead country analyst, Sonia Bouffard. Her e-mail is sonia_b22@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Respondent Information	
	Name (optional)
	E-mail (optional)
	Age
	Gender
	Area of residence
	Nationality
	If other, please specify
	Occupation (please type in)

I understand the terms above, and give CIFP my consent to use the information gathered by means of the 2007 Governance Consultation to prepare a report on governance in Haiti, and to prepare other articles and reports on similar subjects in the future with the conditions above continuing to apply.

Check box to indicate acceptance:

Section A: Authority

1.1 How is real and effective political power in the country distributed between the following institutions? *(Rate each institution's share of power in Haiti out of a total of 100. Please ensure that the TOTAL is equal to 100.)*

	Executive
	Legislature
	Gangs and militias
	Judiciary
	Traditional and local authorities (e.g. mayors, village councils)
	Foreign donors
	Private corporations
100	TOTAL

The following sections contain questions with scales from 1-5. For each question, please indicate your level of agreement with the question or statement. You may choose any number from 1-5, with 1 meaning 'not at all'/'strongly disagree', and 5 meaning 'completely'/'strongly agree'. You may also select 'don't know'/'not applicable'. Some questions will also ask whether the situation has improved or deteriorated over a given period of time. Such questions also use a 5 point scale, with 1 indicating 'much worse/deteriorated', and 5 indicating 'much better/improved'. A 3 indicates 'unchanged/status quo'. At regular intervals, the survey will also ask you to explain your answers in the previous section. Please do so by typing in answers in the space provided.

1.2 Civilians have real and effective control over the police.

1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		Don't Know/ N. A.

1.3 The government has political control over all parts of the state's territory.

1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		Don't Know/ N. A.

1.4 In the last year, has security in urban areas improved or worsened?

1	2	3	4	5	
Worse / Deteriorated		Status quo		Better/ Improved	Don't Know/ N. A.

1.5 In the last year, has security in rural areas improved or worsened?

1	2	3	4	5	
Worse / Deteriorated		Status quo		Better/ Improved	Don't Know/ N. A.

1.6 Please explain your answers.

Section B: Capacity and Performance

2.1 Does the executive branch ensure the effective implementation of laws?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

2.2 Does the executive branch competently manage the day-to-day affairs of the country?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

2.3 Has the competency of the executive branch improved or deteriorated in the last year?

1 2 3 4 5
Worse / Status Better/ Don't Know/
Deteriorated quo Improved N. A.

2.4 Please explain your answers.

3.1 Does the legislative branch independently enact laws?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

3.2 Does the legislative branch represent the will of its voting constituents?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

3.3 Does the legislative branch ensure that other government institutions are held accountable for their actions through monitoring and enforcement of legislation and regulations?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

3.4 Please explain your answers.

4.1 Do the police effectively ensure the security of the country and its citizens?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

4.2 Do the police respect their role relative to other branches of government?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

4.3 Has police performance improved or worsened in the last year?

1 2 3 4 5
Worse / Status Better/ Don't Know/
Deteriorated quo Improved N. A.

4.4 Please explain your answers.

5.1 Does the judicial system interpret the law independently and in good faith?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

5.2 Does the judicial system apply the law to all citizens equally?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

5.3 Does the judicial system offer access to all citizens?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

5.4 Has the performance of the judicial system improved or worsened in the last year?

1 2 3 4 5
Worse / Status Better/ Don't Know/
Deteriorated quo Improved N. A.

5.5 Please explain your answers.

6.1 Does the civil service effectively and efficiently carry out government orders?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

6.2 Does the civil service have clear and responsible chains of command?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

6.3 Has the performance of the civil service improved or worsened in the last year?

1 2 3 4 5
Worse / Status Better/ Don't Know/
Deteriorated quo Improved N. A.

6.4 Please explain your answers.

7.1 Does the elected political opposition ensure the government is accountable for its actions?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

7.2 Does the elected political opposition provide a viable alternative to the government in power?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

7.3 Please explain your answers.

8. Indicate the extent to which you agree that the government successfully addresses the needs of each of the following groups:

8.1 Poor citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.2 Middle class citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.3 Wealthy citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.4 Urban citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.5 Rural citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.6 Women	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.7 Foreign donors	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.8 Domestic business	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
8.9 Foreign business	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

8.10 Please explain your answers.

11.1 In your opinion, does the legal system maintain an effective and reliable land title system?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

11.2 In your opinion, does the legal system provide an environment where business can be conducted with confidence in enforceable contracts?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

11.3 In your opinion, has the ability of the legal system to enforce contracts, land titles, and other legal documents improved or worsened in the last year?

1 2 3 4 5
Worse / Status Better/ Don't Know/
Deteriorated quo Improved N. A.

11.4 Please explain your answers.

Section C: Government Legitimacy

12. Indicate the extent to which you agree that the government successfully responds to the demands of each of the following groups:

12.1 Poor citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.2 Middle class citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.3 Wealthy citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.4 Urban citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.5 Rural citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

12.6 Women	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.7 Foreign donors	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.8 Domestic business	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
12.9 Foreign business	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

12.10 Please explain your answers.

13.1 Do the country's civil society organisations have influence in policy decisions taken by the national government?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

13.2 In your opinion, has the legitimacy of the government improved or deteriorated in the last year? In other words, have domestic and international actors become more or less willing to accept the legitimacy of the current government?

1 2 3 4 5
Worse / Status Better/ Don't Know/
Deteriorated quo Improved N. A.

13.3 Please explain your answers.

14.1 In your opinion, does the population view the government as having a legitimate right to political power?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at Completely Don't know
All N. A.

14.2 Please explain your answers.

15. In your opinion, do the activities of non-state actors supplant the government in the following areas?

15.1 Security provision	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
15.2 Infrastructure provision	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
15.3 Social service provision	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

15.4 Please explain your answers.

Do the activities of non-state actors in any of the following areas threaten government legitimacy?

15.5 Security provision	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
15.6 Infrastructure provision	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
15.7 Social service provision	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

15.8 Please explain your answers.

16. In your opinion, is the political system open to the participation of members of the following groups?

16.1 Ethnic minorities	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
16.2 Religious minorities	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
16.3 Women	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
16.4 Poor citizens	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

16.5 Please explain your answers.

17. Do the official political parties successfully articulate the political interests of all elements of the population?

1	2	3	4	5	
Not at All			Completely		Don't know N. A.

18. In your opinion, does the government approach rights and freedoms in a way that is in keeping with popular will in the following areas?

18.1 Women's rights	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
18.2 Children's rights	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
18.3 Religious freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
18.4 Political freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
18.5 Press freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

18.6 Please explain your answers.

19. In your opinion, does the government approach rights and freedoms in a way that is in keeping with international treaties and norms in the following areas?

19.1 Women's rights	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.2 Children's rights	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.3 Religious freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.4 Political freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.5 Press freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

19.6 Please explain your answers.

Over the last year, has the government's performance improved or worsened with respect to each of the following areas?

19.7 Women's rights	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.8 Children's rights	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.9 Religious freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.10 Political freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
19.11 Press freedom	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

19.12 Please explain your answers

20. In your opinion, is the government taking all reasonable actions to prevent each of the following types of human rights violations?

20.1 Torture	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.2 Extra-judicial killings	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.3 Disappearances	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.4 Arbitrary arrests	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.5 Kidnappings	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

20.6 Please explain your answers

In your opinion, has the government's ability to prevent the following types of human rights violations improved or worsened over the last year?

20.7 Torture	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.8 Extra-judicial killings	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.9 Disappearances	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.10 Arbitrary arrests	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
20.11 Kidnappings	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

20.12 Please explain your answers.

21. In your opinion, to what extent does improving respect for human rights in the country depend on the actions of the following groups?

21.1 The government	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.2 Indigenous NGOs	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.3 International NGOs	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.4 Civil society	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.5 International donors	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.6 Regional organizations such as the OAS and CARICOM	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.7 UN agencies such as UNHCR and the ICC	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.8 The private sector	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

In your opinion, are each of the following groups doing everything that can be reasonably expected of them to improve respect for human rights in the country?

21.9 The government	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.10 Indigenous NGOs	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.11 International NGOs	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.12 Civil society	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.13 International donors	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.14 Regional organizations such as the OAS and CARICOM	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.15 UN agencies such as UNHCR and the ICC	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.
21.16 The private sector	1	2	3	4	5	N.A.

21.17 Please explain your answers.

22. What do you think Canada should be doing to strengthen governance and human rights in the country? [OPEN QUESTION]

Section D: Future Directions

23.1 What do you think are the three most serious challenges facing good governance in the country for the next five years? [OPEN QUESTION]

23.2 In your opinion, what are the main constraints (if any) on the country's political structure being able to successfully meet the challenges you listed in Question 23.1, and what effects will these have? [OPEN QUESTION]

Please click the link below to submit this survey electronically. The document may also be submitted by mail to the address provided on the first page.

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