

# **Country of Origin Information and Women**

## **Case Research Guidance Notes: Country of Origin Information Resources**

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The following resources are not intended to be an exhaustive list, but a guide. RWRP accepts no responsibility for the content of external sites. Listing here is not necessarily an indication of recommendation. The Country Information Officer is available to give further guidance on locating resources for case research.

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## **1. Main Resources (which adjudicators have access to)**

### **1.1 Home Office CIPU reports**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/default.asp?pageid=88> (direct link)

The Country Information and Policy Unit publishes country assessments twice a year on the 35 countries of origin which produce the largest number of asylum seekers. They are secondary reports which draw largely from the US Department of State reports, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and UN agencies.

Use direct link above to access reports or from main Home Office page select; 'Immigration and Nationality' from left menu bar, then 'Asylum in the UK' from top menu bar, then 'Country information' from right hand menu bar.

### **1.2 US Department of State**

<http://www.state.gov/>

Produces Country Reports on Human Rights Practice once a year. Reports published cover the previous years events – so 2003 report covers events of 2002.

Select 'International Topics and Issues – Human Rights' from left hand menu bar.

### **1.3 Human Rights Watch**

[www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

Use menu bar on left-hand side of screen to search for information by country or by issue.

### **1.4 Amnesty International**

<http://www.amnesty.org>

Select 'library' from menu to search for country reports.

Amnesty uses Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) as its mandate and so its reports tend to focus more on political and civil issues than social or economic.

## **2. Other resources**

### **2.1 Ecol.net – European Country of Origin Information Network**

<http://www.ecoi.net/>

This site is dedicated to COI, it lists; reports produced by human rights organisations, governments and news agencies, maps and statistical data, and information on national laws.

## 2.2 Asylumlaw.org

<http://www.asylumlaw.org/>

This is a US based site. It has a 'super search' facility which allows you to search up to 15 human rights databases at once. Use the 'case support' menu for COI and the 'legal tools' menu for case law

## 2.3 Electronic Immigration Network (EIN)

<http://www.ein.org.uk>

Site is aimed primarily at legal practitioners. You need to subscribe to EIN to have full access to this site. Two main facilities are a country database and a case law database – both requiring subscription. However you can search their resources database without subscription. We have a manual on how to search EIN available in the Country Information Library.

EIN and ILPA publish an on-line directory of experts, see above web link.

## 2.4 UNHCR and Refworld

[www.unhcr.ch](http://www.unhcr.ch)

Use quick find button on left of screen to select 'women'.  
Lists guidelines for protection of Refugee Women, UNHCR policy on refugee women

### Refworld

'Refworld' is the name of a collection of resources available on the web and on CD. The CD does not have the extent of information available from the web, however it does have 'semi-internal' information which is not available from web.

Refworld on the web is updated daily. Select 'Refworld' from right hand menu or 'Research/Evaluation' from left hand menu. You will be able to access databases containing either a country of origin information or legal information.

The CD will shortly be available in our Country Information Library.

### 2.4.1 UNHCR Position papers

External papers published are available from [www.ecoi.net](http://www.ecoi.net) - do an advanced search, using UNHCR as 'source'. Alternatively, news on updates and position papers will be listed in the ILPA mailing list. Papers are also listed on Swedish Refugee Advice Centre <http://www.sweref.org/content.aspx?ID=287&CatID=5&cat=news&lang=sv>

Position papers can also be accessed by writing to UNHCR;  
UNHCR  
The Office of the Representative for the United Kingdom  
Millbank Tower  
21-24 Mill bank  
London  
SW1P 4QP

Tel : 020 7828 9191  
Fax : 020 7630 5349  
Email : [gbrlo@unhcr.ch](mailto:gbrlo@unhcr.ch)

## 2.5 Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – Field Presences <http://www.unhcr.ch/html/menu2/5/field.htm>

Quarterly reports from field offices are published on this site, which detail the human rights situation, developments and concerns in countries of origin. It also lists a directory of field offices – with contact details.

## 2.6 IRIN news <http://www.irinnews.org/>

This is a UN news agency, reporting on human rights and humanitarian issues throughout the world.

## 2.7 Freedom House <http://www.freedomhouse.org/index.htm>

Freedom house publishes '*Freedom in the World*' an annual report which assesses the state of political rights and civil liberties in 192 countries and 14 related and disputed territories.

It also publishes occasional special reports and is home to the Centre for Religious Freedom, which also produces country profiles <http://www.freedomhouse.org/religion/>

## 2.8 Relief Web <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc100?OpenForm>

Reports on countries, emergencies and natural disasters by region. Lists current and archived emergencies, country profiles and health information. Has searchable database of organisations working in countries of origin. (See 'Directory of Organizations' in Professional Resources section)

## 2.9 Norwegian Refugee Council (Global IDP) <http://www.nrc.no/engindex.htm> <http://www.idpproject.org/>

The Norwegian Refugee Council runs country programmes across the world and reports on the circumstances in those countries.

The Global IDP monitors internal displacement worldwide. It receives funding from DIFID and USAID. It publishes in-depth country profiles and updates with analysis on conflict-induced internal displacement worldwide.

## **2.10 International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

<http://www.iom.int>

Offers daily news on migration issues and publishes widely on thematic and country specific issues, including trafficking and gender.

## **2.11 Crisis Web**

<http://www.crisisweb.org/home/index.cfm>

Publishes 'Crisis Watch' a monthly bulletin which tracks development in conflict situations. Produces reports and briefings on conflict situations.

## **2.12 BBC Monitoring**

<http://www.monitor.bbc.co.uk/>

BBC Monitoring supplies news, information and comment gathered from the mass media around the world. You can access news reports and country profiles – there is a subscription charge to access their database.

# **3. Gender specific sources**

## **3.1 UNIFEM worldwide sites**

<http://www.unifem.org>

Use search box in top left of screen to select UNIFEM regional sites  
List publications and information relating to the economic, political and social status of women in countries of origin.

## **3.2 CEDAW**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/index.html>

This site lists original text of the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, list of state parties, country reports (submitted to committee every four years by state parties to show work done to implement treaty obligations).

## **3.3 Center for Gender and Refugee Studies**

<http://w3.uchastings.edu/cgrs/>

Has database of summaries from gender asylum cases in US courts. You can request (free) copies of case research conducted by the Centre. (See 'Country Conditions Research').

## **3.4 Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children**

<http://www.womenscommission.org/>

Publishes reports on circumstances of refugee women and children worldwide. Produces annual reports and monthly newsletters. The commission receives UN, UK (DIFID) and US government funding.

### **3.5 Commission on the Status of Women**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/>

Lists international law and policy in relation to women e.g. CEDAW, Beijing Platform. CEDAW country reports. Lists reports of Expert Group Meetings.

### **3.6 UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences**

<http://www.unhcr.ch/women/focus-violence.html>

<http://www.unhcr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/FramePage/SRwomen?OpenDocument>

The links above will take you to statements and press releases made by the Special Rapporteur and to documents on women's rights produced by UN bodies. You can also find correspondence from governments to the UN on women's rights issues.

THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, OHCHR-UNOG, 1211 GENEVA 10, SWITZERLAND (Fax: 00 41 22 917 9006, [e-mail: csaunders.hchr@unog.ch](mailto:csaunders.hchr@unog.ch))

### **3.7 BRIDGE and Syanda**

[www.bridge.ids.ac.uk/](http://www.bridge.ids.ac.uk/)

BRIDGE was set up in 1992 as a specialised gender and development research and information service within the Institute for Development Studies, it publishes a diverse range of gender information.

Syanda is an online database of gender and development materials from across the world. The collection includes tools, case studies, policy papers and research.

### **3.8 United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

<http://www.un-instraw.org/en/>

Search the directory to find contact details of women's organisations working on a range of issues by country.

## 4. Country of Origin Information by subject

### 4.1 Armed Conflict and Women

***Terrorism Knowledge Base***

<http://www.tkb.org>

***International Crisis Group***

[www.icg.org](http://www.icg.org)

Conflict prevention NGO – site includes country reports

***International Committee of the Red Cross***

<http://www.icrc.org/eng>

Humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict; includes country operational updates

***Women, War and Peace***

<http://www.womenwarpeace.org/index.htm>

UNIFEM site containing reports relevant to women and conflict

### 4.2 Domestic Violence

***Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights***

<http://www.mnadvocates.org/>

US NGO with particular focus on women's issues and violence against women

### 4.3 Economic and Social Rights of Women

***Center for Economic and Social Rights***

<http://cesr.org/>

General rights information and country reports on 8 countries

***FAO – Food & Agriculture Organisation of the UN***

<http://www.fao.org/>

Reports on food security issues

***World Bank Group GenderStats***

<http://genderstats.worldbank.org/home.asp>

Database of gender statistics covering themes such as health, education, social & economic indicators and political participation

***World Bank***

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

'Countries' tab gives access to country reports on background issues to World Bank interventions – poverty, economy, health services etc

***Siyanda***

<http://www.siyanda.org/>

Gender and development database

***USAID***

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

'Country locator' tab gives access to country reports on background to aid programs – health, humanitarian emergencies, poverty etc.

#### **4.4 FGM**

***FORWARD (Foundation for women's health research and development)***

<http://www.forwarduk.org.uk/>

FORWARD is an international non-governmental organisation dedicated to improving the health and well-being of African women and girls wherever they reside. The site has fact sheets on types and justifications of FGM and publications.

***Rainbow***

<http://www.rainbo.org/>

RAINBO is an African led international non-governmental organisation working on issues of women's empowerment, gender, reproductive health, sexual autonomy and freedom from violence as central components of the African development agenda.

***US Department of State***

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or Female Genital Cutting (FGC): Individual Country Reports

<http://www.state.gov/g/wi/rls/rep/crfgm/>

***Tostan***

Tostan is an international, non-governmental organization based in Senegal, West Africa. Works on women's health and human rights

<http://www.tostan.org/>

***Development Support Agency***

Works to support the rights and welfare of women and girls living in England, Wales and Africa.

[www.developmentsupport.org/FGM is not an Islamic Requirement.doc](http://www.developmentsupport.org/FGM_is_not_an_Islamic_Requirement.doc)

***Metropolitan Police Service***

Project Azure

[http://cms.met.police.uk/news/policy\\_organisational\\_news\\_and\\_general\\_information/raising\\_awareness\\_concerning\\_fgm](http://cms.met.police.uk/news/policy_organisational_news_and_general_information/raising_awareness_concerning_fgm)

***British Medical Association***

[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/FGM](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/FGM)

***AFRUCA (African's Unite against Child Abuse)***

[www.afruca.org](http://www.afruca.org)

***Women at Risk***

[www.womenatrisk.org.uk/vw3.html](http://www.womenatrisk.org.uk/vw3.html)

***IRIN News (Integrated Regional Information Networks)***

Humanitarian news and analysis

<http://www.irinnews.org/IndepthMain.aspx?IndepthId=15&ReportId=62462>

## **4.5 Health and Women**

***Medecins sans Frontieres***

<http://www.msf.org>

Reports on health issues and health service provision

***International Women's Health Coalition***

<http://www.iwhc.org/index.cfm>

Women's health and rights promotion – includes resources on many women's health topics

***World Health Organisation***

<http://www.who.int/en/>

'Countries' tab gives access to information on health indicators, policy and treatments

***WHO Mental Health Atlas***

[http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/evidence/atlas/](http://www.who.int/mental_health/evidence/atlas/)

Global database of mental health service policy and provision

## 4.6 HIV and AIDs

***World Health Organisation***

<http://www.who.int/en/>

Select 'Health topic' from left hand menu bar, select 'HIV infections'. This will give you a list of related sites, fact sheets, web links and featured articles.

***Aidsmap.com***

[www.nam.org.uk](http://www.nam.org.uk)

Has an on-line database of AIDs organisations in 150 countries.

***UNAIDS***

<http://unaids.org>

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDs, can be searched on topic and country to find information on healthcare and country resources/programmes.

***Terence Higgins Trust***

<http://www.tht.org.uk/>

THT produce country bundles which outline the availability and access to treatment in countries of origin. They also document the impact of discontinuing treatment and human rights violations. Bundles are available on the following countries;

Botsawana, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, China, DRC, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

For more information contact; Jean Forman, Office Manager, Specialist Advice Unit, 0207 8310330

***Medilinks. Gateway to health information for Africa***

<http://www.medilinkz.org/HealthTopics/Diseases/AIDS/AIDS.asp>

Has a database of diseases and country of origin – statistics and information on the availability and costs of drugs and treatment.

***Women, children and HIV***

<http://www.womenchildrenhiv.org/>

Resources for prevention and treatment – 'Country Pages' contains links to country-specific reports

## 4.7 Honour Crimes

### ***SOAS/CIMEL***

[www.soas.ac.uk/honourcrimes](http://www.soas.ac.uk/honourcrimes)

The '**Honour Crimes Project**' is jointly co-ordinated by CIMEL (Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Laws) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University and INTERIGHTS (International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights). The project is an action-oriented collaborative research project on Strategies to Address 'Crimes of Honour' initiated in 1999 and co-directed by Lynn Welchman, Director, CIMEL, and Sara Hossain, former Legal Officer (South Asia) at INTERIGHTS and a barrister at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

Lists publications on honour crimes and forced marriage.

### ***Women Living Under Muslim Laws***

<http://www.wluml.org/english/index.shtml>

Women Living Under Muslim Laws is an international solidarity network that provides information, support and a collective space for women whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam.

Lists news articles and publications on honour crimes in Islamic countries.

### ***Kurdish Women Action Against Honour Killing***

<http://www.kwahk.org/index.asp>

Kurdish Women Action Against Honour Killing (KWAHK) is a network of Kurdish and non-Kurdish activists, lawyers and academic researchers.

### ***Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation***

[www.ikwro.org.uk](http://www.ikwro.org.uk)

## 4.8 Marriage

### ***UN Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages***

<http://www.unhcr.ch/html/menu3/b/63.htm>

Includes signatories and documentation on legal rights and customary practices.

## 4.9 Mental Health

### ***Medecins sans Frontieres***

<http://www.msf.org>

You can access information on the prevalence of diseases and availability of medical/treatment facilities in a country of origin by clicking on, [www.msf.be/fr/terrain/ithica\\_en.htm](http://www.msf.be/fr/terrain/ithica_en.htm).

Your request will be addressed by officers in the field. It can take between a few days to six weeks for a response.

The website lists reports on health and conflict situations, including violence against women.

***The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims***

<http://www.irct.org/usr/irct/home.nsf/>

<http://www.irct.org/usr/irct/home.nsf/unid/JREW-5JPJES> (direct link)

Site has a global directory of rehabilitation centres and programmes – use direct link.

#### **4.10 Political Rights of Women**

***CEDAW***

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm>

States own reports and UN Committee critical commentary (e.g. 'Examined at 38<sup>th</sup> Session') are listed here

***Privacy International***

<http://www.privacyinternational.org/index.shtml>

Lists information on National ID card policy, data protection and privacy laws, freedom of expression and censorship.

#### **4.11 Refugee & internally displaced women's rights**

***International Rescue Committee***

<http://www.theirc.org/>

Refugee-assisting agency with reports on situation in refugee-producing countries

***Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children***

<http://www.womenscommission.org/>

News and country reports on refugee and internally displaced women and children

#### **4.12 Reproductive Health and Rights**

***Centre for Reproductive Rights, formerly Centre for Reproductive Law and Policy***

<http://www.reproductiverights.org/>

Comprehensive report series, *Women of the World: Laws and Policies affecting their reproductive lives*, which documents national legislation and protection in practice, legal status of women and status within society. Available to download in pdf.

***International Women's Health Coalition***

<http://www.iwhc.org>

Has an online Resource Library covering women's health topics. IWHC produce fact sheets and policy documents.

***Ipas***

<http://www.ipas.org/english/>

Is a US based International NGO, with staff and programmes based in 13 different countries; Albania, Bolivia, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, South Africa, US and Vietnam. Ipas has withdrawn from USAID funding due to the Global Gag rule.

Its focus is women's reproductive rights, international health policies, adolescents and violence against women.

***Reproductive Health Outlook (RHO)***

[www.rho.org](http://www.rho.org)

Has section on Refugee Reproductive Health - <http://www.rho.org/html/refugee.htm>. Site contains information on how physical and social conditions affect the health of refugees and internally displaced populations.

Site gives overview of programmes and lessons learned. It may therefore be a useful source for those looking to verify the effectiveness of policies in practice and hindrances to successful implementation.

***Reproductive Health Response in Conflict Consortium (RHRC Consortium)***  
*formerly* Reproductive Health for Refugees Consortium

<http://www.rhrc.org/>

See 'Resources' section, then 'reports' for Reproductive Health Assessments Reports – the reports assess access to and provision of reproductive health care in countries of origin.

#### **4.13 Restrictive Social/Religious Norms**

***Women Against Fundamentalisms***

<http://waf.gn.apc.org/>

Articles and links

***Women Living Under Muslim Laws***

<http://www.wluml.org/english/index.shtml>

News and analysis on Muslim Laws and their impact on women's rights

***Center for Religious Freedom***

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=1>

Select from left-hand menu bar

#### **4.14 Sexual Orientation**

***International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission***

<http://www.iglhrc.org/site/iglhrc/>

Human rights materials on sexual orientation, gender identity and HIV status

***UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group***

[www.uklgig.org.uk](http://www.uklgig.org.uk)

***Amnesty UK's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Network***

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/lgbt/>

Country reports and news

#### **4.15 Sexual Violence**

***Amnesty Stop Violence Against Women Campaign***

<http://web.amnesty.org/actforwomen/index-eng>

'Resources' tabs gives access to current reports

***Human Rights Watch work on sexual violence***

<http://www.hrw.org/women/sexualviolence.html>

Themed country reports

#### **4.16 Trafficking**

***ChildTrafficking.com***

<http://www.childtrafficking.com>

Childtrafficking.com is an extensive digital library of information with a worldwide focus, covering; laws and policy, source/destination countries, repatriation, rehabilitation, reintegration, migration, sex work, HIV and AIDS, research, protection and ethics, bibliographies, resources and links.

***The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)***

<http://www.catwinternational.org/about/index.php>

*U.S. based with international offices*

CATW is a non-governmental organization that promotes women's human rights. The Coalition supports campaigns, programs and projects in many different parts of the world.

The site includes information on projects, a Resource Library, links, and a Factbook on Global Sexual Exploitation compiled from media, non-governmental organization and government reports.

***UN Office on Drugs and Crime***

[http://www.unodc.org/unodc/trafficking\\_human\\_beings.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/trafficking_human_beings.html)

Includes UN Protocol and Global Programme against trafficking

***The Nexus Institute***

Multi-disciplinary think tank focusing on modern slavery in the form of human trafficking. The institute undertakes policy and practice oriented analysis, monitoring, documentation.

<http://www.nexusinstitute.net/>

***Captive Daughters***

<http://www.captivedaughters.org/>

Based in the U.S. Focuses on ending trafficking of female adolescents and children. Online links and articles.

***The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)***

<http://www.gaatw.org/>

*Based in Thailand*

GAATW is a non-governmental human rights network comprising individuals and organisations worldwide. GAATW has co-ordinated, organised and facilitated work on issues related to trafficking in women and women's labour migration in virtually every region of the world.

The site lists projects, resources, GAATW publications and links to other organisations

***Interpol***

<http://www.interpol.int/Public/THB/Women/Default.asp>

Provides general information on the effect of trafficking on countries and their surrounding environment.

***International Organization for Migration***

<http://www.focus-on-trafficking.net/inside.php?ln=en&page=about>

IOM's counter-trafficking activities focus particularly on women and children, and the protection of migrant's rights, IOM's activities include carrying out information campaigns; providing counselling services; conducting both qualitative and quantitative research on migrant trafficking; providing safe and dignified return and reintegration

assistance to the victims of trafficking; and supporting governments in their efforts to improve their legal systems and technical capacities to counter trafficking.

***Protection Project***

<http://www.protectionproject.org/main1.htm>

Lists NGO's working on trafficking by country. Select 'Resources' from left hand menu bar, then 'organizations', then 'NGO by country'.

Lists maps of trafficking routes. Select 'Maps' from left hand tool bar, then select region or country.

Lists case law and country reports, select 'legal library' from left hand menu bar

***End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography, and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes (ECPAT)***

[www.ecpat.org.uk](http://www.ecpat.org.uk)

<http://www.ecpat.org/resources/index.html>

Lists information on trafficking, sex tourism, legislation and law enforcement and web links.

***Anti-Slavery***

<http://www.antislavery.org.uk>

Lists publications and policy recommendations on trafficking. See 'Resources', then 'links' for extensive list of organisations working against trafficking.

***UNIFEM***

<http://www.womenwarpeace.org/issues/trafficking/trafficking.htm>

UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programmes and strategies that promote women's human rights, political participation and economic security. Lists Reports of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, fact sheets and links.

***University of Minnesota Centre Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA)***

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/library/traffick/>

The mission of MINCAVA is to support research, education, and access to violence related resources. The site provides links to online resources and to other organisations and lists publications.

***Stop Violence against Women (STOPVAW)***

[http://www.stopvaw.org/Trafficking\\_in\\_Women.html](http://www.stopvaw.org/Trafficking_in_Women.html)

*U.S. based*

The Stop Violence Against Women website is a forum for information, advocacy and change. Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights developed this website as a tool for

the promotion of women's human rights in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Mongolia, and the U.N. Protectorate of Kosovo. STOPVAW provides women's rights advocates with information and advocacy tools focused on ending the most endemic forms of violence against women in the region.

## **AFRICA**

### ***Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (Afruca)***

[www.afruca.org](http://www.afruca.org)

Has offices in London and Lagos. Lists country reports and publications on trafficking and child abuse.

## **ASIA**

### ***Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking (ARCPPT)***

<http://www.arcppt.org/eng/index.html>

ARCPPT is a three year Project funded by the Australian Government. Its goal is to contribute to the prevention of people trafficking in South East Asia. The Project is working in four countries: Thailand, Lao PDR, Myanmar (Burma) and Cambodia.

The site lists reports and publications.

### ***Friends of Maiti Nepal***

<http://friendsofmaitinepal.org/html/what.htm>

*U.S. based*

Friends of Maiti Nepal is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the human rights crisis of girl sex trafficking in Nepal.

### ***Human Trafficking***

[www.humantrafficking.org](http://www.humantrafficking.org)

*U.S. State Department funded.*

The purpose of this Web site is to bring Government and NGOs in the East Asia and Pacific region together to cooperate and learn from each other's experiences in their efforts to combat human trafficking. This Web site has country-specific information such as national laws and action plans and contact information on useful governmental agencies. It also has a description of NGO activities in different countries and their contact information.

## **EASTERN EUROPE**

### ***Animus Association***

<http://www.animusassociation.org/en/trafficking.html>

*Based in Bulgaria*

Animus Association Foundation is a women's non-governmental organisation created to help victims of violence. The team of the Foundation consists of clinical psychologists, psychotherapists, and social workers.

The site provides description of projects and publications.

***La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Women***

<http://free.ngo.pl/lastrada/page1.html>

*Based in Poland*

La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Women - Poland - is a non-governmental women's organization that seeks to prevent and combat the traffic of women in Poland. This program has expanded to a network of 9 independent but coordinated offices in Poland, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Belarussia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Moldova.

#### **4.17 Women in state custody**

***HRW – Monitoring prison and detention conditions around the world***

[www.hrw.org/prisons/monitors](http://www.hrw.org/prisons/monitors)

***Penal Reform International***

[www.penalreform.org](http://www.penalreform.org)

***The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)***

[http://www.penalreform.org/english/theme\\_rs.htm](http://www.penalreform.org/english/theme_rs.htm)

ACHPR's has a Special Rapporteur on Prison and Detention Conditions in Africa. For details of his mandate and country visits see above link.

***World Organisation Against Torture***

[www.omct.org](http://www.omct.org)

Includes information on violence against women both in state detention and otherwise

***Human Rights Centre for the Assistance of Prisoners***

<http://www.hrcap.org>

Monitors prison conditions in Egypt, Conducts field visits to prisons, publish reports

#### **4.18 Women's Legal Status**

***Human Rights Watch – women's status in the family and legal status***

<http://hrw.org/women/status.html>

Information on discriminatory laws

***CEDAW***

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm>

States own reports and UN Committee critical commentary (e.g. 'Examined at 38<sup>th</sup> Session') are listed here

***Hieros Gamos Women and the Law***

<http://www.hg.org/women.html>

Resources on international and national laws

#### **4.19 Locating NGOs**

***Knowledge Society – Mengos Project***

<http://www.mengos.net/events/04newsevents/egypt/hrcap.asp>

Acts as a gateway to NGOs in Middle East. Resources include a database of Middle Eastern NGO's, searchable by Name, area of focus and country.

***Relief web***

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc100?OpenForm>

Has searchable database of organisations working in countries of origin. (See 'Directory of Organizations' in Professional Resources section)

***UNIFEM worldwide sites***

<http://www.unifem.org>

Use search box in top left of screen to select UNIFEM regional sites