

A Voice from Haiti, Who We Are Further Victimizing

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[This morning I wrote about](#) how we and the French are continuing to rip off Haiti 7 months after their earthquake.

[Today I read about one woman's experiences.](#) She sounds so much like us. Getting to the human level during these kind of existential events, we always see that "they" are just like "us". I wonder if we can [think of our new Tamil visitors that way?](#)

Beyond some poignant quotes below, she finishes here piece this this, which seems like a futile hope from where we stand:

We have a lot of work to do. We need to have dialogue so we can tell the international organizations what we need, what problems we have. I'd hope that the Haitian authorities and the international community can collaborate, can have good relations to develop really useful solutions for those who have problems.

Some other disturbing elements of her piece:

Young women suffer sexual aggression because they have to bathe in public.

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There's a lot of theft, you have to watch what you have very carefully. ...Anyone can just frequent the camp, whether they live there or not

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You have to work hard not to get sick. You see children who were normal before January 12 and now you see their color has changed, they're skinnier, they have bumps all over their skin.

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You can't be walking around all day with all your belongings under your arms. You have to be able to say, "That is my place, that's where my possessions are, that's where I sleep, that's where my home is."

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