

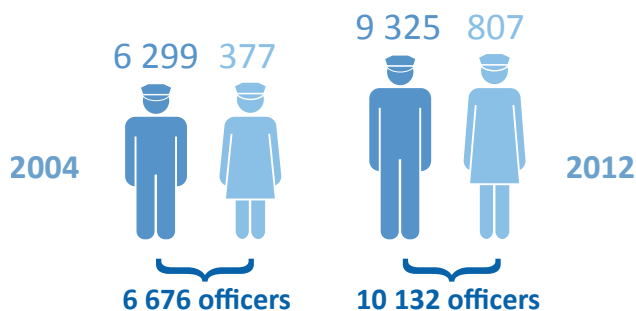


## RULE OF LAW

*Rule of law in Haiti remains a challenge, mainly due to dysfunctional institutions (justice, police and prisons). Professional police and accountable justice systems are essential to the stability of the country, and therefore to investments, economic growth and development. The United Nations supports the strengthening of rule of law through promoting democratic governance, securing the legal and physical security of the population and supporting a functioning public administration.*

### KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

#### POLICE



HNP Development Plan 2012 – 2016 approved.

480 Police officers and 20 Magistrates trained on justice for children.<sup>(1)</sup>

Creation of a National Coordination Office for Women Affairs and Gender in the HNP.

#### SECURITY:

##### UN PEACEKEEPING AT WORK

285 daily patrols of UN police

700 daily patrols of military contingents

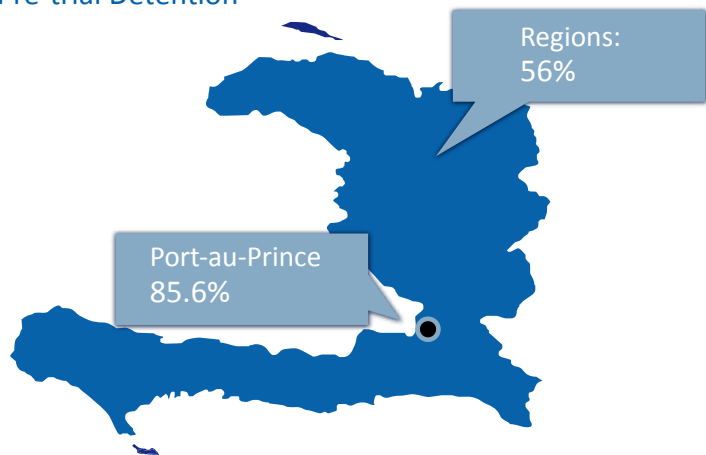
} on average throughout the country

Training on sexual and gender-based violence, human rights and criminal proceedings and investigation offered to HNP and judicial police officers. Gender focal points appointed in 20 commissariats.<sup>(2)</sup>

The Haitian Customs Surveillance service is now operational in all four land border crossings.

## CORRECTIONS

### Pre-trial Detention



Pre-trial Detention Monitoring Committees put in place in 7 jurisdictions.

New prison in Croix-des-Bouquets opened.

## JUSTICE

Superior Council of the Judiciary established and President of Cour de Cassation appointed.

16 tribunals rehabilitated or built.<sup>(3)</sup>

## CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

UN efforts will continue to bolster the performance of the police, judiciary and corrections, accompany public administration reform, and strengthen border management capacities.

Beyond reinforcing institutions and good governance, the consolidation of a culture of rule of law is essential to the protection of citizens' rights.

The establishment and proper functioning of key accountability and oversight mechanisms, such as the Superior Council of the Judiciary, General Inspectorates of the police and the judiciary, Cour de Cassation and Unit for the Fight Against Corruption, is essential.

So are genuine political stability and will to firmly root rule of law in Haiti. This is currently compounded by the fact that many draft laws are awaiting legislative decisions.

Amendments to the Constitution adopted, including provision for a Conseil Constitutionnel and a mandatory 30% minimum women in public life.

Reopening of 4 Legal Aid Offices (BAL) in Port-au-Prince.<sup>(4)</sup>

Graduation of 20 Magistrates trained in France and in Haiti with French government support.<sup>(5)</sup>

## PROTECTION

Ministry of Human Rights and the Fight Against Extreme Poverty created.

113 victims of Human Trafficking accompanied by the Brigade De Protection des Mineurs (BPM) and its partners.<sup>(6)</sup>

Organic law for the Office of the Ombudsperson promulgated in July 2012 with UN support.

Creation of spaces for the reception of survivors of gender-based violence in 5 police commissariats in Port-au-Prince.<sup>(7)</sup>



## VOICES

« I am proud of being the image of Bel Air, a neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince perceived as underprivileged and populated by bad people. I am not alone, there will be more like me to climb the ladder ».

Gary Desrosiers, deputy spokesperson of the Haitian National Police, was promoted Inspector on 12 June 2012.