

The Restavèks

restavèks: unpaid child servants living and working away from home (Smucker & Murray)

"It's modern slavery" -formal expert

15 years: the minimum working age (Haiti's Labor Code).

"Recruiters" traffick children, for financial gain, and the children lose contact with their families (ibid).

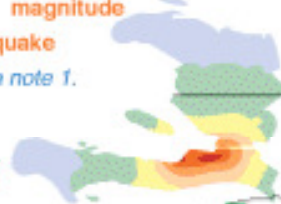


Often, Haitian children begin working at **6 years old** (Smucker, Glenn R., & Murry, Gerald F.).



"Recruiters" prey on children's hopes of going to school, to get them to willingly become restavèks (U.S. Dept of State 2012).

In 2010, Haiti suffered a **7.1 magnitude earthquake** (Supra note 1, ibid).



Restavèks suffer **physical, sexual, and psychological** abuses (U.S. Dept of State 2012).

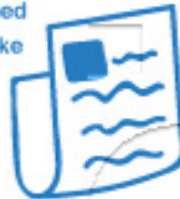
Families become poorer and more children become restavèks (US Embassy).

Current restavèks are displaced and become street children (Supra note 9).

Restavèks are considered **commodities** for use.



Days after the earthquake news stories reported that children orphaned by the earthquake were **targeted** by human trafficking.



"there are people who ask others if they can borrow their restavèks" -formal expert.

"Most [restavèks] are ill-treated and verbally abused"

-formal expert

22% of restavèks are not related to the head of household where they lived (UN HRC).



4am-6am
most restavèks start working