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1. Tell us your personal motivation, what pushes you to defend human rights:

A. The way that I notice the problem in the heart of the Haitian community, more exactly here in Martissant and Grand Ravin pushes me to enter into an organization of human rights, that is to say the situation which is evolving in Martissant and Grand Ravin. The way that we are living does not please me, the unfavorable living conditions, bad housing, malnutrition, violence, sexual and physical assault. Children in domestic servitude. I wanted a change within Martissant/Grand Ravin. This is why I want to be part of the CHRC for the defense of human rights.

2. Tell us your most pressing concerns as defender of human rights

A. For the defense of human rights the most pressing concerns are the improvement of the conditions of life, no to violence, prohibition of children who are in domestic servitude, then justice for the masses, and the lowering of the rates of crime. Let's take an example: Aug. 20, 2005 during a soccer game some policemen combined with bandits to assassinate more than 100 people; on July 7, 2006 the same network assassinated more than 45 people and burned more than 300 homes. All these events push me to defend human rights.

3. Tell us your strongest skills as defender of human rights and how you defend yourself against violence.

A- I am a mother of 5 children, 3 boys, two girls. I was in domestic servitude. I was raped. Now I am religious, catholic. I have taken many trainings on human rights. I have enriched my knowledge about conflict resolution with the Haitian Red Cross. To defend myself against violence I keep myself impartial and I know that I must hold back when it is too upsetting.

4. Tell your vision for a Haiti with rights with the CHRC model.

A- With the model of the CHRC my vision for a Haiti with rights, I have wanted the CHRC to burst on the scene in Haiti to respect human rights so that it is the CHRC that preaches about the question of the judiciary. I see a new training for the members of the CHRC, for example international seminars, going to an international congress on the rights of humans for the advancement of the CHRC in Haiti.