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**WOMEN'S ASYLUM & BATTERED IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S DOCUMENTATION  
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Below are selected resources on conditions for women worldwide available in the HRDE Library as of **October 1999**; materials on conditions for children are also available. This is by no means a complete list of our resources on women. We have several newspaper clippings and periodical articles on women from countries all over the world. For more information about our collection, please call our RLSS coordinator at (512) 476-9841.

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**General**

1. Women in the Front Line: Human Rights Violations Against Women. 1991.  
Covers violence against women primarily from the perspective of their involvement in human rights activities; includes rape as a means of political repression.
2. Rape and Sexual Abuse: Torture and Ill -Treatment of Women in Detention. Jan. 1992.  
Covers abuses against women who are legally and illegally detained.
3. *Equality by the Year 2000? Amnesty International's Recommendations for the Fourth UN World Conference on Women's Platform for Action.* Sept. 1994.
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**Amnesty International - By Country/Region**

1. *Women in Afghanistan: a Human Rights Catastrophe.* May 1995.
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4. *Women in Colombia.* Sept. 1995.
5. *India: Reports of Rape in 1993.* March 1994.
6. *Women in Indonesia and East Timor-Standing Against Repression.* December 1995.
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  - D. *Rape in Haiti: a Weapon of Terror*. July 1994.
  - E. *Untold Terror: Violence Against Women in Peru's Armed Conflict*. 1992.
  - F. *Seeking Refuge, Finding Terror: Widespread Rape of Somali Refugees in Northeastern Kenya*. Oct. 1993.
  - G. *Russia: Neither Jobs Nor Justice*. March 1995.
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  - I. *A Matter of Power: State Control of Women's Virginity in Turkey*. June 1994.
  - J. *Double Jeopardy: Police Abuse of Women in Pakistan*. 1992.
  - K. *Rape for Profit: Trafficking of Nepali Girls and Women to India's Brothels*. June 1995.
  - L. *Violence against Women in South Africa*. Nov. 1995.
  - M. *Shattered Lives: Sexual Violence during the Rwandan Genocide and its Aftermath*. Sept. 1996.
  - N. *Punishing the Victim: Rape and Mistreatment of Asian Maids in Kuwait*. Aug. 1992.
  - O. *Rape in Kashmir: a Crime of War*. May 1993.
  - P. *Hidden Victims: Women in Post-Communist Poland*. March 12, 1992.
  - Q. *Mexico: No Guarantees: Sex Discrimination in Mexico's Maquiladora Sector*. Aug. 1996
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