

General Background Country Sources

Economist Country Briefings

<http://www.economist.com/countries/>

Country Briefings offers news, country profiles, forecasts, statistics and more

Eldis Regional and Country Profiles

<http://www.eldis.org/country>

Offers materials from the Eldis database arranged by country with quick links to country briefing services on other websites.

IMF Country Reports in Full Text

<http://www.imf.org/external/country/index.htm>

INCORE Internet Country Guides

<http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/cds/countries/>

This site offers lists of Internet sources which have uniquely substantive content relating to ethnicity and/or conflict in the country/region concerned. INCORE also produces a web based Conflict Data Service (<http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/cds/>) which provides current and historical information on all major on-going conflicts.

Library of Congress Country Studies

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs>

This website contains the electronic versions of books previously published in print by the Library of Congress as part of the Country Studies/Area Handbook Series. Presently covering 101 countries, each study offers a comprehensive analysis of the country or region's historical setting, geography, society, economy, political system, foreign policy, and national security.

Portals to the World

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

Developed by the Library of Congress, this site contains selective links providing authoritative, in-depth information about the nations and other regions of the world. They are arranged by country or region with the links for each sorted into a wide range of broad categories.

SybWorld

<http://www.statesmansyearbook.com>

192 country profiles cover political parties and leaders, population, economics, climate, natural resources, military capabilities, education and legal systems, culture and communications, health and environment, and international affairs. Contains dynamic charts and tables to help users understand global issues by comparing data country-to-country.

US Department of State Country Background Notes

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

Background Notes are factual publications that contain information on all the countries of the world with which the United States has relations. They include facts on the country's land, people, history, government, political conditions, economy, and its relations with other countries and the United States.

The World Factbook 2003: <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

This is the electronic version of the print *World Factbook* published by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Refugee and Asylum Country Conditions

Amnesty International Library

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/engindex>

By indicating country or region, this site provides an accessible archive of Amnesty International reports and news releases from 1996 to date.

ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law, Country Reports

<http://www.asil.org/resource/humrts1.htm#SectionAA>

This section offers links to sites documenting human rights conditions in various countries.

U.S. Committee for Refugees: World Refugee Survey

<http://www.refugees.org/worldmap.aspx>

The *World Refugee Survey* reports on conditions for refugees and internally displaced persons in 120 countries. It consists of the most accurate and comprehensive refugee statistics available.

Global IDP Project

<http://www.internal-displacement.org/>

The country profiles in the database offer users in the field a more historical understanding of the situation of internal displacement.

Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org/countries.html>

Background briefings, press releases, country reports are available here.

International Committee of the Red Cross

<http://www.icrc.org/eng/publications>

Annual reports detailing the work of the Red Cross in various countries from 1994 to the present are available here.

LLRX's Update to Guide to Country Research for Refugee Status Determination

<http://www.llrx.com/features/rsd2.htm>

Excellent guide is intended to "supplement the legal analysis integral to refugee status determination (RSD) with a review of the mechanics of country research."

Migration Information Source

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/resources/>

The Country Resources page brings together "data on immigrants, asylum seekers, and demographics in different nations."

University of Minnesota Institute of Global Studies: Basic Country Conditions

http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/asylum/country_conditions.html

This comprehensive site offers a convenient table that organizes country reports from six sources in a user-friendly manner. Links to the six sources are [United States Department of State](#), [Amnesty International](#), [Human Rights Watch](#), the [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#), and [Write-Net](#).

This is a good place to start for documenting country condition.

Country Documentation Resources for Refugee & Asylum Cases

http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/asylum/cond_research.html

This exhaustive guide is a handy tool for locating a variety of sources from one location. This is good place to start for documenting country conditions.