



Police Abuse of Power

Police in many developing countries are under-trained, under-paid, and frequently corrupt and abusive. Such police forces frequently prey upon poor and vulnerable communities rather than protecting them. As crime grows in developing countries, economic elites buy their own protection in the form of private security forces. The dis-function of local police is a key factor undermining development and economic opportunity for the poorest of the poor.

Key resources

[Broken System: Dysfunction, Abuse, and Impunity in the Indian Police](#)

Human Rights Watch

[The Socioeconomic Impact of Pretrial Detention](#)

Open Society Foundation

[Criminal Force: Torture, Abuse, and Extrajudicial Killings by the Nigeria Police Force](#)

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[Pretrial Detention and Torture: Why Pretrial Detainees Face the Greatest Risk](#)

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