Homicide rates have declined dramatically in some countries. Intentional homicides, five countries with largest reductions in rate (per 100,000 people)

But battle-related deaths remain high because of the continuing Syrian conflict. Battle-related deaths (thousands of people)

The World Bank currently identifies 36 fragile situations globally.

A country is considered fragile if it is rated low on a formal assessment of policy and institutions or if it has hosted a peacekeeping mission in the previous three years.

Source: UNODC. WDI (VC.IHR.PSRC.P5; SP.POP.TOTL).

Source: Uppsala Conflict Data Program. WDI (VC.BTL.DETH).

This indicator is a minimum estimate: it includes only reported deaths and excludes some categories of war deaths.

People often cross borders to seek refuge from conflict and fragility, but most remain in directly neighboring countries. Only a minority travel farther afield.

Refugees, by country of origin and country of asylum/residence, mid-2017

Note: “Other countries” includes countries and territories of origin or asylum/residence with a total refugee population of less than 50,000. Population is people reported by UNHCR to be refugees or in a refugee-like situation.

A legal identity ensures basic human rights and allows participation in the formal economy. But registration at birth is often unavailable to the poor.

Completeness of birth registration, 40 countries with lowest registration in poorest quintile, most recent value in 2010–16 (%)

Corrupt public officials may make it harder for citizens and businesses to access government services.

Bribery and gifts (informal payments), 2016 (% of firms experiencing)

Note: Excludes data for most high-income countries. a. During six transactions dealing with utilities access, permits, licenses, and taxes.


Source: World Bank Enterprise Surveys. WDI (IC.FRM.BRIB.ZS; IC.FRM.CORR.ZS; IC.TAX.GIFT.ZS).
Public consultation in rule making protects the rule of law and provides a buffer against corruption.

Consolidated regulatory governance score, by country, 2016

A score of 6 means that, for a proposed regulation, a country publishes its draft text; invites and reports on public consultation; and conducts, reviews, and publicizes impact assessments.

GNI per capita, Atlas method, log scale, most recent value in 2015–16 (current US$)


Accountability also means setting, and sticking to, budgets for public expenditure.

Variation from the original approved budget expenditure, most recent value in 2007–17 (% above/below)

Effective institutions, processes, and systems of public financial management play a critical role in development and poverty reduction.