

The effect of policing & public security on diplomatic relations & peaceful dispute resolution

Effect: None (While community mediation is viewed positively and holds significant potential, police mediation is not effectively implemented for addressing conflict, diplomatic relations & peaceful dispute resolutions in East Asia & Pacific countries)

Confidence in study findings: Low (one study, low confidence)

Summary

Indonesian men often perceive the police as ineffective and potentially corrupt, leading to widespread distrust. In contrast, community mediation is viewed positively and holds significant potential for conflict resolution, diplomatic relations, and peacebuilding in East Asia and Pacific countries. However, trust in mediation is largely limited to religious leaders. Suspicion of mediation interventions and other measures that are tied to the authority of the state means that the promise of service-oriented policing reforms may not be effectively implemented.

Long summary

The intervention

The intervention refers to the perception of police intervention compared to community mediation in addressing violence among Indonesian men. It explored how mediators, including local leaders and religious figures, play a role in mitigating violence and fostering peaceful dispute resolution. The intervention encompasses pre-mediation, mediation, and post-mediation efforts, involving negotiation, reconciliation, and the reintegration of conflicting parties into the community.

How is the intervention expected to work

The specific interventions employed depend on the context of the conflict, the nature of the parties involved, and the skills and resources of the mediators. However, the overarching goal of these interventions is to shift the dynamics of the conflict from confrontation to collaboration, facilitate dialogue, and agreement building, and promote sustainable solutions that address the needs and interests of all stakeholders. For instance, the mediators could provide training on conflict management, negotiation, and communication skills. This empowers parties to address future conflicts constructively (p.135).

The evidence base

There is one qualitative study assessing the effect of **Policing & public security on diplomatic relations & peaceful dispute resolution**. The included study is by A. Demartoto, P. Nilan, A. Broom, & J. Germov (2014). *Indonesian men's contrasting perceptions of how to deal with local violence. Asian Journal of Criminology, 9, 125-142*. All references are from this study.

The evidence

Community-based mediation approach can be an effective tool to promote diplomatic relations & peaceful dispute resolutions in the region by addressing the root causes of conflict, training and building trust in religious leaders and the head of the family. However, the success of

mediation depends on several factors, including the perceived legitimacy and authority of the mediators, the willingness of all parties to engage in a participatory process, and the capacity of mediators and institutions to implement agreements and address systemic issues

Confidence assessment

Overall confidence: Low Confidence Qualitative Study (It is unclear whether the study uses an established small n approach; theoretical framework is not presented; no triangulation done; sources of potential data bias are not discussed)