The Global Justice Gap

4.5 billion are excluded from social, economic, and political opportunities that the law provides.

1.5 billion have justice problems they cannot solve.

250 million live in extreme conditions of injustice, without any meaningful legal protections.

5.1 billion people deprived of justice.

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Individual

Violence and crime, in the public sphere, at work and at home
A mother sees her son’s killer on the street every day, yet he goes unpunished.

Disputes over housing or land, or conflicts with neighbors
A family is evicted from their home and has nowhere else to go.

Family disputes, for example around divorce and inheritance
A couple’s divorce ends in a bitter fight with their children caught in the middle.

Problems at work, whether as an employee or business owner
A young woman is not promoted after she turns down a ‘romantic’ proposal from her boss.

Problems with money and debt, or consumer problems
An elderly man is harassed by debt collectors for a contract that he doesn’t remember signing.

Difficulties related to access and quality of public services
A family cannot get connected to the electricity grid without paying a bribe.

Structural

Violent conflict, insecurity, and organized crime
People don’t dare leave their homes at night because gangs control their neighborhood.

Land grabs and disputes over the exploitation of natural resources
Children are sick due to a local factory polluting a river.

Discrimination against women or against vulnerable groups
A woman cannot register her business because the law requires her husband’s permission.

Unsafe or abusive working conditions
A factory that violates building codes collapses, killing and injuring many workers.

Abuses by corporations and failures of market regulation
A company is distributing fake medicines through local clinics.

Discrimination in the provision of public services
A brother and sister are not registered for school because they belong to a minority group.

The most common justice problems