Capacities indicators on access to justice illustrate well the inherent dangers of single, imperfect indicators creating perverse incentives. Although the 'conviction rate' is often seen as a touchstone of criminal justice effectiveness, there may be ways to reformulate and improve on what is currently measured. For example, only those convictions that are based on due process should contribute to the recognition of stronger judicial capacity. Similarly, rather than looking simply at convictions per recorded crime, a focus on the ratio of defendants convicted to the total perpetrators of crime (measurable through a carefully constructed victimisation survey) would offer due recognition both that many crimes go unrecorded and that crimes often have multiple perpetrators - the conviction of all of whom is desirable.

How often has your group been treated unfairly by the government?

source: Afrobarometer

In your opinion, how often do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?

SOURCE: Afrobarometer

In your opinion, how often do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?

SOURCE: Afrobarometer

How much do you trust courts of law?

SOURCE: Afrobarometer

Do you have confidence in the judicial system and the courts?

SOURCE: Gallup world poll

## **PERCEPTIONS**

Physical integrity rights score (composite index on levels of extrajudicial killing, disappearance, torture and political imprisonment)

SOURCE: Cingranelli-Richards (CIRI)

Criminal justice score (including effectiveness, timeliness, impartiality, corruption, due process and rights of the accused)

SOURCE: World Justice Project

Deaths in police custody

SOURCE: piloted by Vera Institute of Justice

Percentage of police complaints resolved

SOURCE: piloted by Vera Institute of Justice

Suspension or arbitrary application of the rule of law and widespread violation of human rights score

SOURCE: Fund for Peace

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Do laws, policies, and practices guarantee equal treatment of various segments of the population?

SOURCE: Freedom House - Freedom in

Conviction rate (number of defendants convicted following due process over total number of criminal perpetrators reported in victimisation surveys)

SOURCE: none known

Imperfect alternative: number of persons convicted per recorded crime or crime as measured by victimisation survey

SOURCE: UNODC/ICVS

Number of judges per violent death

SOURCE: UNODC

Judicial independence score

SOURCE: WEF-GCR/Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI)

Ability of poor people to appeal judicial decisions in serious offense cases

SOURCE: piloted by Vera Institute of Justice

Separation of powers

SOURCE: Legatum Foundation's Legatum Prosperity Index

Property rights & rule-based governance

SOURCE: World Bank CPIA

