

## **The Impact of Community Policing on Citizens' Response to COVID-19**

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**Sector(s):** Crime, Violence, and Conflict, Political Economy and Governance

**Fieldwork:** Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

**Location:** Rural Uganda

**Sample:** 3,400 villagers from 13 districts

**Initiative(s):** Crime and Violence Initiative

**Target group:** Rural population Security forces

**Outcome of interest:** Crime Trust

**Intervention type:** Policing Community policing COVID-19 response

Establishing police effectiveness and legitimacy is challenging in conflict-affected and fragile states. Yet improving trust in the police may increase civilian trust in the state more broadly. Researchers are conducting phone surveys to understand the effects of a community policing intervention on citizens' trust in the state and how that affects their willingness to comply with COVID-19 related measures in Uganda. Research is ongoing; results forthcoming.