

The background image shows a building with a window and a fence with posters. The fence is made of dark metal bars with pointed tops. Behind the fence, there are several posters or graffiti. One poster features a portrait of a man and the text 'LETCIA MOYUELA'. Another poster features a portrait of a woman and the text 'ARGENTINA SUÁREZ'. There is also some red graffiti that says 'bato' and 'nes'.

ESCR & Sustaining Peace on the Ground findings of a joint learning process

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Context Honduras:

“The neoliberal dream of some, the nightmare of many”



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Los policías son los más denunciados por violaciones de derechos humanos

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La mayor parte de las denuncias que se registran en la Fiscalía y los organismos de derechos humanos, por violaciones a derechos humanos son contra policías, de acuerdo a la información que maneja el Ministerio Público (MP).

El fiscal de derechos Humanos, Juan Carlos Griffin, explicó que "lamentablemente siguen siendo la mayor incidencia o el grupo poblacional que más se denuncia sobre estos temas es a la policía y recientemente se está denunciando a grupos militares que hacen patrullajes con la Policía Preventiva".

Explicó que también están aumentando las denuncias contra policías municipales de los distintos sectores del país.

Las violaciones van desde allanamientos de morada ilegales, abuso de autoridad, violación a los deberes de los funcionarios, detenciones ilegales, entre otras.

Refirió que es la Dirección de Investigación y Evaluación de la Carrera Policial (DIECP) es la que se encarga de

- Neoliberal model with three characteristics since the *coup d'état* in 2009
- Precarious human rights situation
 - Political & civil rights: insecurity, violence, militarization, surveillance, control
 - ESCR: poverty, lack of employment and income, inequality, discrimination (women, LGBTI)
- No protection of rights by state institutions:
 - weak institutions in the hands of the elites & criminal networks, corruption = the operating system (Chayes 2017).
 - Police and military = main perpetrators (84%)

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Defending ESCR:

“in memoriam of Berta Cáceres”

- 3 civil society organizations of learning process:
 - COPINH: indigenous resistance to hidroelectric power
 - MUCA: land conflict between palm oil industry and farmers
 - Arcoiris: LGBTI community
- 120 defenders killed since 2009 (Global Witness 2017)
- ESCR defenders: «They challenge power where it hurts»
 - Production: Control over territory and land
 - Consumption: Control over society



Conflicts, Mistrust & Polarization:

“difficult state –society relations”



- Risk of exacerbating conflicts & polarization
- Mistrust & lack of dialogue
 - With government (e.g. Law on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders)
 - With international institutions (e.g. Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)
 - Among civil society (e.g. strategies against youth violence)
- Missed opportunities to improve human rights situation

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Focus on dialogue, relations & process: “a response from a peacebuilding perspective”

- Reframing for dialogue on both sides:
 - ESCR = basic needs (the onion)
 - HR violations = root causes and symptoms of conflict
- Improving relations within civil society
 - Leveling the playing field with knowledge exchange
 - Safe spaces & trust building measures
 - Interest-based solutions
- Protect and promote processes of social & political change



Conclusions:

“towards a just & peaceful Honduras”

- ESCR defenders are at special risk, because they threaten the foundations of wealth and power of the elites
- Human rights violations and politics against ESCR defenders lead to increased mistrust, polarization and conflicts at all levels
- Peacebuilding approaches contribute to overcome these, in order to make use of opportunities to promote ESCR
- Need for knowledge exchange on ESCR & Sustaining Peace on the ground / in the local context

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