



In Focus: Community-Police Cooperation

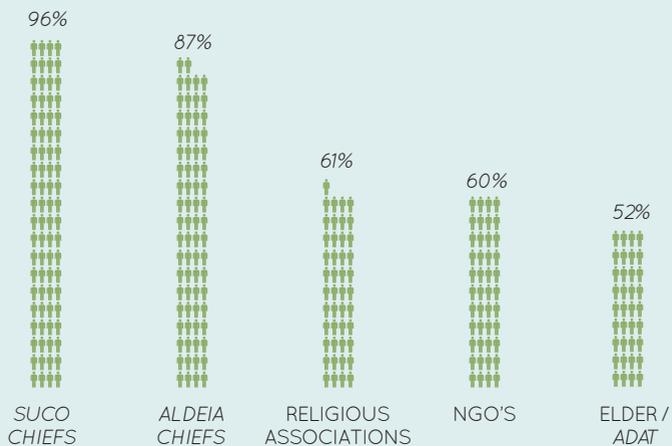
Community Leaders are engaging with community members and the PNTL to resolve community security issues.

However, over half of PNTL officers have not had any formal community police training.

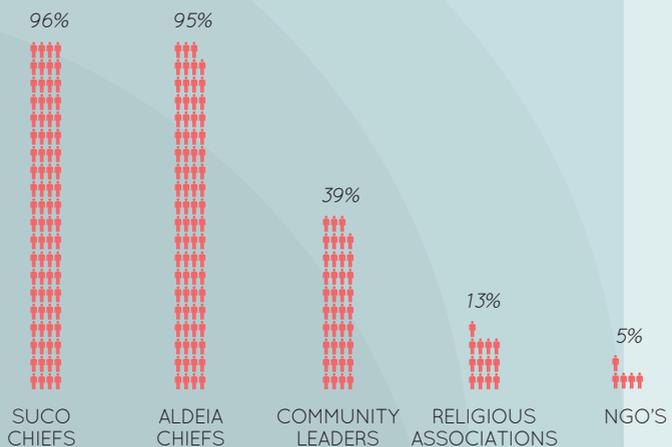
2013 Timor-Leste
Community-Police Perception Survey Brief

Perceptions of Community-Police cooperation

How active are the following groups in assisting the police fight crime in your community?



What "stakeholder" groups do you think should play a role in facilitating better dialogue and cooperation between members of the community and the police?



SUCO CHIEF ALDEIA CHIEF

Group	Support	SUCO CHIEF	ALDEIA CHIEF
PNTL	✓	96%	90%
COMMUNITY LEADERS	✓	99%	96%
GENERAL PUBLIC	✓	96%	95%

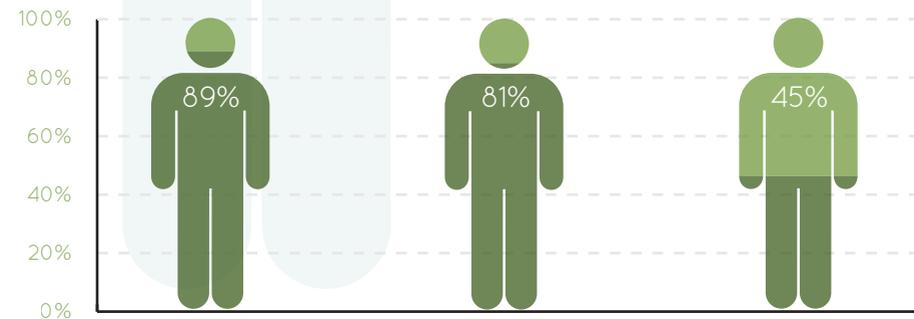
The survey finds that all three targeted respondent groups support an active role for Suco and Aldeia Chiefs in facilitating dialogue and cooperation between police forces and their host communities.

PNTL: Training and Application of Community Policing Principles

89% of the PNTL say they are familiar with the concept of "Community Policing"...

...and 81% of PNTL say that "Community Policing" principles are being applied where they work.

However, only 45% of PNTL had received ANY training in "Community Policing"



The PNTL report increased understanding and use of Community policing. However, a defined model and more specialized training are still needed.

Community-Police Perception Survey Briefs

The survey brief series was developed based on data collected for the report “A Survey of Community-Police Perceptions in Timor-Leste 2013.” Between March and May 2013, The Asia Foundation conducted the second nationwide survey of community-police perceptions in Timor-Leste interviewing 3,106 citizens across all 13 districts (general public=1,891; community leaders=467; PNTL=748).

At a 95% confidence interval, the overall margin of error for the national sample of general public respondents is 2.25%, for community leaders 3.12% and for PNTL respondents 2.78%

The 2013 survey aims to generate empirical data to establish baselines and measure change in community-police relations and perceptions of security over time. It is hoped this information will be used to provide a basis for designing and evaluating activities aimed at increasing security and stability through strengthening community-police cooperation.

The full survey can be accessed online at: www.asiafoundation.org or a hard copy can be requested from The Asia Foundation Office in Timor-Leste.

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