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Daniela Barba is the Director of Research in Access to Justice at the World Justice Project. Since joining in July 2022, she has led and engaged in research on disparities in access to justice and the political economy of justice reform, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative methods. Daniela led the conceptual development of the WJP Justice Data Graphical Reports I and II, which provide crucial insights into global justice metrics. Her current efforts focus on developing justice measurement tools and indicators for decision-makers through collaborations with the World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the Dominican Republic's Judiciary.

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