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## The Facebook Papers reveal staggering failures in the Global South | Rest of World

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When Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen was asked what motivated her to share a trove of internal company documents with 18 news organizations and researchers in India and the Middle East, her response was straightforward. "The reason I wanted to do this project is because I think the Global South is in danger," she said.

Now, the publication of the so-called "Facebook Papers" confirms what activists, journalists, and civil society organizations in the Global South have been alleging for years: that Facebook chronically underinvests in non-Western countries, leaving millions of users exposed to disinformation, hate speech, and violent content.

Over the last 72 hours, *Rest of World* combed through more than 60 pieces of reporting from the *New York Times*, CNN, *Washington Post* and the rest of the Facebook Papers consortium to offer a country-by-country view of how Facebook's repeated underinvestment around the world has helped spur hate, violence, and even armed conflict.

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