

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of the Justice System Reform Initiative of the IIJD is to alleviate poverty by dismantling systemic barriers and addressing those institutional weaknesses that create an environment of corruption, exclusion, repression and economic stagnation.

THE IIJD'S APPROACH TO REFORM

The IIJD approach to reform includes:

- Comprehensive assessments of the judiciary, police and prison systems and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms including both objective and subjective data.
- An examination of hundreds of indicators within the seven characteristics of an effective Justice institutions.
- Comprehensive opinion surveys to explore the perception of citizens about the current state of their justice system.
- A clear description of the current state of the system and explanation of the factors that contributed to their dysfunction.

IIJD's approach brings together civil society, NGOs, and government. The IIJD's Reform Process fosters a national consensus on institutional reform, addresses the tension between formal institutions and customary laws and, and allows reconciliation between citizens, ordinary people and their government institutions.

Ultimately, the IIJD recommends a framework and schedule to implement institutional, legislative, structural and educational reforms to ensure success in creating an effective, fair, open and independent justice system that reflects the values and aspirations of its commu-

"Without an independent, transparent, strong and reliable justice systems, it is impossible to provide a just and trusted environment for business, research, and human development."

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THE IJD MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote justice and provide innovative development solutions for long-lasting positive change in poor communities and developing nations.

THE JUSTICE PROGRAM Mission Statement

The IJD Justice Program addresses the need for systemic institutional change. We place special emphasis on the development of fair legal systems and the creation of transparent and independent judiciaries.



THE IJD JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM INITIATIVE

In identifying weaknesses in Justice Systems through our assessments and surveys, the IJD offers thoughtful recommendations and viable solutions for institutional strengthening and the reform of Justice Systems based on an extensive research and expertise.

The Justice System Reform Initiative strengthens justice systems to protect individual rights, advance democracy, guarantee transparency and accountability, and provide confidence and trust for all.

Two projects currently fall under this initiative:

1. The Justice System Reform Toolkit
2. The African Surveys Project

JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM TOOLKIT

The Justice System Reform Toolkit is a set of indicators designed to investigate the performance of justice systems. Justice systems are rated according to eight characteristics:

Transparency: Clear and open dissemination of information at local, regional, and national levels.

Accountability: An obligation on the part of all officials to be held responsible for their actions and to uphold standards of fair and efficient conduct.

Impartiality: Fair and equal treatment of all, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, location, financial status, education, or political affiliation.

Accessibility: Ability of residents to access the justice system regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, location, financial status, education, or political affiliation.

Efficiency: Speed and productivity of the justice system.

Predictability: Ability to expect consistent actions and standard processes within the justice system.

Legitimacy: Lawfulness and credibility that provide for a high level of trust.

Independence: The disaggregation of responsibilities and powers between the branches of government.

AFRICAN SURVEYS PROJECT

African Justice Survey: This survey of current African public opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of national justice systems reflects the everyday experiences and perceptions of people from all strata of society with diverse regional, educational and social backgrounds.

African Diaspora Justice Survey: This survey of the African Diaspora's experiences with justice systems compares the past and present state of justice systems.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The *International Justice Initiative* complements the efforts being done by the *Justice System Reform Initiative*, strengthening the international legal system, raising awareness about international legal systems, and reforming national Justice System is key to raising awareness of breaches of justice and the promotion of the rule of law around the world. An increased global awareness and investment in Justice System Reforms are instrumental to security for all and for ending impunity for the worse crimes.

This initiative works to end impunity and crimes against humanity by conducting studies and evaluations to encourage the effective implementation and development of international justice mechanisms throughout the world.

This initiative also promotes and advocates for fairness and ethical standards of behavior in international relations and trade transactions.



The IJD's goals are:

- The promotion of independent judiciaries to combat corruption, human rights abuses, and establish good governance and accountability
- The establishment of trustworthy business environments for fruitful external and internal investment.
- The modernization of courts for the efficient administration of justice and rule of law for all.
- The advancement of fair and accessible justice systems that abide by the principles of good governance according to international and national law.