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Progress on SDG 16.3

# Rule of Law & Access to Justice

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# Key Challenges

# WJP Rule of Law Index 2020

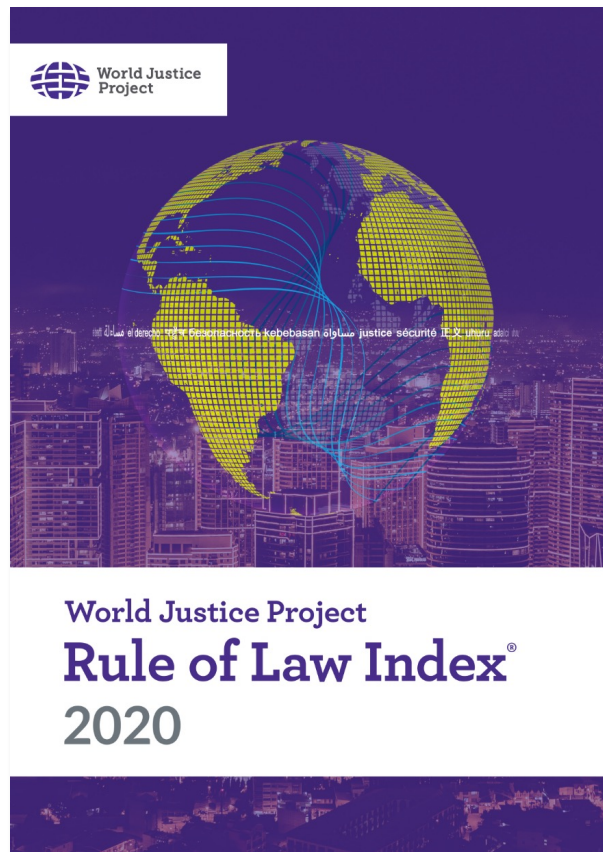
A quantitative assessment tool designed to measure adherence to the rule of law in practice.

128 countries covered

130,000+ household interviews

4,000+ experts surveyed

Over 500 variables



# Rule of Law in Decline

Scores and rankings of the 128 countries and jurisdictions included in the *WJP Rule of Law Index 2020*.

	Overall Score*	Global Rank
Denmark	0.90	1
Norway	0.89	2
Finland	0.87	3
Sweden	0.86	4
Netherlands	0.84	5
Germany	0.84	6
New Zealand	0.83	7
Austria	0.82	8
Canada	0.81	9
Estonia	0.81	10
Australia	0.80	11
Singapore	0.79	12
United Kingdom	0.79	13
Belgium	0.79	14
Japan	0.78	15
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.76	16
Republic of Korea	0.73	17
Czech Republic	0.73	18
Spain	0.73	19
France	0.73	20
United States	0.72	21
Uruguay	0.71	22
Portugal	0.70	23
Slovenia	0.69	24
Costa Rica	0.68	25
Chile	0.67	26
Italy	0.66	27
Poland	0.66	28
Barbados	0.65	29
United Arab Emirates	0.65	30
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0.64	31
Romania	0.63	32
St. Kitts and Nevis	0.63	33

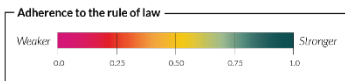
	Overall Score*	Global Rank
Antigua and Barbuda	0.63	34
Namibia	0.63	35
St. Lucia	0.62	36
Rwanda	0.62	37
Mauritius	0.61	38
Croatia	0.61	39
Greece	0.61	40
The Bahamas	0.61	41
Georgia	0.60	42
Botswana	0.60	43
Grenada	0.59	44
South Africa	0.59	45
Dominica	0.58	46
Malaysia	0.58	47
Argentina	0.58	48
Jamaica	0.57	49
Jordan	0.57	50
Ghana	0.57	51
Senegal	0.55	52
Bulgaria	0.55	53
Kosovo	0.54	54
Trinidad and Tobago	0.54	55
Tunisia	0.54	56
Mongolia	0.53	57
North Macedonia	0.53	58
Indonesia	0.53	59
Hungary	0.53	60
Nepal	0.53	61
Kazakhstan	0.52	62
Panama	0.52	63
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.52	64
Malawi	0.52	65
Sri Lanka	0.52	66
Brazil	0.52	67

	Overall Score*	Global Rank
Belarus	0.51	68
India	0.51	69
Burkina Faso	0.51	70
Thailand	0.51	71
Ukraine	0.51	72
Guyana	0.50	73
The Gambia	0.50	74
Serbia	0.50	75
Suriname	0.50	76
Colombia	0.50	77
Albania	0.50	78
Morocco	0.50	79
Peru	0.50	80
Benin	0.50	81
Moldova	0.50	82
Algeria	0.49	83
El Salvador	0.49	84

	Overall Score*	Global Rank
Vietnam	0.49	85
Ecuador	0.49	86
Kyrgyz Republic	0.48	87
China	0.48	88
Belize	0.48	89
Dominican Republic	0.48	90
Philippines	0.47	91
Uzbekistan	0.47	92
Tanzania	0.47	93
Russian Federation	0.47	94
Cote d'Ivoire	0.46	95
Lebanon	0.45	96
Zambia	0.45	97
Liberia	0.45	98
Togo	0.45	99
Sierra Leone	0.45	100

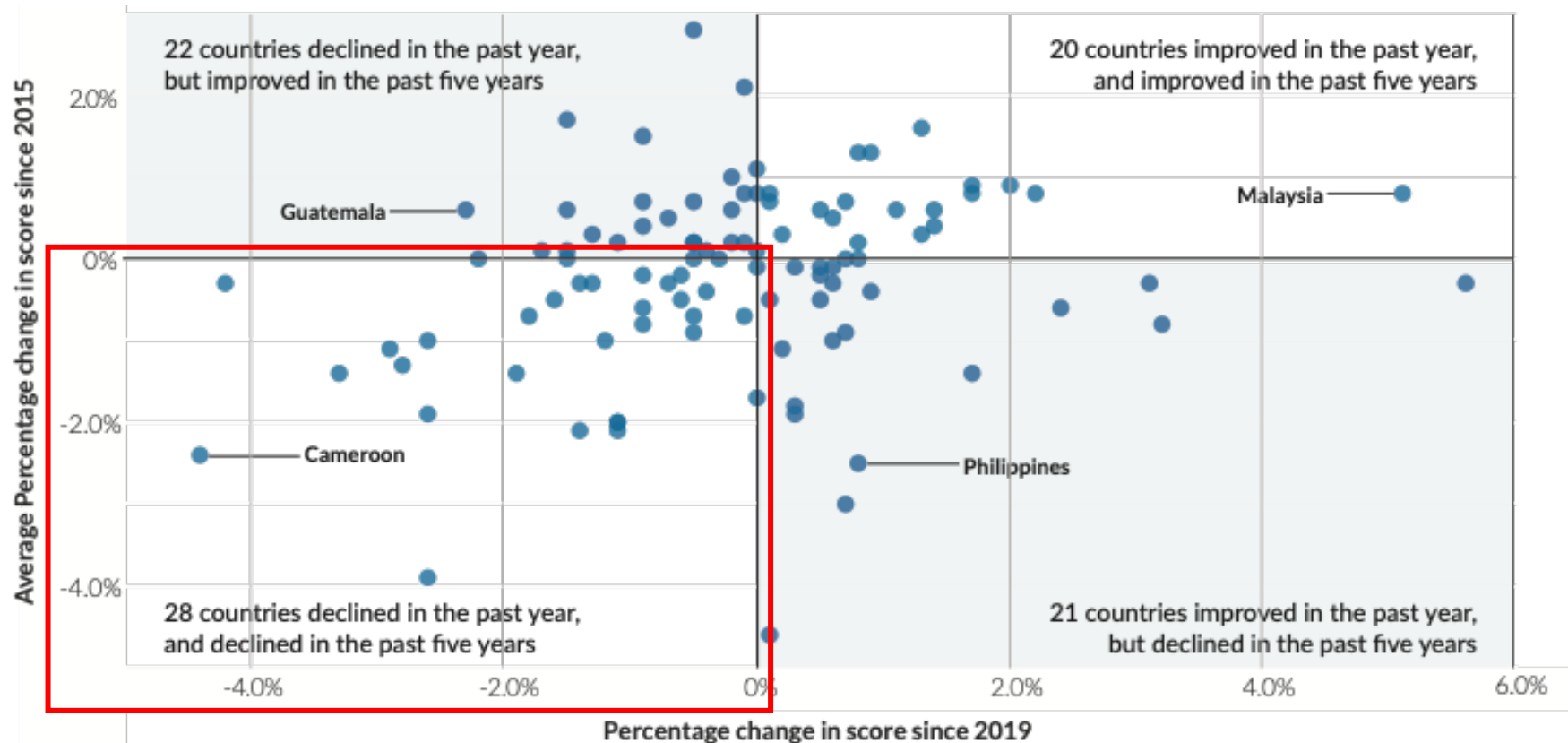
	Overall Score*	Global Rank
Guatemala	0.45	101
Kenya	0.45	102
Niger	0.45	103
Mexico	0.44	104
Madagascar	0.44	105
Mali	0.44	106
Turkey	0.43	107
Nigeria	0.43	108
Iran	0.43	109
Angola	0.43	110
Guinea	0.42	111
Myanmar	0.42	112
Mozambique	0.41	113
Ethiopia	0.41	114
Bangladesh	0.41	115
Honduras	0.40	116

	Overall Score*	Global Rank
Uganda	0.40	117
Nicaragua	0.39	118
Zimbabwe	0.39	119
Pakistan	0.39	120
Bolivia	0.38	121
Afghanistan	0.36	122
Mauritania	0.36	123
Cameroon	0.36	124
Egypt	0.36	125
Congo, Dem. Rep.	0.34	126
Cambodia	0.33	127
Venezuela, RB	0.27	128



# Rule of Law in Decline

One-year and give-year trends in rule of law



# Rule of Law in Decline

Factors of the rule of law over time



# Global Insights on Access to Justice 2019

Global legal needs survey building on the “paths to justice” tradition

100,000+ households polled in 101 countries between 2017 and 2018

Highlights the most common justice problems, resolution process, and outcomes

Methodological basis for 16.3.3 indicator



# Ubiquitous and Unmet Justice Needs

Proportion of the population that experienced a legal problem in the last two years (global average of 49%)

89%



14%



*Percentage who experienced a legal problem in the last 2 years*

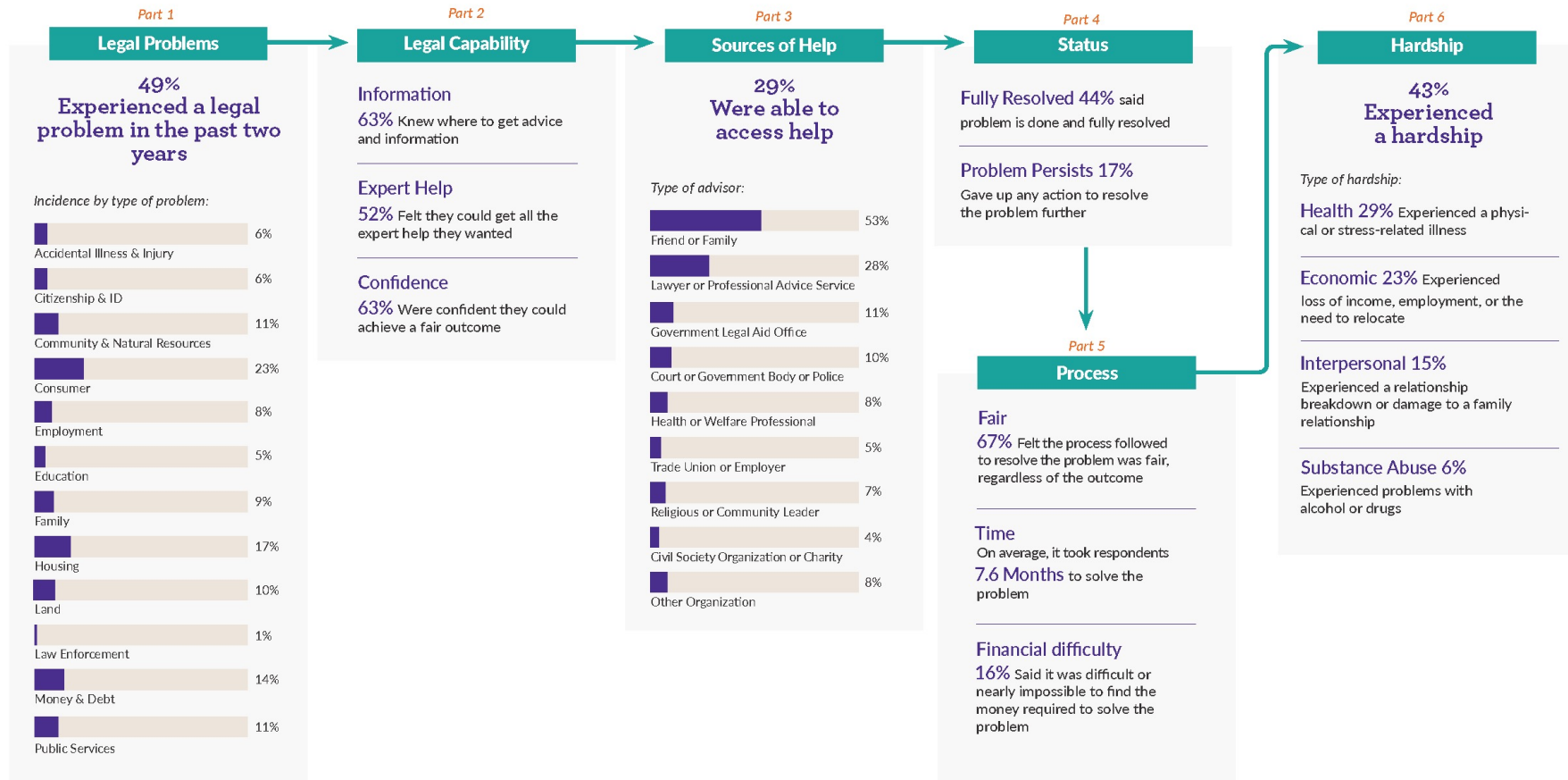
# Ubiquitous and Unmet Justice Needs

Categories of legal problems experienced in the last two years

	Accidental Illness & Injury	Citizenship & ID	Community & Natural Resources	Consumer	Employment	Education	Family	Housing	Land	Law Enforcement	Money & Debt	Public Services	% Experienced Any Legal Problem
Afghanistan	8%	9%	11%	21%	9%	6%	22%	24%	27%	2%	10%	13%	61%
Argentina	4%	3%	5%	29%	7%	5%	8%	13%	8%	1%	13%	8%	46%
Brazil	5%	3%	11%	32%	9%	10%	14%	20%	4%	1%	32%	23%	69%
Canada	9%	7%	8%	19%	12%	8%	12%	26%	8%	3%	25%	17%	52%
Congo, Dem. Rep.	3%	6%	11%	31%	7%	2%	11%	11%	14%	1%	10%	2%	60%
Global	6%	6%	11%	23%	8%	5%	9%	17%	10%	1%	14%	11%	49%
Indonesia	1%	9%	6%	9%	2%	1%	1%	7%	2%	0%	9%	5%	26%
Kenya	3%	10%	9%	21%	7%	3%	8%	12%	13%	1%	6%	5%	53%
Kyrgyzstan	5%	4%	4%	16%	5%	3%	4%	6%	7%	1%	5%	9%	27%
Lebanon	13%	11%	18%	21%	12%	8%	16%	24%	17%	4%	18%	14%	49%
Macedonia, FYR	8%	5%	8%	23%	8%	6%	6%	12%	16%	1%	18%	10%	47%
Mexico	3%	3%	10%	19%	4%	3%	7%	13%	8%	1%	8%	5%	38%
Netherlands	10%	6%	9%	20%	11%	8%	11%	26%	8%	2%	18%	16%	51%
Pakistan	6%	23%	51%	39%	3%	6%	5%	22%	5%	2%	6%	28%	82%
Philippines	2%	7%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	13%	6%	2%	11%	7%	35%
Sierra Leone	1%	4%	10%	28%	2%	1%	5%	7%	10%	0%	4%	4%	54%
South Africa	1%	2%	9%	25%	3%	2%	7%	9%	10%	0%	6%	2%	50%
Tunisia	4%	2%	12%	29%	4%	1%	5%	14%	9%	1%	6%	10%	46%
Ukraine	3%	4%	7%	23%	5%	4%	4%	9%	4%	0%	11%	10%	43%
United Kingdom	7%	2%	11%	29%	9%	5%	8%	28%	9%	1%	17%	18%	59%
United States	10%	6%	11%	30%	12%	9%	15%	31%	11%	2%	36%	14%	66%

# Ubiquitous and Unmet Justice Needs

Global view of paths to justice.



# A Broken Justice Data Ecosystem

Overreliance on administrative data from institutions

Fragmentation and lack of coordination

Infrequent and underused survey data

Underdeveloped culture of monitoring, evaluation,  
and learning

COVID: decrease in capacity and resources



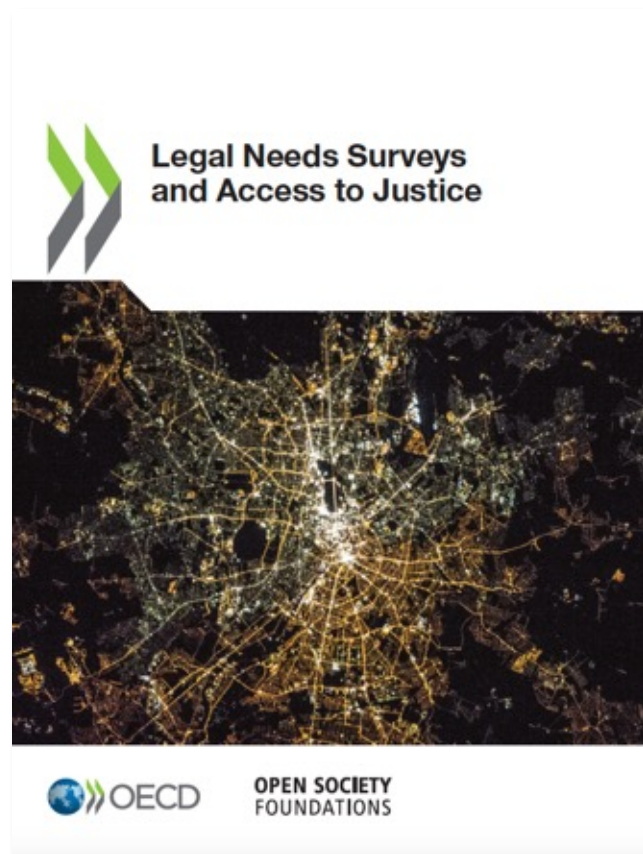
# Opportunities

# Use Partnerships to Test Methodologies & Increase Data Availability

OECD & OSJI convened NSOs, academics, and civil society to produce methodological guidance on legal needs surveys

WJP piloted standardized methodology in 60+ countries, and collected data for 100+ in two years

Methodological basis for 16.3.3 indicator proposal

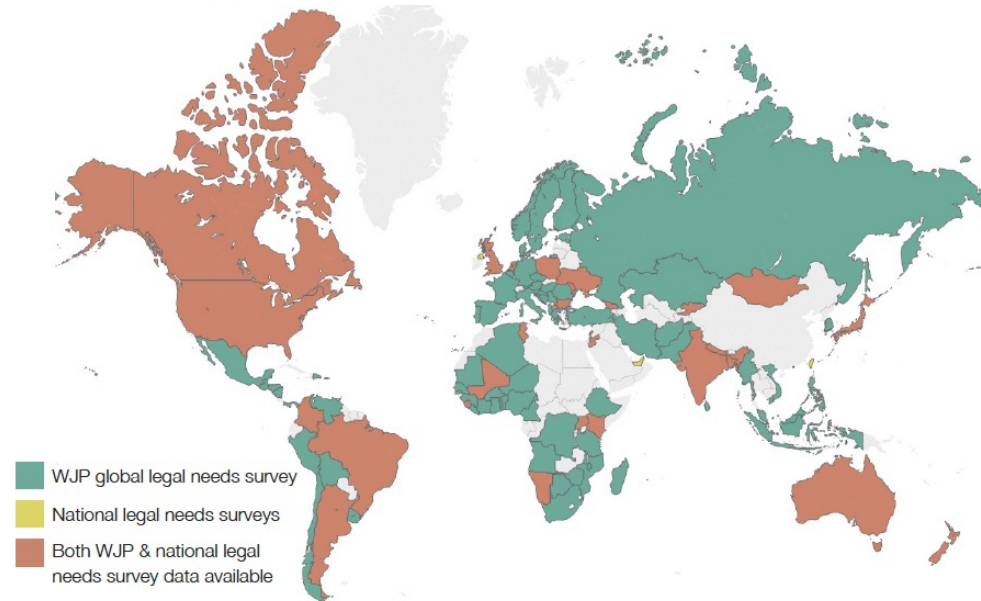


# Use Existing Data

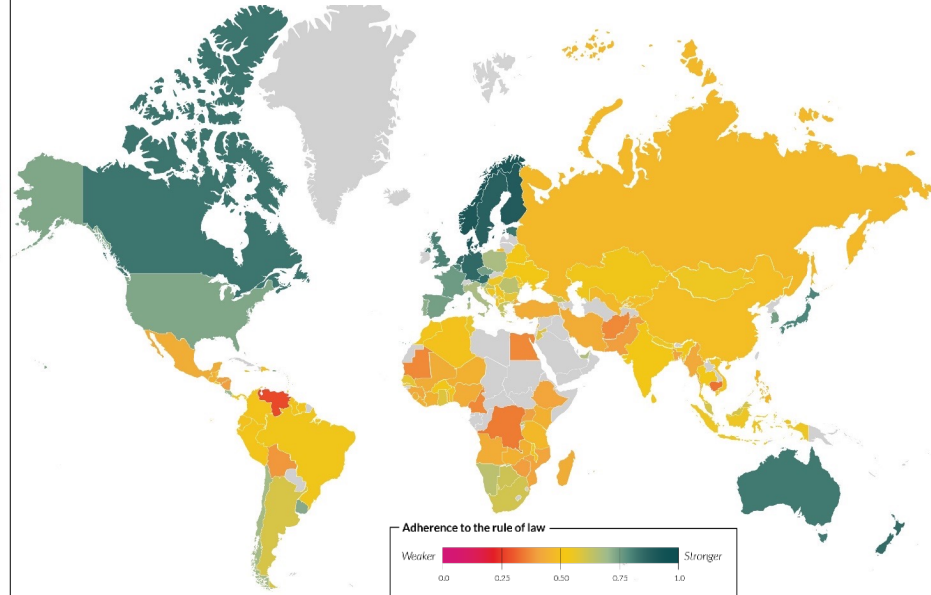
Non-official data can provide proxies until official data is available

Non-official data can measure additional dimensions of rule of law and justice, not captured in the official indicators.

Availability of Legal Needs Survey Data



Rule of Law Index Scores



# Explore Alternative Methodologies

Online surveys, Random Digit Dialing (RDD), and expert surveys are more feasible in the short- to medium term

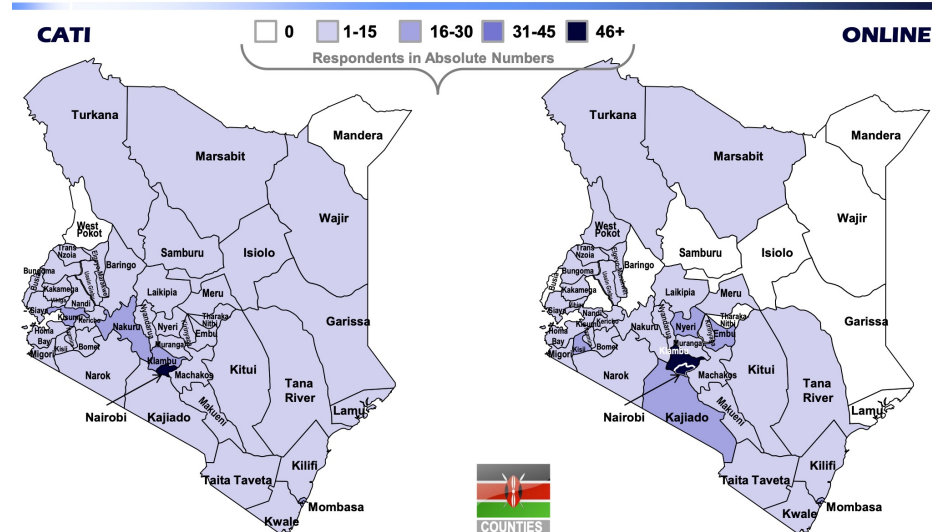
Work in partnership with non-official data producers to pilot alternatives

## Combining RDD & Online Surveys in Kenya



### Geographic Spread - Kenya

(CATI: n=504; Online: n=518)



# Key Resources

*Governance Statistics in the COVID-19 Era*

*Grasping the Justice Gap* challenge paper

UNODC, UNDP & OHCHR  
SDG16 Survey

Guide on designing & delivering  
data-driven justice services

*WJP Rule of Law Index 2021*





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# Thank You

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