



Justice Fact Sheet

OGP works to expand responsiveness, accountability and inclusion into all systems of justice. Justice is an emerging area in open government with a growing number of potentially high impact commitments.

KEY TAKEAWAYS¹

- **More than half of all commitments focus on reforms that make the legal system more open:** These include initiatives to make courts, law enforcement bodies, and corrections facilities fairer and more efficient by making their information, data, and processes more transparent.
- **Advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** OGP members can use justice commitments to help make progress towards SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).
- **Commitments can help improve justice sector inclusion:** OGP members can consider commitments that focus on opening the justice system to women and other underrepresented and vulnerable groups.
- **Justice is a popular area of focus in all regions, but is growing fastest in the Americas.**

JUSTICE COMMITMENT UPTAKE

210

justice commitments have been included in OGP action plans since 2011.

149

justice commitments have been assessed by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

61

OGP members have made justice commitments. 35 OGP members are currently implementing justice commitments.

¹ This fact sheet analyzes OGP commitment data as of March 2020.



NOTABLE COMMITMENTS

Colombia

Improving Justice Sector Information through LegalApp

In 2015, Colombia's Ministry of Justice introduced the online platform LegalApp to improve public access to information about judicial services. The app includes a directory of judicial institutions, a glossary of commonly-used legal terms, and a portal to schedule meetings at various legal offices, among other features. Since its launch, the system has had more than 4.5 million users, bringing the judiciary closer to the citizens it serves.

Indonesia

Increasing the Quantity and Quality of Legal Aid Services

In 2018, Indonesia committed to creating regulations that guarantee funding for legal aid organizations, allowing them to expand their reach to more remote and poorer communities. The government will also begin a civic education campaign to teach citizens how to identify violations of their rights and how legal aid providers can help them win justice for their grievances.

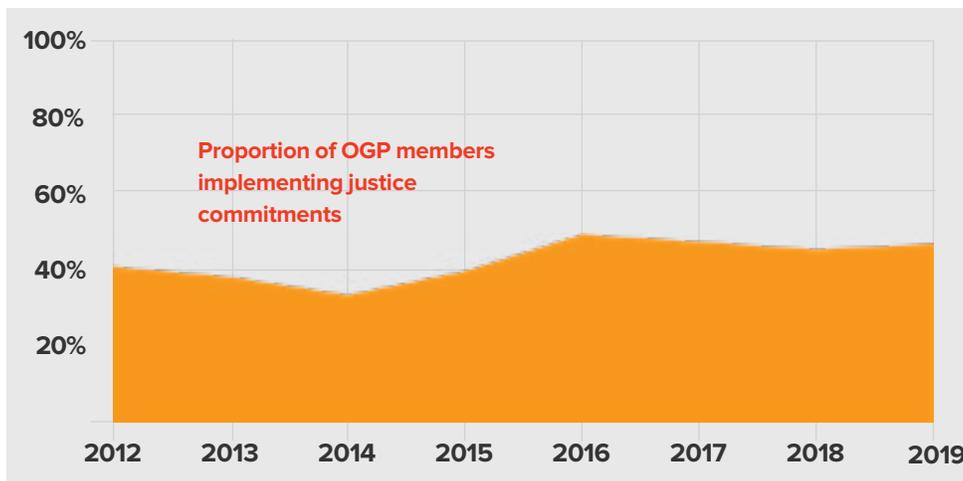
Nigeria

Ensuring Compliance of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

In 2017, Nigeria's Ministry of Justice (MOJ) led an effort to improve annual reporting of FOIA requests. Nigeria's Freedom of Information Act went into force in 2011 thanks to a collaboration among the government and civil society and enables greater access to information with strict response and reporting requirements. But so far, few government agencies have portals for citizens to log requests and staffing shortages cause delayed official responses. The MOJ seeks to ensure better compliance by conducting trainings for FOIA officers and ensuring that every agency has an online FOIA portal and proactively publishes compliant information.

JUSTICE COMMITMENT PROGRESS

Justice continues to be a relatively popular policy area in OGP.



WHAT ARE OGP MEMBERS DOING ABOUT JUSTICE?

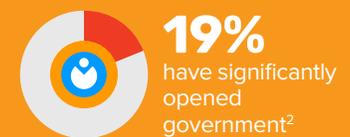
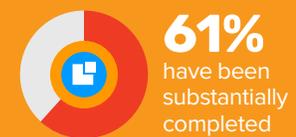
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Improving the openness of the justice system

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Strengthening legal empowerment of citizens and improving access to criminal and civil legal aid

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Using the justice system to enforce open government and ensure the rule of law

QUICK STATS ON PROGRESS

Out of all IRM-assessed justice commitments:



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² This variable measures how much government practice has changed as a result of a particular commitment. Major and outstanding scores indicate the commitment made significant improvements to government openness.

