



Justice Fact Sheet

An accessible justice system helps citizens find fair solutions to issues ranging from land disputes to the denial of public services or the failure to act on behalf of the victims of crime and violence. OGP members work to remedy past ills and protect human rights.

KEY TAKEAWAYS¹

- **Justice is a growing policy area in OGP and many commitments are highly impactful.**
- OGP members make credible justice reforms on a wide range of initiatives, from making the justice sector more transparent to empowering citizens to use the justice system to defend their rights.
- **Advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** OGP members can use justice commitments to help make progress towards SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).
- **Improve justice sector inclusion:** OGP members can consider commitments that focus on expanding access to legal assistance and judicial institutions to women and underrepresented groups.

JUSTICE COMMITMENT UPTAKE

132

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

73

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

47

OGP members have made justice commitments. 25 OGP members are currently implementing justice commitments.

¹ This fact sheet analyzes OGP commitment data as of March 2019.



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.

Argentina

Participatory Justice Reform

Argentina committed to improving citizen participation and transparency in the justice sector. To do this, the government conducted in-person and online consultations with citizens and civil society on justice sector reforms and created a justice sector open data portal. Both elements of the project have had strong results. Throughout the consultation process, nearly 20,000 individuals participated in debates about reforms to the Penal Code, which the Ministry of Justice used to improve the bill. Likewise, the Argentinian Justice Data Portal published data from 15 justice sector organizations.

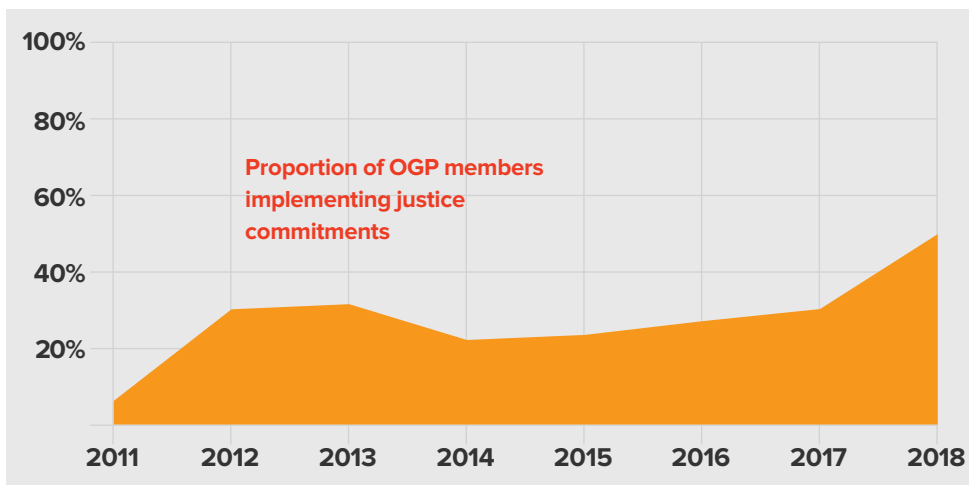
Indonesia

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.

JUSTICE COMMITMENT PROGRESS

There is renewed growth on justice in OGP since 2016.



WHAT ARE OGP MEMBERS DOING ABOUT JUSTICE?

-  Improving justice sector information
-  Strengthening legal empowerment and access to legal aid
-  Advancing Sustainable Development Goals
-  Improving access to justice for women and underrepresented groups

QUICK STATS ON PROGRESS

Out of all IRM-assessed justice commitments:



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² Exemplary commitments that have high specificity, transformative potential impact, significant completion at the time of assessment, and are relevant to OGP values.

³ 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.

