05 — JUSTICE IN 100 DAYS

# Find what can *change now.*

A programme designed to establish a justice baseline, agree practical reform priorities and set measures of progress during a government's first 100 days.



COMMITMENT · EVIDENCE · ACTION · MEASUREMENT

A — THE QUESTION IT ANSWERS

## "What justice system have you inherited, what should you change first, and how will you demonstrate progress?"

**100 days will not transform a justice system. But they can establish what needs to change and put reform on a measurable path. Developed by Governance and Justice Group (GJG) and Justice Mapping (JM), the programme brings national experts and institutions into collection, analysis and validation.**

A change of government creates a rare window for justice reform. Political authority is strongest, expectations are high, and incoming Ministers are under immediate pressure to show that commitments on the rule of law, access to justice and institutional integrity will translate into action.

Yet new governments often begin without a reliable picture of how the justice system is performing. National statistics may show how many cases enter the courts or how many people are in prison. They rarely explain where delays occur, why institutions perform differently, whether resources match demand, where citizens encounter barriers – or which reforms would produce the greatest improvement.

B — KEY QUESTIONS

01 What justice system have we inherited?

02 Where are the principal bottlenecks?

03 What can we change quickly?

04 What requires structural reform?

05 How will we demonstrate improvement during our mandate?

BUILT FROM
Justice Snapshot / Prison Audit / Court Audit, as agreed for the assignment

FOR
Incoming governments, Ministries of Justice, Justice institutions and partners

KEY OUTPUT
National Justice Snapshot

C — HOW IT WORKS

## Four phases to Day 100

DAYS 1-30

### Establish the baseline

Listen • collect • map. Agree the priority reform questions with government and justice institutions.

DAYS 31-60

### Find the bottlenecks

Analyse • compare • diagnose. Analyse performance nationally and geographically.

DAYS 61-80

### Agree what can change

Validate • prioritise • cost. Bring institutions together around a common evidence base.

DAYS 81-100

### Launch the reform baseline

Publish • commit • measure. Deliver the national Justice Snapshot.

D — WHAT YOU RECEIVE

01 **National Justice Snapshot**
A concise, evidence-based picture of the justice system at the beginning of the mandate.

02 **Action Matrix: reform priorities**
A limited number of reforms ranked by urgency, impact, feasibility and cost.

03 **100-day action programme**
Immediate administrative and operational improvements that can begin without waiting for wholesale legislative reform.

04 **Reform dashboard**
A small number of measurable indicators for Ministers and institutional leaders to track implementation.

05 **Roadmap for longer-term reform**
Structural reforms requiring sustained action during the government's term.

06 **Evidence platform**
A baseline updated through subsequent Justice Snapshots, so progress is demonstrated rather than asserted.

F — WHAT IT EXAMINES

- COURTS
- PROSECUTION
- POLICE
- PRISONS
- LEGAL AID
- ADR AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE

WHO IT IS FOR

- INCOMING GOVERNMENTS
- MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE
- JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS
- EU DELEGATIONS
- UNDP
- BILATERAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMMES

G — IN THEIR WORDS

> *"It brings together reliable information in one place so that we can identify gaps, understand priorities, and make better decisions for the future."*
>
> MINISTER OF JUSTICE, SRI LANKA
> SRI LANKA

E — WHERE IT FITS

| | NATIONAL JUSTICE REFORM | FRAGILE STATES | EU ACCESSION | INVEST-MENT | FIRST 100 DAYS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Justice Audit | ● | — | ● | ● | — |
| Justice Snapshot | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Court Audit | ● | — | ● | ● | ● |
| Prison Audit | ● | — | — | — | ● |

Justice in 100 Days can combine Justice Snapshot, Court Audit and Prison Audit, according to national priorities and the agreed scope.

H — NEXT STEP

## Planning justice reform in *the first 100 days?*

Every Audit begins with a conversation about a specific problem. Tell us about your context and we will show you what Justice in 100 Days could reveal.

START A CONVERSATION

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