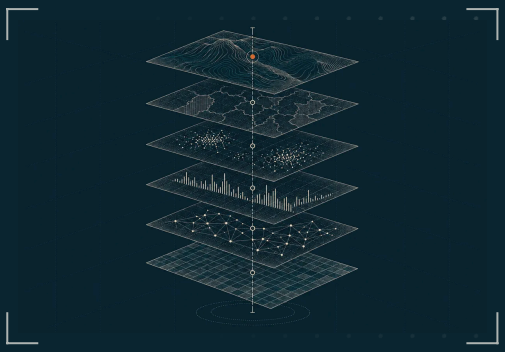
01 — JUSTICE AUDIT

See the *whole system.*

A comprehensive, evidence-led examination of how a justice system functions – from police station to prison – and what can realistically be changed.



POLICE — PROSECUTION — COURTS — PRISONS — LEGAL AID

THE WHOLE CHAIN, EXAMINED AS ONE SYSTEM

A — THE PROBLEM IT SOLVES

"We need a complete picture of how our justice system performs"

Justice systems often hold large volumes of information but relatively little integrated evidence about how the system operates as a whole. A Justice Audit consolidates institutional data, case data, resources, infrastructure, geography, practitioner knowledge and user experience into one actionable analysis.

It examines the justice chain as a system, recognising that dysfunction in one institution may be caused or amplified by another. The analysis moves in a clear line: **what should happen → what actually happens → where the system is under pressure → why → what can realistically be changed.**

The Bangladesh Justice Audit shows the approach at work. Institutional data were combined with citizen, court-user and practitioner evidence, so the justice system could be viewed nationally and by individual district. The underlying baseline data were made accessible, and data inconsistencies were explicitly identified rather than concealed.

The result is a baseline, a dataset, a diagnostic and an Action Matrix with a time-bound Roadmap, designed to be updated as reform proceeds. National experts work throughout collection, analysis and validation. The seven stages are planning, framing, collecting, interrogating, designing, validating and transferring.

B — KEY QUESTIONS

01 What should happen – and what actually happens in practice?

02 Where is the justice chain under pressure, and why?

03 Is dysfunction in one institution caused or amplified by another?

04 Do people, budgets and infrastructure match demand?

05 Where do geography, gender, age, disability or poverty affect access to justice?

06 What can realistically be changed – and in what order?

SCOPE
Whole justice chain

TIMING
Scoped to each assignment

PRODUCES
Action Matrix and time-bound Roadmap

C — HOW IT WORKS

From question to action

STEP 01

Planning and framing

Agree the questions, institutions and indicators with national partners.

STEP 02

Collecting and interrogating

Gather institutional, case-level and user data, then test and analyse it across the whole chain.

STEP 03

Designing and validating

Turn findings into prioritised actions and verify them with the institutions concerned.

STEP 04

Transferring

Hand over data, tools and skills so the baseline can be maintained nationally.

D — WHAT YOU RECEIVE

01 **Action Matrix**
The evidence assembled into a prioritised, sequenced set of actions, each linked to the institution responsible.

02 **Time-bound Roadmap**
Agreed measures of progress over time, so implementation can be monitored and success or failure seen.

03 **Baseline dataset**
Institutional and primary data, disaggregated where available by gender, age, disability and geography. Gaps and inconsistencies are recorded.

04 **Visualisation**
Maps and data visualisations showing institutional and geographical detail for the jurisdictions in scope.

05 **Local capacity**
National experts involved throughout the work, with data, tools and skills transferred to support future updates.

F — WHAT IT EXAMINES

- POLICE
- PROSECUTION
- COURTS
- PRISONS
- LEGAL AID
- ADR AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE
- CITIZEN AND COURT-USER EXPERIENCE

G — IN THEIR WORDS

> *"This is what I wanted because only when you have a complete, rather than partial, view do you understand what is going on . . ."*
>
> MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, BANGLADESH
> BANGLADESH · 2018

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 Audit is used in the National Justice Reform, EU accession and investment applications.

H — NEXT STEP

Could a Justice Audit work *in your country?*

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

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