02 — JUSTICE SNAPSHOT

Establish *the baseline.*

A rapid institutional and system baseline against which reform can be planned and measured.



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INSTITUTION BY INSTITUTION, LOCAL TO NATIONAL

A — THE PROBLEM IT SOLVES

"When we look ahead we need a clear view, when we look back we need to be honest about what we see... By looking carefully at our data we can see our strengths, our gaps and where we need to focus our efforts to improve justice services."

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A Justice Snapshot uses data that justice institutions already collect and puts them together in a way that is easy to see and understand. It shows how justice services work in practice, from local level to national level.

Its distinctive feature is its speed. Data are collected, cleaned and verified within three months. The pace of the Justice Snapshot enables prioritization of actions to inform early recovery post conflict / disaster as well as a new government's first 100 days.

The Justice Snapshot is designed to be repeated. Core indicators can be measured again at agreed intervals to show the direction and pace of change and applied to National Justice Reform, Investment and EU Accession States. National experts help collect, analyse and validate the evidence, building capacity to maintain it.

B — KEY QUESTIONS

01 Where are services needed most?

02 Where are resources insufficient?

03 What reforms should come first?

04 How do we measure progress?

05 Where are justice services located – and where are the gaps?

06 What has changed since the last Snapshot?

SCOPE
Whole justice chain, with institutional and geographical detail

TIMING
Rapid – scope and timing agreed for each assignment

PRODUCES
Action Matrix and time-bound Roadmap

C — HOW IT WORKS

From question to action

STEP 01

Establish the baseline

Collect and consolidate existing administrative data across the justice chain and identify critical gaps.

STEP 02

Map and visualise

Locate services, compare resources against demand and show variation hidden by national averages.

STEP 03

Agree priorities

Bring institutions together around a common evidence base.

STEP 04

Measure again

Repeat the core indicators to track what has changed.

D — WHAT YOU RECEIVE

01 **National Justice Snapshot**
A concise, evidence-based picture of the justice system at a fixed point in time.

02 **Service mapping**
The location of justice services mapped, combined with data visualisations showing how the system is actually working.

03 **Action Matrix**
Priorities drawn from the evidence and set out as a sequenced set of actions.

04 **Time-bound Roadmap**
Agreed indicators, targets and review dates for measuring implementation over time.

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 Snapshot sits within every application.

F — WHAT IT EXAMINES

- COURTS
- PROSECUTION
- POLICE
- PRISONS
- LEGAL AID
- ADR AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE
- LOCATION OF JUSTICE SERVICES

G — IN THEIR WORDS

> *"The combined effect is to produce a compelling, because neutral, narrative about paths people take to justice, the gaps and obstacles they face and what government can do to address them."*

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H — NEXT STEP

Could a Justice Snapshot 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 Snapshot could reveal.

START A CONVERSATION

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