OGP & THE YEAR OF JUSTICE.
INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND & CONTEXT: JUSTICE & THE OGP

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How justice has grown in OGP.

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Provisional updated findings of:


https://www.opengovpartnership.org/resources/opening-justice
More governments are using OGP’s *justice-related commitments* as starting points to implement novel ideas and workstreams in the judiciary.

Out of 3851 commitments included in OGP National Action Plans between 2011 and 2018, **128** are focused on the justice sector.
Justice-related OGP commitments

Year 2015:
- Total commitments: 1985 (1.8%)
- Justice commitments: 35 (1.8%)
- Increase: +94%

Year 2018:
- Total commitments: 3851 (+365%)
- Justice commitments: 128 (3.3%)

Graph showing the increase in total commitments and justice commitments from 2015 to 2018.
Justice-related OGP commitments

- Justice commitments per year
- Lineal (Justice commitments per year)

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Justice-related OGP commitments

Main trends

Access to justice
Open data
Women
New ongoing **justice-related commitments** included in National Action Plans during **2018**. Examples:

- **Macedonia**: two new commitments to promote access to justice to all citizens, in particular to marginalized groups.

- **Kyrgyz Republic**: open publication of judicial acts.

- **Paraguay**: seven new commitments to implement open justice in the Paraguayan judiciary.

- Open data from the MoJ (access to justice, gender, human rights, fight against corruption,...) and from judicial branch institutions.
- Includes primary data and visualizations.
THANK YOU

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HOW CIVIL SOCIETY HAS ADVANCED LEGAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH OGP IN INDONESIA

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Action Plan on Access to Justice
Issues/Problems

• Inadequate fulfillment of constitutional rights of citizens, especially on equality before the law and access to justice for the poor.
• Limited budget for national legal aid.
• Limited legal aid coverage, due to uneven distribution of OBH (56% in the capital cities; 49% in Java; and 68% of districts do not have OBH).
• The quality of legal aid services is still low.
• Low legal awareness of the community, especially the poor.
Action Plan

• Increase national (central government) legal aid budget.
• More local/regional legal aid regulations (and regional budget allocations for legal aid).
• Encourage the establishment of OBH (including lawyers and legal aid paralegals) in remote areas and high poverty levels.
• Raise awareness about the existence of legal aid services.
Solving public problems

• More and more poor people are aware and access legal aid programs, and could have good legal assistance services.
• Strengthen community legal awareness and capacity (especially the poor).
Commitments

• Number of Local regulation on legal aid in district level increase from 60 to 100 districts (out of 515 districts)
• Number of Local regulation on legal aid in provincial level increase from 13 to 21 provinces (out of 34 provinces)
• Number of legal aid provisions increase from 15K to 20K cases
• Legal aid beneficiaries’ satisfaction index increase to 50%
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Justice for all

Legal empowerment has advanced

How civil society

in Moldova

through OGP
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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
EXPERIENCE – OGP AND LEGAL EMPOWERMENT

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CONTEXT

- The Government of Moldova joined OGP platform in April 2012
- 1\textsuperscript{st} NAP – main themes:
  - Increasing public integrity
  - Improving the delivery of public services and the management of public resources
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} NAP – was part of the Governance e-Transformation vision
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} NAP – again no specific objectives related to Access to Justice
WHAT IS THE LINK BETWEEN OGP AND LEGAL EMPOWERMENT?

START THE CONVERSATION
WHAT WE DID:

▪ Face to face meetings
▪ Public events
▪ Online surveys to propose actions for NAP
▪ Negotiations with Steering Committee, Ministry of Justice and National Legal Aid Council
▪ Monitoring the decision making process
▪ Constant communication with decision makers
WE ESTABLISHED THE LINK BETWEEN OPEN GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL EMPOWERMENT
CURRENT CYCLE 2019 – 2020

- Approve by a Government’s decision on November 28, 2018
- 1st NAP that has a specific action related to access to justice and the extension of para-legal network
- Note: in Republic of Moldova the paralegal network is entirely financially supported by the National Legal Aid Council, thus increasing the number of paralegals leads directly to an increase of State’s financial responsibility
WHAT’S NEXT?

- In Moldova the *per se* existence of a strategic document unfortunately doesn’t imply automatically its implementation – it is a big WIN, but it’s not enough to make sure that the things written on paper will be realized in practice.

- We need constant monitoring and communication with the decision makers.
HOW WE USE OGP TO ADVANCE LEGAL EMPOWERMENT IN MOLDOVA

▪ Any commitment at the Government level is a Good Commitment

▪ It is a good opportunity to keep the access to justice topic on public and political agenda – if it is a National Action Plan approved by the Government – than it is an important field for the Government

▪ We can use this window to push forward with other advocacy claims related to legal empowerment field – like finalizing the institutionalization process of paralegal’s profession

▪ The NAP was used in the dialog with Ministry of Finance to increase National Legal Aid Council’s 2019 budget to extend the paralegal network with 10 additional persons
Thank you for your attention

Please let me know if you have any questions
UTILIZING OGP FOR ACTION.

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JUSTICE FOR ALL
OGP & Access to Justice

Country

Fieldbuilding

Global
### Baseline

| OGP members have included justice-related commitments in their OGP action plans. | 45 |
| justice-related commitments made till date. | 129 |
| It’s an area that is fast gaining prominence among OGP members. 20% commitments made in 2018 - a 29% from 2017. | |
| 62.5% of commitments seek to improve access to justice-sector information | |
| 10 commitments have explicitly improved access to justice for marginalized or vulnerable groups | |
| 4 commitments focus on justice for women | |
United States - Open Data Spotlights Police Bias
+ 137 law enforcement agencies released 200+ datasets that included information on stops, citations, arrests, use of force, workforce demographics, police shootings, and homicides.
+ The availability of better data has helped to change police tactics in several jurisdictions.

Indonesia - Expand legal aid
+ Create regulations that guarantee funding for legal aid organizations, allowing them to expand their reach to more remote and poorer communities.
+ Initiate a civic education campaign to teach citizens how to identify rights violations and how legal aid providers can help them win justice for their grievances.
Building a coalition of justice ministers, civil society & other leaders
OGP Summit & the Justice agenda

- Summit will be in Ottawa from May 29-31, 2019.
- Over 1,500 global influencers including officials, ministers, academia and civil society members from around the world.
- The Justice ministry will host a side event bringing together justice leaders, in addition to several sessions in the main program hosted by partners on the #JusticeForAll agenda.
Gender & Inclusion
Working with OGP to advance #JusticeForAll

**OGP ACTION PLANS**
- 50 OGP members developing Action Plans
- Engaging the judiciary
- Push on inclusive co-creation

**LINK TO GLOBAL**
- Sustainable Development Goals
- High Level Political Forum 2019
- OGP Summit

**COALITIONS FOR ACTION**
- Justice ministers
- Cross-sector linkages - women’s groups, grassroots communities, land rights, participation, more.
ANY QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU.