Effective rule of law reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices large and small. It is the foundation for communities of peace, opportunity, and equity, underpinning development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights.

Traditionally, the rule of law has been viewed as the domain of lawyers and judges. But everyday issues of safety, rights, justice, and governance affect us all; everyone is a stakeholder in the rule of law.

The World Justice Project (WJP) engages citizens and leaders from across the globe and from multiple sectors and professions to advance the rule of law. Through our complimentary programs of Research and Scholarship, the WJP Rule of Law Index®, and Engagement, WJP seeks to increase public awareness about the foundational importance of the rule of law, stimulate policy reforms, and develop practical programs at the community level.
The WJP Rule of Law Index® provides original, impartial data on how the rule of law is experienced in everyday life in 102 countries around the globe. It is the most comprehensive index of its kind. To date, more than 180,000 citizens and experts have been interviewed worldwide. Index findings have been referenced by heads of state, chief justices, business leaders, public officials, and the press, including more than 600 media outlets in over 110 countries worldwide.
2015 Launch Event

On June 2nd, the World Justice Project launched the WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 in Washington DC, presenting our newest data on how the rule of law is experienced by ordinary people in 102 countries around the globe.

The Index relies on over 100,000 household and 2,400 expert surveys to measure how the rule of law is experienced in everyday life around the world. Adherence is assessed using 47 indicators organized around eight themes: constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, and criminal justice. More than 500 variables are computed to produce these indicators for every country.

According to the 2015 Index, Denmark (Western Europe and North America), Uruguay (Latin America and the Caribbean), Botswana (Sub-Saharan Africa), New Zealand (East Asia and Pacific), Georgia (Eastern Europe and Central Asia), Sri Lanka (South Asia), and the United Arab Emirates (Middle East and North Africa) led their regions on rule of law performance.

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New data and features for the 2015 Index included:

- **New data for 2015**: Updated scores and rankings for 102 countries across 8 primary rule of law indicators and 47 sub-factors.

- **Global insights**: New insights into issues of impunity, open government, policing, and more as they are experienced and perceived by ordinary people worldwide.

- **Data app**: In-depth country data featured on a standalone site for quickly accessing, comparing, and downloading WJP Rule of Law Index data.

- **Changes over time**: Country profiles feature changes in rule of law adherence over time.

- **Additional countries**: New to the WJP Rule of Law Index - Belize, Costa Rica, and Honduras.

*Left: Chief Research Officer, Alejandro Ponce  Right: Chairman of the Board of Citizens for Justice, Margaret Sikwese*
On March 25, the World Justice Project launched the *WJP Open Government Index 2015* in Washington DC, the first effort to measure government openness based on the general public’s experiences and perceptions worldwide.

The WJP Open Government Index presents scores and rankings for 102 countries organized around four dimensions: publicized laws and government data, right to information, civic participation, and complaint mechanisms. Scoring for the Index is drawn from more than 100,000 household surveys and in-country expert questionnaires.

In addition to global, regional, and income-peer scores and rankings, the WJP Open Government Index interactive data site displays selected survey responses by country, with gender and socio-economic breakouts. An accompanying report provides global insights on the relationship between open government and other aspects of governance and development.
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Our accompanying WJP Open Government Index 2015 Report provides global insights on the relationship between open government and other aspects of governance and development. For example:

- **Awareness:** Worldwide, less than half (40%) of survey respondents know of any laws supporting their right to access government-held information.

- **Socio-Economic Status:** In 80% of countries low-income respondents are less aware than high-income households of their right to information. In 68% of countries low-income respondents are less likely to request information from the government.

- **Open Government and Gender:** In 76% of countries women are as likely as men to request information from a government agency. However, in half of all countries surveyed, women tend to be less aware than men of laws supporting their right to access government-held information.
“The universality of the rule of law cannot be overemphasized.

In the developing world, we generally have a political leadership that always looks at the rule of law as a foreign imposition from the West, without regard to the fact that the rule of law is in fact probably even more important for the developing world.”

Beatrice Mtetwa
Human Rights Lawyer
Zimbabwe

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**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**  
January, 2015

“(Hong Kong) has especially drawn business from parties in mainland China, where its judgments have a strong record of enforcement, according to HKIAC, which says that none of its rulings has been refused enforcement in the last five years.”

**FP**  
January, 2015

“When states are weak and crises emerge, resident firms inevitably fill power vacuums, for better or for worse. When states are strong, however, the role of foreign investors — for better or for worse, again — inevitably declines.”

**Forbes**  
March, 2015

“Peña Nieto’s party, the PRI, has not shown the same enthusiasm for anti-corruption initiatives as it has for economic reforms that are designed to attract investment. Mexico is now competing with countries from around the globe for energy industry investments in an environment of low oil prices.”

**The guardian**  
June, 2015

“Without progress towards stronger, more efficient institutions ... rule of law, justice and government accountability, other aspects of development cannot progress. There is growing recognition of that fact ... and there is growing awareness among governments that those issues are measurable and that they impact development goals.”

**The Economist**  
June, 2015

“The World Justice Project Rule of Law index, a new global report that ranks countries’ adherence to the rule of law, puts Botswana in the top spot for Africa. The country’s chief justice, Maruping Dibotelo (pictured at left, with President Ian Khama), was probably not surprised: the diamond-rich southern state has been regarded for decades as among the best-run on the continent.”

**The New York Times**  
June, 2015

“The Legal Services Corporation is the closest thing we have to a corps of lawyers for low-income litigants. Yet Congress has consistently underfunded it. For 2015, the corporation received less than $400 million — adjusted for inflation, roughly half its funding in the early ’80s. The result is that every year about two million citizens eligible for its help do not get served.”

**The Washington Post**  
July, 2015

“The crime rate has been decreasing steadily in recent years but the incarceration rate has not dropped at the same rate. But those trends are beginning to change. People who were incarcerated in the late 1970s during the spike in crimes and received mandatory decades-long sentences are now being released. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2009 was the first year in 31 years when prison releases exceeded admissions.”
Engagement efforts include connecting and developing a global network, organizing strategic convenings, and fostering practical, on-the-ground programs. At our biennial World Justice Forum, regional conferences, and single-country sorties, citizens and leaders come together to learn about the rule of law, build their networks, and design pragmatic solutions to local rule of law challenges. In addition, the World Justice Challenge provides seed grants to support practical, on-the-ground programs addressing discrimination, corruption, violence, and more.
Indonesia Country Sortie

In Jakarta, Indonesia, on 19-21 January, 2015 WJP brought together a wide range of stakeholders—including leaders from business, academia, civil society and government—from across Indonesia to assess current rule of law challenges and opportunities.

Discussion was focused on: quality of regulatory enforcement; why the rule of law matters to development (economic, socio-political, and human development); access to justice and dispute resolution systems; and anti-corruption. Seed grants were awarded to five pilot programs led by local organizations in Indonesia. The programs address key challenges in adherence to the rule of law in Indonesia, including judicial corruption, access to government ID, women’s inheritance and property rights, forest-related land conflicts, and paralegal assistance in remote indigenous communities.

Programs were selected for their innovative approach, as well as for potential reach and impact, among other considerations. Selected grantees will receive up to US$20,000 in seed funding as well as connections to other partners in the WJP network and increased visibility for their work.

Top: Working Sessions - Quality of Regulatory Enforcement
Grantees for the World Justice Challenge in Indonesia

**Judicial Corruption Monitoring in Indonesia through Legal Clinics**

This program will focus on monitoring judicial corruption in Jakarta, Bandung, and Surabaya by partnering with local university law clinics to conduct Street Law trainings in marginalized communities, and develop online mechanisms for complaints. This project will also produce a Judicial Corruption Monitoring Manual to capture best practices and inform community trainings.

**Documents Service**

Difficulty obtaining a national ID card is a major obstacle to civic engagement in Indonesia, hindering citizens’ ability to vote, claim social security, and enjoy other basic rights. This program will establish a volunteer civil administration network in Pontiak and West Kalimantan, and will result in a public policy plan for implementing this model at the city and district levels.

**Strengthening Balinese Women’s Inheritance Rights**

Women’s equal property and inheritance rights were denied during Dutch rule in Indonesia and were recently reinstated, though most citizens are unaware that the laws have changed. This program will raise awareness about these newly reinstated rights by engaging cultural and religious leaders, producing spot advertisements, and creating a guide book on marriage, divorce, and female inheritance.

**Strengthening the Capacity of Local Communities to Monitor Environmental Courts**

This program will address the growing number of forestry-related conflicts in Indonesia by providing training for paralegals and law enforcement, as well as trial monitoring. This project will empower civil society and farmers organizations to monitor environmental courts’ legal proceedings, and will build law enforcement officers’ capacity to handle cases of illegal logging.

**Paralegal Education for Indigenous Peoples**

To help indigenous communities in Banemo, Lelilef Sawai, and Togutil Dodaga understand and enforce their customary land rights, this program will train local paralegals—a strategy that both empowers local paralegals and reduces lengthy wait time for outside agents to arrive and resolve disputes. In addition to a series of community assessments and trainings, this program will also facilitate fieldtrips for community paralegals to visit courts, police stations, and attorneys.
Senegal Country Sortie

On March 10-12, 2015 in Dakar, the WJP hosted “The Rule of Law in Senegal.” The meeting and workshop brought together 50 leaders from business, academia, civil society, and government to assess current rule of law challenges and opportunities in Senegal.

This meeting convened a wide range of stakeholders from across the country—including engineers, religious leaders, lawyers, government, academia, etc.—to assess rule of law challenges and incubate practical solutions. To continue the momentum from these conversations and catalyze participants’ commitment to action, WJP is providing modest seed funds for the proposals with the greatest potential to advance the rule of law in Senegal.

Four new pilot programs to address key rule of law issues in Senegal—including corruption, access to information, and women and children’s rights—have been awarded seed grants through the World Justice Challenge. Programs were selected for their innovative approach, as well as for potential reach and impact, among other considerations. Selected grantees will receive up to US $15,000 in seed funding as well as connections to other partners in the WJP network and increased visibility for their work.
Grantees for the World Justice Challenge in Senegal

**Combatting Corruption: Assistance and Capacity Building Project for OFNAC**

This program seeks to build the capacity of the newly created National Office for Combatting Fraud and Corruption (OFNAC) and provide a framework for its work addressing the socio-cultural causes of corruption and creating synergies between anti-corruption actors. A Best Practices Guide for OFNAC and the Ministry of Good Governance based on internationally accepted best practices for combating corruption, will be created as part of this program adapted to the context of Senegal.

**Promoting Children's Rights and Strengthening Women's Empowerment**

Many women and children in Senegal – particularly those in rural and marginalized communities – struggle to access civil registries and lack vital records that are essential to claiming their legally guaranteed rights and benefits. This program will train local representative facilitators in the villages of Ndounème, Keur Mbaye, Mbary, Ngogom, and Sambène on vital records and access to decision-making bodies, and will develop training and registration materials.

**Strengthening Mechanisms for Public Access to Information in Senegal**

This program seeks to address poor access to information in Senegal and citizens’ lack of knowledge about their right to information and other fundamental rights. The first phase of this program will focus on creating and passing a regulatory framework for access to information (A2I) by harmonizing existing A2I texts, conducting a study on the successful implementation of A2I laws in Mozambique, and carrying out a lobbying and advocacy campaign. The second phase of this program will focus on disseminating information concerning fundamental rights and A2I laws to the general public in national languages through radio broadcasts and public fora in Kolda, Motum, and Kédougou.

**Voices of Youth**

In order to encourage youth to play an active role in the social and economic development of Senegal, this program will develop a debate curriculum and competition designed to mobilize students in creating solutions for social injustices. Social Change Factory will hold a series of 16 “boot camps” to train 500 youth on good governance, gender, and other social issues as well as public speaking skills, which they will put to use during a televised debate and contest. The program will also include an online “Campaign 2.0” with interactive activities designed to engage a larger network of youth through social media.
## Financials

### Statement of Activities

#### Revenues

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#### Expenditures

- **Program Services**
  - Research and Scholarship: 103,640
  - Rule of Law Index: 1,225,674
  - Engagement: 838,211
  - **Total Program Services**: 2,167,525

- **Supporting Services**
  - Management and General: 704,637
  - Fundraising: 155,681
  - **Total Supporting Services**: 860,318

- **Total Expenditures**: 3,027,943

- **Change in Net Assets**: 3,240,424

- **Net Assets at Beginning of Year**: 2,164,033

- **Net Assets at End of Year**: 5,404,457
## Financials
### Statement of Financial Position

#### Current Assets
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: 1,969,776
- Accounts Receivable: 86
- Grants Receivable: 585,001
- Prepaid Expenses: 23,087
**Total Current Assets**: 2,577,950

#### Fixed Assets
- 178,296

#### Other Assets
- 50,496
**Total Assets**: 2,806,762

#### Liabilities
- Current Liabilities: 535,028
- Long-term Liabilities: 107,681
**Total Liabilities**: 642,709

#### Net Assets
- Unrestricted: (223,416)
- Temporarily Restricted: 2,387,449
**Total Net Assets**: 2,164,033

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: 2,806,742
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-William H. Neukom, Founder and CEO, The World Justice Project

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