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## PUBLIC HEALTH

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EXPERTS' QUESTIONNAIRE  
PUBLIC HEALTH

The World Justice Project (WJP) is honored to count on your expertise for this questionnaire, which will be answered by highly qualified individuals around the world.

The questionnaire consists of 14 questions, and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your responses will be aggregated with those of other experts and supplemented by the results of a randomized general population poll (GPP) conducted in the three largest cities of your country of practice. Together, this data will be used to evaluate adherence to the rule of law. The results will be published, alongside those of over 100 other countries worldwide, in the WJP Rule of Law Index® 2015 report, and other reports produced by the WJP.

Your contribution will be acknowledged in the *WJP Rule of Law Index® 2015 report*, as well as on The World Justice Project's web page and other WJP materials (unless you choose to remain anonymous).

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. With your participation, this joint endeavor will contribute to strengthening the rule of law worldwide.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Please answer the following 14 questions in this questionnaire according to your perception of how the laws are applied **in practice** in your country. Please indicate in the box below which country you are responding to in this survey:

COUNTRY:

When you have completed the survey, please submit your answers by email or fax at:

- Email: [ruleoflawindex@wjpnet.org](mailto:ruleoflawindex@wjpnet.org)
- Fax: +1 (202) 747-5816

If you have comments or questions, please contact a member of The World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index staff, at [ruleoflawindex@wjpnet.org](mailto:ruleoflawindex@wjpnet.org).

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Please answer the following questions according to your perception of how the laws are applied in practice in your country. Please mark your answers with an X in the appropriate box.

### SECTION I

The following questions describe hypothetical situations. In each question, we will provide you with a set of assumptions. Please select the option that best represents your views.

#### Hypothetical Scenario No. 1

1. Please assume that a poor person receives a bad blood transfusion at a public hospital and gets infected with hepatitis C. How likely is the patient to resort to the following mechanisms to seek compensation for damages?

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) File a regular civil or commercial court lawsuit					
(b) File a complaint before an administrative body					
(c) Bring the issue before a Chief or Traditional Ruler					
(d) Take no action					

#### Hypothetical Scenario No. 2

2. Please assume that, as a result of an audit, a LOCAL government officer is found to be unlawfully issuing a license, in exchange for a bribe, to a public hospital that does not comply with public health regulations. Which one of the following outcomes is most likely? (PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE SINGLE ANSWER)

(a) The accusation is completely ignored by the authorities	
(b) An investigation is opened, but it never reaches any conclusions	
(c) The LOCAL government officer is prosecuted and punished (through fines, or time in prison)	
(d) Don't know/Not Applicable	

3. Please assume that the Public Health authority in your country notifies a food producer about a salmonella outbreak tied to the producer's food supply chain. Which of the following outcomes is most likely? (PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE SINGLE ANSWER)

(a) The food producer complies with the law (either voluntary or through court orders, fines, and other sanctions)	
(b) The food producer bribes or influences the public health authorities to ignore the violation	
(c) Absolutely nothing happens	
(d) Don't know/Not Applicable	



**SECTION II**

4. How frequently would you say that:

	Almost always	In most cases	In some cases	Almost never	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) In practice, large public hospitals comply with all applicable public health regulations					
(b) In practice, public clinics comply with all applicable public health regulations					
(c) In practice, public funds spent on dietary supplements actually reach poor children					

5. Please answer:

	100%	75%	50%	25%	5%	0%	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) In your view, what percentage (%) of public funds spent on health-care in low-income areas actually reach frontline health facilities?							
(b) In your view, what percentage (%) of public funds allocated towards health-care expenditures is illegally diverted away from its intended target towards other ends?							
(c) Based on your experience, what percentage (%) of weekly work hours are lost due to unjustified absenteeism among nursing staff in public clinics?							
(d) Based on your experience, what percentage (%) of weekly work hours are lost due to unjustified absenteeism among doctors in public clinics?							

6. Imagine that a sick person seeks treatment for a disease, such as measles, at a public clinic. In your opinion, how likely is the patient to receive treatment of a lower quality than other people because he/she is:

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) A poor person					
(b) A female					
(c) A member of an ethnic minority					
(d) A member of a religious minority					
(e) A foreigner (immigrant)					
(f) Gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender					
(g) A person infected with HIV					

Or

(h) None of the above	
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7. Please choose the statement that is closest to your views on how public health procurement (*i.e.* money spent on medications, vaccines, medical equipment, buildings, etc.) works in your country: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE SINGLE ANSWER)

(a) Most contracts are awarded through an open and competitive bidding procedure	
(b) There is a formal bidding procedure, but it is flawed. Several contracts are awarded without competitive bidding, or through ineffective bidding processes, leaving open the possibility of corruption	
(c) There is no formal bidding procedure or it is superficial and ineffective. Most contracts are awarded to firms which offer bribes; to firms owned by political supporters; or to firms in which a relevant government officer has a financial stake	
(d) Don't know/Not Applicable	

8. How frequently do people have to pay bribes, informal payments, or other monetary inducements to:

	Almost always	In most cases	In some cases	Almost never	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) Obtain vaccinations at a public hospital					
(b) Obtain medicines for an illness, such as tuberculosis					
(c) Get their children admitted into public day-care					
(d) Obtain an ID to receive a basic treatment at a public hospital					
(e) Receive treatment in a public hospital for services that are supposed to be provided free of charge					
(f) Receive contraceptives to prevent pregnancy					
(g) Receive care during childbirth					

9. Please answer:

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) How likely is a large public hospital in your country to be inspected by the public health authorities on an annual basis?					
(b) How likely is a public clinic in your country to be inspected by the public health authorities on an annual basis?					
(c) How likely are the public health authorities to impose sanctions on public hospitals and public clinics if violations are detected?					
(d) How likely are the public health authorities to request, or receive, bribes or other undue advantages to turn a blind eye on detected					



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violations?					
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10. How frequently would you say that:

	Almost always	In most cases	In some cases	Almost never	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) In practice, the government provides easy-to-understand information on public health issues					
(b) In practice, the government provides information on public health issues in languages spoken by significant segments of the population, even if they are not "official" languages					
(c) In practice, national regulations and standards to protect public health are published on a timely basis					
(d) In practice, local regulations on public health issues are published on a timely basis					
(e) In practice, local regulations on public health can be obtained at little cost, such as by mail, or on-line					
(f) In practice, public health regulations are sufficiently stable to permit the public to ascertain what conducts are permitted and prohibited					

11. Please answer:

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) How likely is a medical student who failed the required examinations at a public university to obtain his/her degree by paying bribes or other monetary inducements to the relevant government or university officer?					
(b) How likely are medical professionals and hospital staff to claim and pocket payments from insurance companies for treatments they did not provide?					
(c) How likely are doctors and hospital staff in public clinics to receive bribes from pharmaceutical companies to boost the sales of their drugs?					

12. How likely are doctors and hospital staff in public clinics in poor neighborhoods to steal the following items for personal use, for use in private practice, or for re-sale?

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't Know/ Not applicable
(a) Medicines					
(b) Medical supplies					
(c) Vaccines					
(d) Dietary supplements for children					



(e) Contraceptives to prevent pregnancy					
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13. How likely are doctors and hospital staff in public clinics in poor neighborhoods to be detected stealing medicines, vaccines, or medical supplies?

Very likely	
Likely	
Unlikely	
Very unlikely	
Don't know/Not Applicable	

14. If detected, how likely are they to get dismissed?

Very likely	
Likely	
Unlikely	
Very unlikely	
Don't know/Not Applicable	

**ALMOST FINISHED!**

If you have any feedback or comments regarding the questionnaire, we would be grateful if you would let us know in the space below.

**1.) Are there any relevant topics, issues, or questions that you think were left out?**



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**2.) Additional Information:** We are grateful for your contribution as an expert respondent to the WJP Rule of Law Index. Many of the World Justice Project's community of rule of law experts contribute their time and expertise year after year to create one of the world's most comprehensive data sets measuring countries' adherence to the rule of law. To ensure that we have the most up to date records in our database, we would greatly appreciate if you would take the time to fill out your contact information below. This information will remain strictly anonymous, and will not be shared with any third parties. Your contact information will be securely stored in our database for further engagement and for future editions of the WJP Rule of Law Index.

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Last Name/Surname:	
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Gender:	

Do you teach at the university level? Yes [ ] No [ ] Which courses? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an attorney? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, how many years have you practiced law? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>If you are an attorney, what are your areas of practice?</b>					
Antitrust	[ ]	Contracts	[ ]	International law	[ ]
Bankruptcy	[ ]	Corporate law	[ ]	Labor law	[ ]
Business law	[ ]	Criminal law	[ ]	Litigation/Arbitration	[ ]
Civil law	[ ]	Employment law	[ ]	Medical malpractice	[ ]
Civil rights	[ ]	Environmental law	[ ]	Property law	[ ]
Commercial law	[ ]	Family law	[ ]	Taxation	[ ]
Constitutional law	[ ]	General practice	[ ]		[ ]
Consumer law	[ ]	Intellectual property	[ ]		[ ]





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3.) As a token of our appreciation to your invaluable contribution, we would like to mail you a complimentary copy of the WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 report when it is published later this year. If you would like to receive a complimentary hard copy of the report, please enter your preferred mailing address below.

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4.) Finally, as an expert in your field, we would welcome referrals or suggestions of colleagues who may be willing to contribute by completing one of the four questionnaires best aligned with their expertise:

- Civil and Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, and Criminal Law
- Labor Law
- Public Health

	Name	Email	Area of Expertise
Referral #1			
Referral #2			
Referral #3			

## **Thank you very much for your collaboration.**

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