



**Global Protection Cluster Task Team on Law and  
Policy (TTLP)**

**Engaging with informal justice to  
respond to legal aid and justice  
needs in humanitarian settings**

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## AREAS FOR DISCUSSION



COORDINATION



PARTNERSHIP



HARD TO REACH  
POPULATIONS

# COORDINATION



## Diverse pathways to people-centred justice

Report of the Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice and SDG16+

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## Conclusions

Formal justice institutions face also some of the challenges of CIJ.

CIJ systems should not be considered as a second-best solution

Some development partners are unwilling to work with CIJ actors.

Donors cut their justice spending

## Recommendations

Adopt a justice ecosystem approach

Deliver a step-change approach for engagement

Empower justice seekers, especially marginalized groups

Advance women and girls' participation and leadership

Share or create tools to engagement

Increase investment in people centered CIJ systems

# COORDINATION

## Rule of Law Platforms



## Challenges

### Ownership

- Rule of law platforms are often driven by development partners

### Limited presence

- Predominantly include development and not humanitarian partners

## Recommendations

Promote nationally-owned platforms

Include both development and humanitarian partners

# PARTNERSHIP

## Promoting sustainability through local partnerships



### Key actions

Co-create projects through PDIA

Involve stakeholders in assessing implementation

Implement in partnership with local organizations

Promote stronger cooperation between CIJ and formal actors

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## Challenges that guided this approach



CIJ mechanisms are considered as an alternative to formal justice institutions, while they actually complement each other

Interventions implemented directly by international organizations

Sustainability considered seriously at the end of a programme

# PARTNERSHIP

**Solution 1: Let national institutions lead the implementation of their activities and promote venues for information sharing.**



Justice forums



# PARTNERSHIP

## Solution 2: Promote hybridization as a solution to justice challenges



### Formal justice actors

- CIJ actors can quickly solve a significant number of cases, thus reducing case backlog.



### CIJ actors

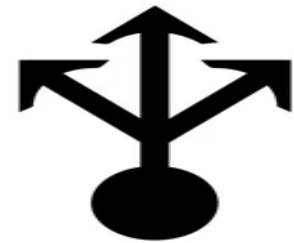
- Linkages with formal justice institutions will not over formalize their processes.
- Partnership with formal justice actors can facilitate enforcement of CIJ decisions



# PARTNERSHIP

## Solution 3: Start working on a sustainability plan from the offset and highlight the benefits of local ownership

### Arguments to promote sustainability



The loss of an acquired service is worse than not receiving it

Showing sustainable results will lead to a multiplier effect

# HARD TO REACH POPULATIONS

## Challenges



Awareness raising activities, if not coupled with expanded justice and legal aid services, lead to frustration



The role of CIJ mechanisms in facilitating the provision of legal aid, medical and support services to GBV survivors underestimated



Marginalized communities are not always empowered to become justice providers

# HARD TO REACH POPULATIONS

**Solution 1: use Mobile ADR Centers to reach nomadic communities and people displaced by climate change**



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**Solution 2: use ADR Centers as a referral point and service aggregation hub for GBV survivors**



# HARD TO REACH POPULATIONS

**Solution 3: capitalize on hybrid models to promote the role of women and vulnerable groups in the justice sector**



## READ MORE:

[Diverse Pathways To People-Centred Justice \(2023\)](#), Report of the Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice and SDG16+.

[Women's Participation and Leadership in Customary and Informal Justice Systems \(2023\)](#), produced by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

[Enabling Access to Justice for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence Against Women in Somaliland \(2023\)](#), produced by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

[Strengthening Climate Justice in Somaliland: The Role Of ADR Centers \(2023\)](#), produced by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

[Rule of Law Responses to Climate Insecurity \(2022\)](#), produced by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)





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