



Justice for the Poor Sierra Leone Program

Promoting equity and managing conflict in development

J4P Operational Areas

Access to Justice

Land and Natural Resources

Service Delivery

J4P Thematic Areas

Gender

Development Effectiveness

Legal Pluralism

J4P Principles

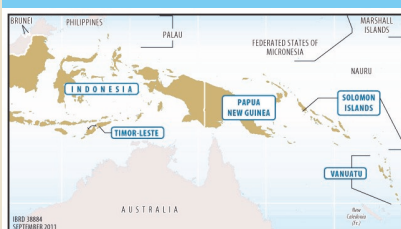
Justice from the user perspective

*Evidence-based approaches
grounded in context*

*Importance of demand in building
equitable justice systems*

Justice as a cross-sectoral issue

J4P in East Asia and Pacific



J4P in Africa



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J4P is active in Indonesia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, and Vanuatu.

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Justice for the Poor Overview

Justice for the Poor (J4P) is a World Bank program that engages with justice reform as a cross-cutting issue in the practice of development. Grounded in evidence-based approaches focused on the perspective of the poor and marginalized, the program aims to improve the delivery of justice services and to support sustainable and equitable development processes which manage grievance and conflict stresses effectively.

Sierra Leone Background

In 2002, following eleven years of war, Sierra Leone ranked second from bottom on the Human Development Index (HDI). Among the causes of the conflict were decades of poor governance and the extraction of, and trade in, diamonds. Despite peace, strong growth, and increasing stability, Sierra Leone remains close to the bottom of the HDI with more than half the population in absolute poverty and some of the world's worst maternal and child health indicators. To improve service delivery, the post-war period has seen the re-introduction, with Bank support, of a decentralized government system, including the re-establishment of local councils with key service functions.

Sierra Leone Program Areas

The J4P program began in Sierra Leone in 2006 as many donor-backed development initiatives were prioritizing governance and justice reform programs. However, activities at the local level were largely absent and data inadequate. The J4P program began by undertaking research and dialogue with the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) and other partners, and by advising Bank projects on government policy. Current activities build off these initial activities and focus on three main project areas:

- **Accountability for Services Under Decentralized Service Delivery Program:** The program is providing technical assistance to GoSL on the implementation of accountability mechanisms for the delivery of services by decentralized government under a nationwide Bank-supported program.
- **Extractives Governance:** Building on research and pilots, the program is providing advice to GoSL, communities and Bank operations (for example the Extractives Industries Technical Assistance Project) on strengthening the regulatory framework to improve community-investor relations, address inequities, improve durability of agreements and prevent the escalation of conflict.
- **Linking Social Accountability and Legal Empowerment:** The program is providing technical assistance to the scale-up of community based-paralegals, including advising on legal aid policy, standardized mechanisms for training, supervision, monitoring and evaluation, and exploring means of linking paralegals with accountability for government services.

The project also supports World Bank programming in Sierra Leone through research and evaluation.