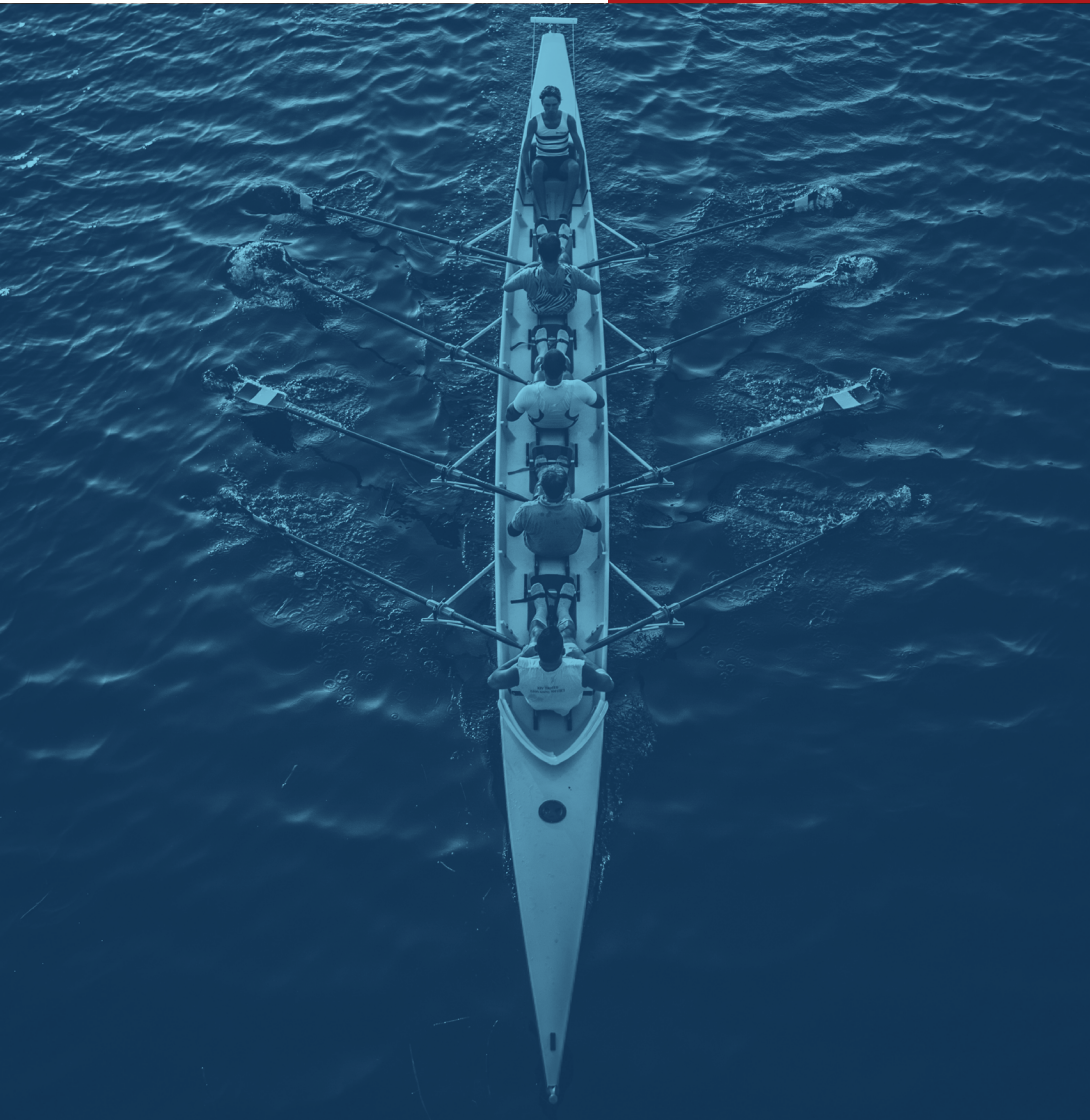




ACTIONS WE MUST TAKE TO ACHIEVE PEOPLE- CENTERED JUSTICE

Justice Action Coalition

February 2025



What is People-Centered Justice?

"[The] justice gap, is a truly global problem felt in most countries. Providing equal access to justice for all is urgently needed—and people-centered justice is the way forward. We cannot address poverty, injustice, and inequality without fair, inclusive, independent, and accountable justice systems that are responsive to people's priorities and able to protect their human rights."—[2023 Key Messages on People-Centered Justice](#)

People-Centered Justice: Justice systems must understand and respond to people's justice needs.

- People-centered justice systems are focused on preventing and resolving people's justice problems, allowing people to participate fully in society and economies.
- People-centered justice requires understanding people's justice needs, their experiences in seeking justice, and the justice they receive.
- People-centered justice systems prioritize data collection to design services and evidence-based practices which deliver fair outcomes for all.
- People-centered justice services empower people to understand, use, and shape laws and policies enabling individuals to claim their rights, resolve their justice problems, and resume their daily lives.
- People-centered justice seeks to transform institutions, simplify processes, and make services accessible by breaking down barriers to justice, which has both social and economic benefits.

To achieve people-centered justice for all, actions must be taken across four key areas:

- 1. Data and Evidence:** Data and evidence are crucial for designing justice systems which deliver fair outcomes for people.
- 2. Financing:** Investment in people-centered justice supports peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.
- 3. Inclusion:** People-centered justice meets and serves all people where they are—regardless of geography or identity.
- 4. Intersecting Issues:** Justice is a critical enabler for achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We cannot reduce poverty and inequalities, ensure peace, or address fallouts from climate change without equal access to justice for all.

Advocacy Toolkit:
2023 Key Messages on
People-Centered Justice

Actions to Achieve People-Centered Justice

Data and Evidence: Data and evidence are crucial for designing justice systems which deliver fair outcomes for all.

- **Action 1.** Invest in the collection, publication, and use of high-quality people-centered justice data to ensure justice systems deliver fair outcomes for all people.
- **Action 2.** Commit to data collection that contributes to openness, transparency, integrity, fairness, independence, accessibility, and accountability of the justice sector.

Financing: Investment in people-centered justice supports peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.

- **Action 1.** Increase funding for people-centered justice objectives by prioritizing allocations to cost-effective, scaled front-line justice services that deliver for people.
- **Action 2.** Increase the share of justice financing in global aid to at least 2% and increase the focus of aid on lower-income countries.

Inclusion: People-centered justice meets and serves all people where they are—regardless of geography or identity.

- **Action 1.** Place individuals in situations of vulnerability at the center of research, decision-making, policy design, and programming, empowering them economically and legally.
- **Action 2.** Prevent and address discrimination and marginalization in justice systems.

Intersecting Issues: Justice is a critical enabler for achieving all the SDGs. We cannot reduce poverty and inequalities, ensure peace, or address fallouts from climate change without equal access to justice for all.

- **Action 1.** Cut the number of unresolved justice problems in half by prioritizing access to justice as central to achieving humanitarian, development, and peace outcomes.
- **Action 2.** Contribute to multistakeholder partnerships that support countries and people to design, implement, and scale-up people-centered justice reforms and services.



A Repository of Thematic
Messages on People-
Centered Justice



Justice
Action
Coalition

**A REPOSITORY
OF THEMATIC
MESSAGES ON
PEOPLE-CENTERED
JUSTICE**

February 2025



sdg16.plus/justice-action-coalition

