

Collaborative Report Strengthens Justice Indicators

In partnership with members of the Altus Global Alliance, Vera has created a flexible set of indicators designed to measure how people in different nations experience crucial aspects of the rule of law, such as transparency, participation, and access to justice.

The Vera-Altus Indicators, described in the new report, [Developing Indicators to Measure the Rule of Law: A Global Approach](#) [pdf], are designed to be applicable in diverse settings so that interested parties can track changes in any jurisdiction's commitment to the rule of law. The indicators also pay special attention to the experience of marginalized populations, such as women and the poor.

Project staff developed and tested the set of 60 rule-of-law indicators in Chandigarh, India; Lagos, Nigeria; New York City; and Santiago, Chile. Working through Altus partners, they will continue to test and refine the methodology.

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