

## **WEMJUST Project**

### **Women Empowerment through the Justice System in Tajikistan**

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The ICJ-EI is a partner of the two-year-long Women Empowerment through the Justice System in Tajikistan (WEMJUST) Project. The project runs as of February 2024 and aims to address systemic barriers such as discrimination or lack of legal literacy by building capacities at individual and institutional levels within the justice system.

By working towards increased gender diversity in the Tajik justice system, the Project addresses the urgent need for improved representation and influence of women within this sector – women’s limited access to legal aid services, societal stigmatization, their underrepresentation in the legal system, and a high level of impunity for violations such as torture and gender-based violence (GBV).

**Our project coordinator is:** [Right & Prosperity \(R&P\)](#) - Tajikistan

The project’s main objective is **to contribute to gender equality, eradicate discrimination, and enhance human rights through equitable access to justice in Tajikistan by:**

1. fostering and supporting women working in the justice system to strengthen their representation and role at all levels of the justice system;
2. ensuring greater access to justice in cases of violation of women and girls’ rights by raising the capacity of the justice system to protect women's and girls' rights.

The Primary target groups include the following: the Association of Women Judges in Tajikistan; Women victims of abuse; Independent Lawyers and Human Rights Defenders, especially women or those working on gender-based violence; and Law Graduates, particularly Females and those from remote regions. The Secondary target groups include National and Local Authorities and International stakeholders, IGOs and NGOs.

The key long-term impact sought is to uphold human rights and promote the rule of law. The WEMJUST Project will not only improve the immediate situation of women and girls in Tajikistan by addressing existing barriers to justice, but also build enduring capacity within the justice sector and local organisations.

**Main activities include:**

- in-Depth Legal Research on Access to Justice for Women Victims of Gender-Based Violence in Tajikistan;
- research Mission and Report on Access to Justice for Women Victims of Gender-Based Violence in Tajikistan;
- training for legal professionals;
- mentorship programme for law graduates;
- strategic litigation;
- international advocacy;
- expert discussions;
- advocacy meetings with stakeholders.



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