

# NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW



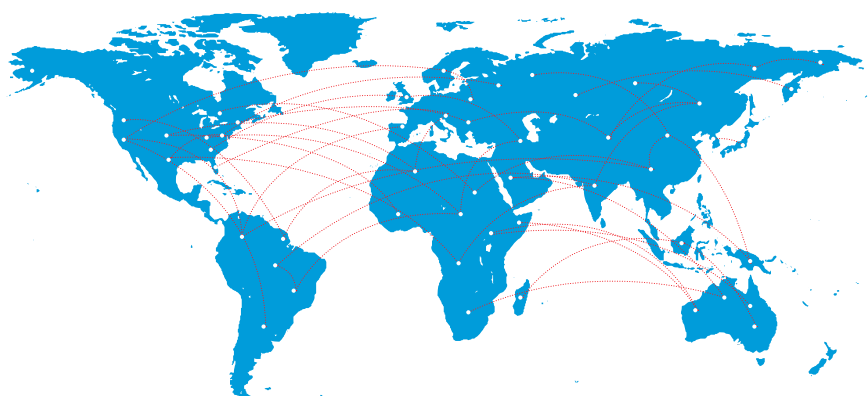
In its simplest form, the rule of law means that “no one is above the law.” It is the foundation for the development of peaceful, equitable and prosperous societies. For the rule of law to be effective, there must be:

## ACCESSIBLE TO LEGAL REMEDY

**Access to Legal Resources**—There must be access to timely justice mechanisms for grievance remedies and peaceful resolutions.

**57%**

of the world's population, or four billion people, live outside the protection of the rule of law.



From South Africa to Canada to Malaysia and around the world, people are in need of legal resources and access to the law.

## EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW

**Furthering Women's Rights**—All are equal under the law and the law applies in the same way to all—government, citizens, companies, etc.



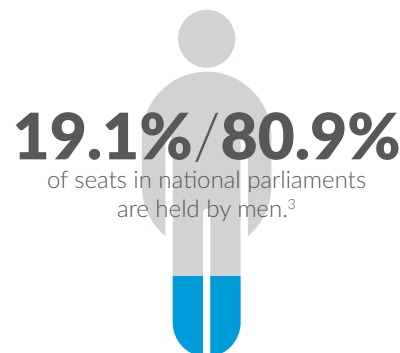
Globally, women earn

**24%**

less than men.<sup>1</sup>



**1 in 4 women**  
will experience violence in her lifetime.<sup>2</sup>



## TRANSPARENCY OF LAW

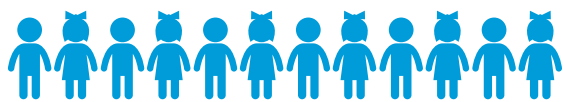
**Combating Human Trafficking**—Laws must be clear, precise, affordable and accessible while protecting fundamental human rights.

**20.9 Million Victims**



The International Labor Organization estimates that there are **20.9 million victims** of human trafficking globally, including 5.5 million children. 55% are women and girls.<sup>4</sup>

The International Labor Organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a **\$150 billion industry worldwide**



**100,000 children**  
estimated to be in the sex trade in the United States each year.<sup>6</sup>

## AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY

An independent judiciary ensures equality and fairness of law between people and public officials.



**3 in every 4 Americans** believe campaign cash affects courtroom decisions—and, alarmingly, nearly half of state court judges themselves believe the same.



**90% of Americans** think judges should not hear cases involving campaign supporters, but outdated judicial conduct rules allow this to occur routinely.

Accessible Legal  
Remedy



Equality Under  
the Law



Transparency of  
Law



Independent  
Judiciary

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