**As of 2023, Mongolia’s Judicial Index has improved by 1.28 points.**

The Open Society Forum recently released the 2023 report of Mongolia’s Judicial Index study, an initiative launched in 2021. This study uniquely combines judicial statistics, public opinion, and expert insights into quantifiable terms, offering a comprehensive picture of the judiciary’s performance. In 2023, Mongolia’s Judicial Index reached a score of 53.22 out of 100, reflecting a 1.28-point improvement since 2021.

The Judicial Index score is derived from six key dimensions:

* Judicial power and independence
* Judicial openness and transparency
* Public confidence in the judiciary
* Judicial infrastructure and resources
* Ethics and accountability of judges
* Effectiveness of judicial performance

These broad dimension encompass 42 sub-dimensions and 108 indicators, providing a detailed view of judicial performance.

The study data is sourced from over 2,000 residents’opinion surveys across Mongolia’s 21 provinces and capital city, assessments from more than 400 legal experts, and administrative data. When first introduced two years ago, the Judicial Index focused on the judiciary prior to implementing the 2021 Judicial Law. This latest report, however, now reflects the law of the Court and related regulationsimpact, allowing an in-depth evaluation of its effects. For instance, transparency in resolving disciplinary cases, an important measure of judicial accountability, rose from a score of 30 in 2021 to 80 in 2023. The full report provides similar trends across the 42 dimensions that shape judicial effectiveness.

Initiated in 2021, the Judicial Index study will continue every two years. The results of the first index, based on 2021 data, were published in 2022. The “Intellectual Innovation” NGO partnered on the study, overseeing data collection and processing. To make the report accessible and user-friendly, it’s available in both print and digital formats, with the full dataset published online at <http://www.judindex.forum.mn>, where readers can explore and download the report.

Since 2008, the Open Society Forum, a national non-governmental organization, has worked to strengthen judicial independence through research, policy dialogues, and broad community involvement. Over the years, it has developed a comprehensive indexing methodology grounded in international legal assessment practices and informed by the expertise of local scholars and professionals. Every two years, the Forum shares the Judicial Index to keep the public and policymakers informed about the state of Mongolia's judiciary and its progress.