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Return on Investment in Access to Justice – Infographic

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The Global Justice Gap is a Complicated Problem To Solve.

Why Does This Matter?

Governments, grassroots organisations, churches, businesses, lawyers and others are spending billions of dollars every year to try to solve this problem in different countries by trying to make their justice systems more efficient and inclusive.

But... spending on justice saves more money than it costs! Studies show that spending on justice programs and services generates approximately \( \text{CAD } 1 \) for every \( \text{CAD } 2.78 \) spent, and spending on justice in the United Kingdom and the United States saves more money than it costs! But research shows that when people think of justice, they think of law and order, and healthcare, education, social services, civil and family justice, in the same way that they think about physical and mental health care.

This infographic was prepared by the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice (CFCJ). Data presented in this infographic is from the CFCJ’s 2019 report, “The Global Justice Gap is a Complicated Problem To Solve.”

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The implementation gap.

Let’s take a closer look at the finance gap.

Spending on justice is necessary to the justice sector. They often solve a very easy to solve money problem, but they have a long way to go to address the three major barriers to access to justice: the finance gap, the knowledge gap and the resistance gap.

These major barriers are the biggest obstacles to access to justice.

Through the Task Force on Justice leading to justice, the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice (CFCJ) will promote access to justice and work to close the implementation gap.

The benefits of spending on justice far outweigh the cost of the investment.

The $1 Billion People Believe the Legal System is Too Expensive and Lack Resilience.

One of the major barriers to improving access to justice is a lack of funding for justice programs and services. But research shows that spending on justice saves more money than it costs.

In a 2-year period:

- The benefits of spending on justice costs with the United States generates approximately \( \text{USD } 11.00 \) (\( \text{CAD } 14.86 \))
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with the United Kingdom generates approximately \( \text{GBP } 8.00 \) (\( \text{CAD } 10.00 \))
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with Canada generates approximately \( \text{CAD } 10.13 \)
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with Australia generates approximately \( \text{AUD } 1 \)
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with Ethiopia generates approximately \( \text{ETB } 1 \)
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with Italy generates approximately \( \text{EUR } 1 \)
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with Portugal generates approximately \( \text{EUR } 1 \)
- The benefits of spending on justice costs with South Africa generates approximately \( \text{ZAR } 1 \)

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