

14. In one study, the International Commission of Jurists adopted the following definition of access to justice:<sup>43</sup>

we conceive of access to justice with reference to human rights principles. We consider it to include the insurance that rights and their correlative legal protections are recognized and incorporated in law and the right to an effective, accessible and prompt legal remedy for the violation or abuse of rights. It entails the ability and empowerment to claim rights as legal entitlements, to seek accountability of those who transgress them and to turn to the law for viable protection and meaningful redress.

43. International Commission of Jurists 2012, p. 8.