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Strengthening the rule of law depends on being able to capture progress and identify setbacks in this crucial area of governance and public life. Over the past several years, performance indicators measuring aspects of the rule of law that range from fair elections to judicial independence to the integrity and accountability of law enforcement have been developed and used by dozens of organizations. This paper explains the methods we used to conduct the review and presents the results of our assessment, with a focus on the ways in which existing approaches and tools must be modified and expanded in order to measure the rule of law, and the administration of criminal justice in particular, in post-conflict countries.

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