

# HARMONIOUS JUSTICE:

## THAILAND'S APPROACH TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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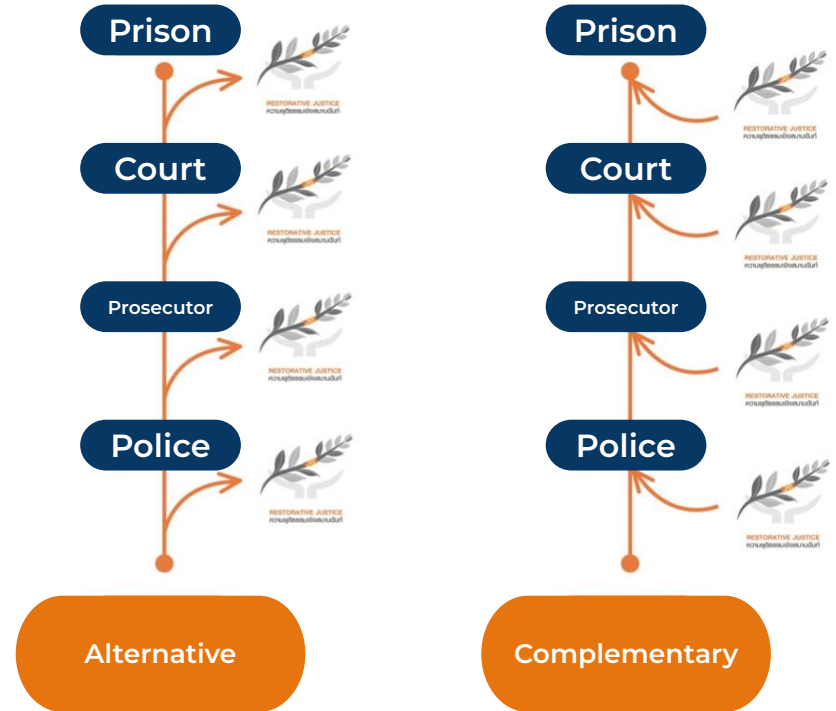
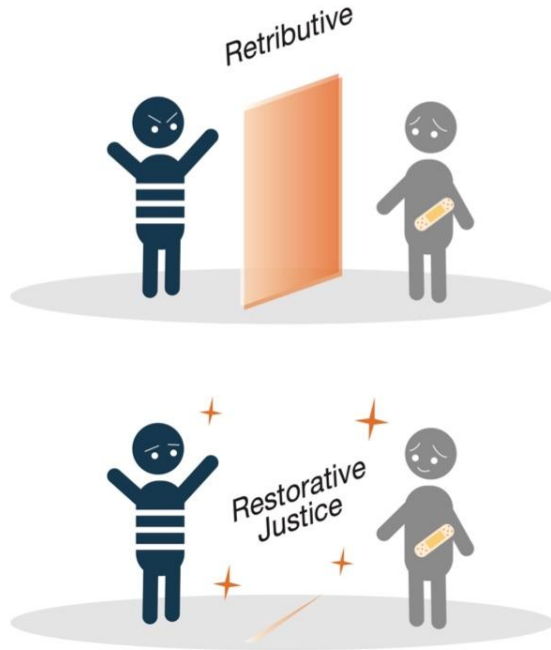
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# HOW CAN WE USE RJ ?

Restorative justice is a flexible, participatory, and problem-solving response to criminal behaviour, which can provide a complementary or and alternative path to justice.

(UNODC, Handbook on Restorative Justice Programmes, Second Edition)



Prerequisite | Combination | Separate

# Objectives of RJ Implementation



**Reaffirms** common values of their community



**Supports** victims' participation



**Restores** relationship between parties



**Increases** offenders' responsibility and repentance

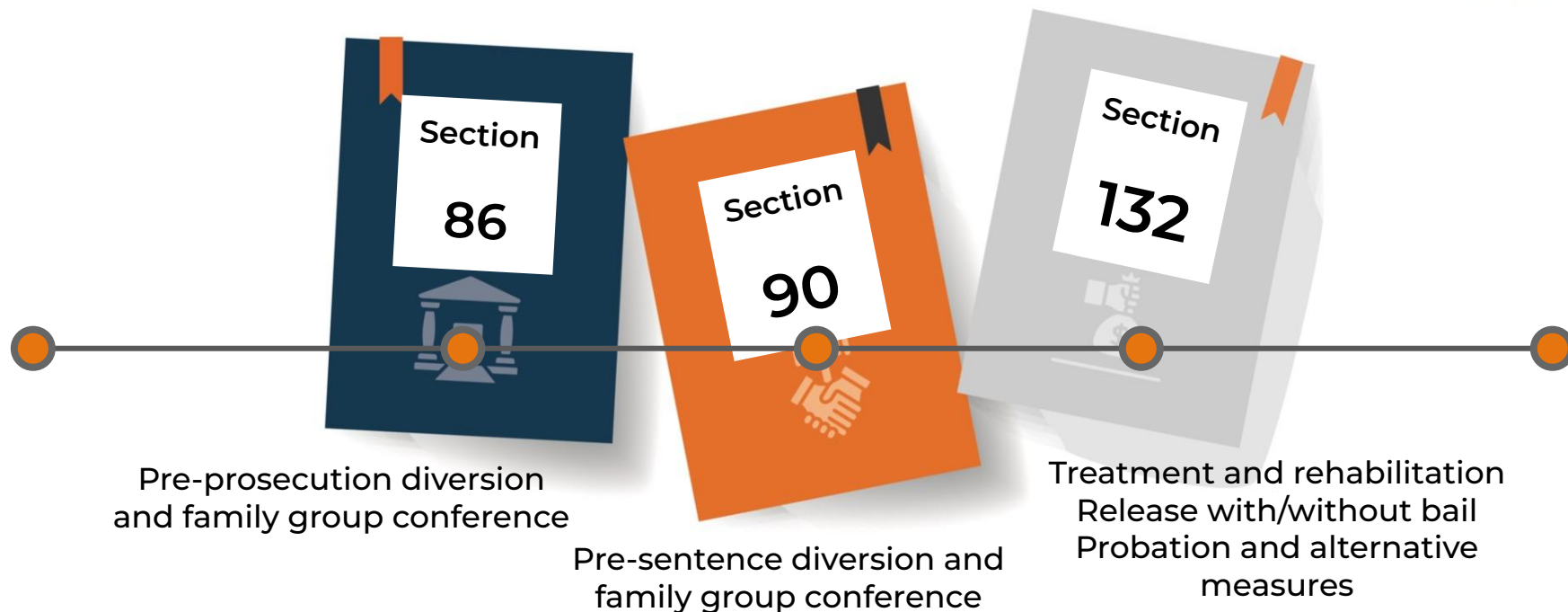


**Promotes** social harmony



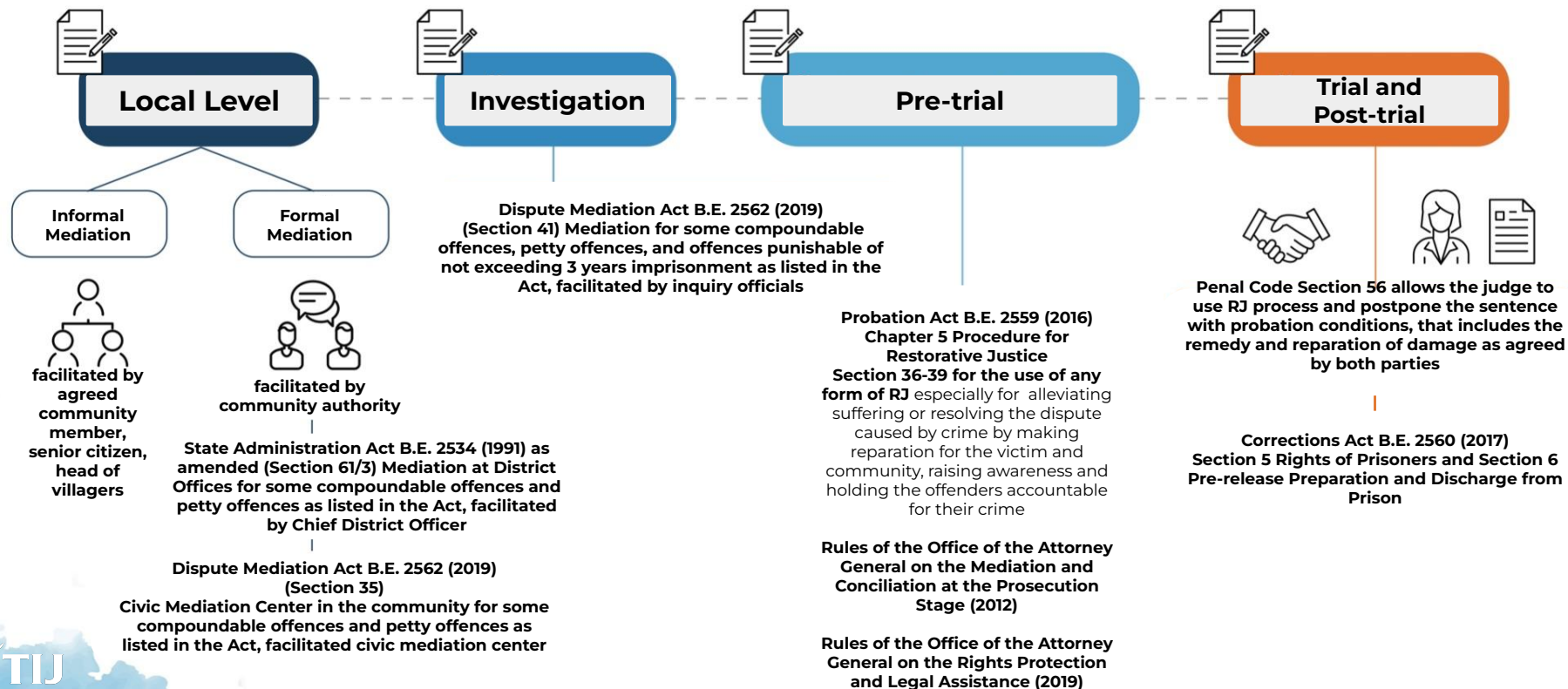
**Prevents** recidivism and future offence

# Legal Framework for the Use of RJ in Juvenile Cases



**Juvenile and Family Court and Procedure Act B.E. 2553 (2010)**

# Legal Framework for the Use of RJ in Adult Cases



## Case study I

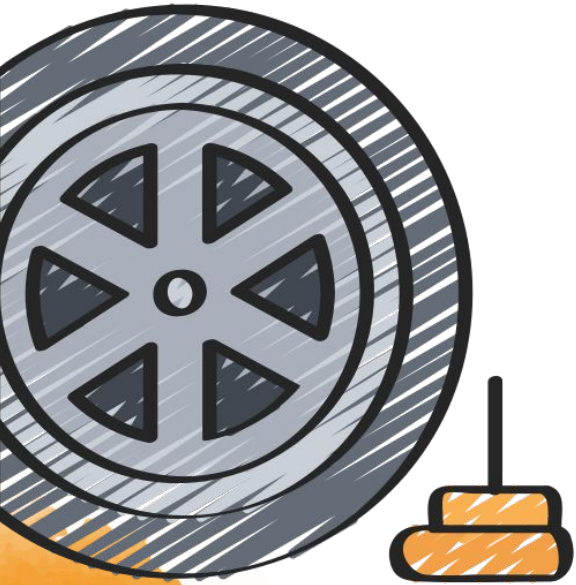
### Fund Managers in Loei Province

- **Ground:** Prosecuted for embezzlement
- **Remarks:** Unsuccessful mediation
- **RJ:** during court proceeding
- **Trigger:** Community interest
- **Key result:** Social harmony



## Case study II

### Vocational training student in Satun



- **Ground:** Causing loss of property and harm to person
- **Remark:** Reoffending
- **RJ:** in Juvenile Detention Center
- **Trigger:** Empathy
- **Key result:** Child offender turned into better person and passed the civil servant exam, now work as a government officer.



# Indicators of Success

identified by practitioners and experts





# TOP 7 Challenges

identified by practitioners and experts

Frequency of answers (0-50)

1. Public awareness
2. Technical skills and knowledge
3. Cooperation from parties,  
External influencing power
4. Organizational resources & budget
5. Communication among stakeholders
6. Ego and self-centered mindset,  
Time limit, Lack of facilitators,  
Dissatisfaction with conditions of RJ  
agreement, Lack of support from heads  
of relevant offices
7. Eligibility criteria for the use of RJ,  
Trustworthiness of facilitators,  
Offenders' capability to compensate

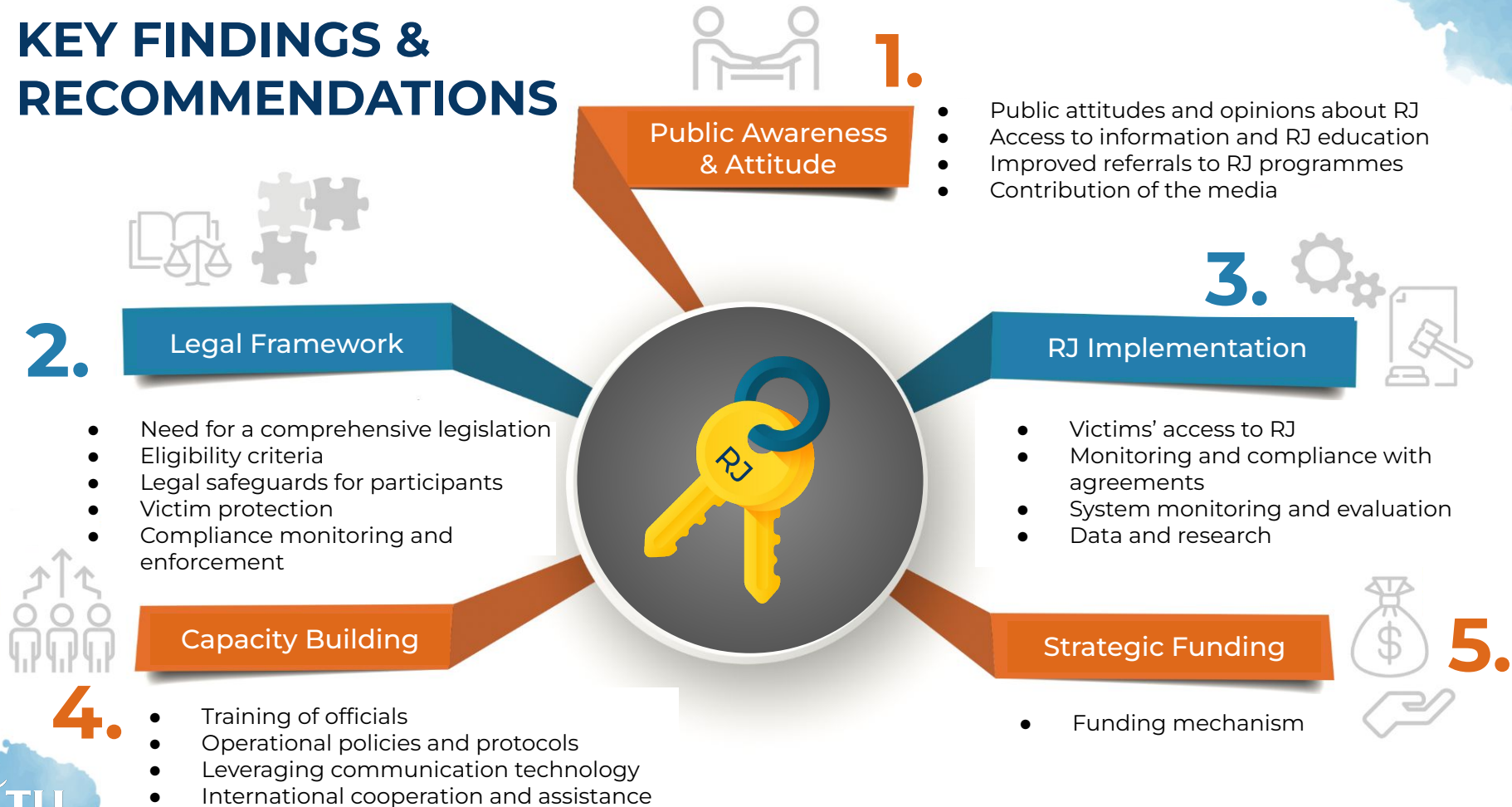
# TOP 7 Support Needs

identified by practitioners and experts

Frequency of answers (0-50)

1. Advanced training programs
2. Awareness raising campaigns
3. Budget allocation
4. Collaboration between criminal  
justice organizations
5. Number of RJ officers and  
facilitators
6. Technological advancement in RJ  
process
7. Comprehensive legislation on RJ  
and effective law enforcement

# KEY FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

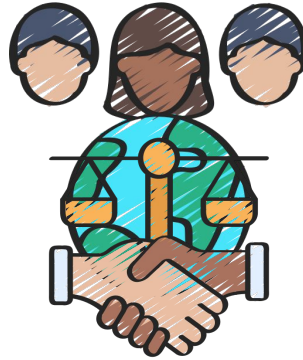


# **TIJ's**

## **Ongoing programmes**



**Innovation for RJ  
process, E-learning  
and multimedia**



**Advanced training course  
for policymakers and  
practitioners**



**RJ youth camp and  
awareness raising campaign  
in schools**

**Q & A**

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