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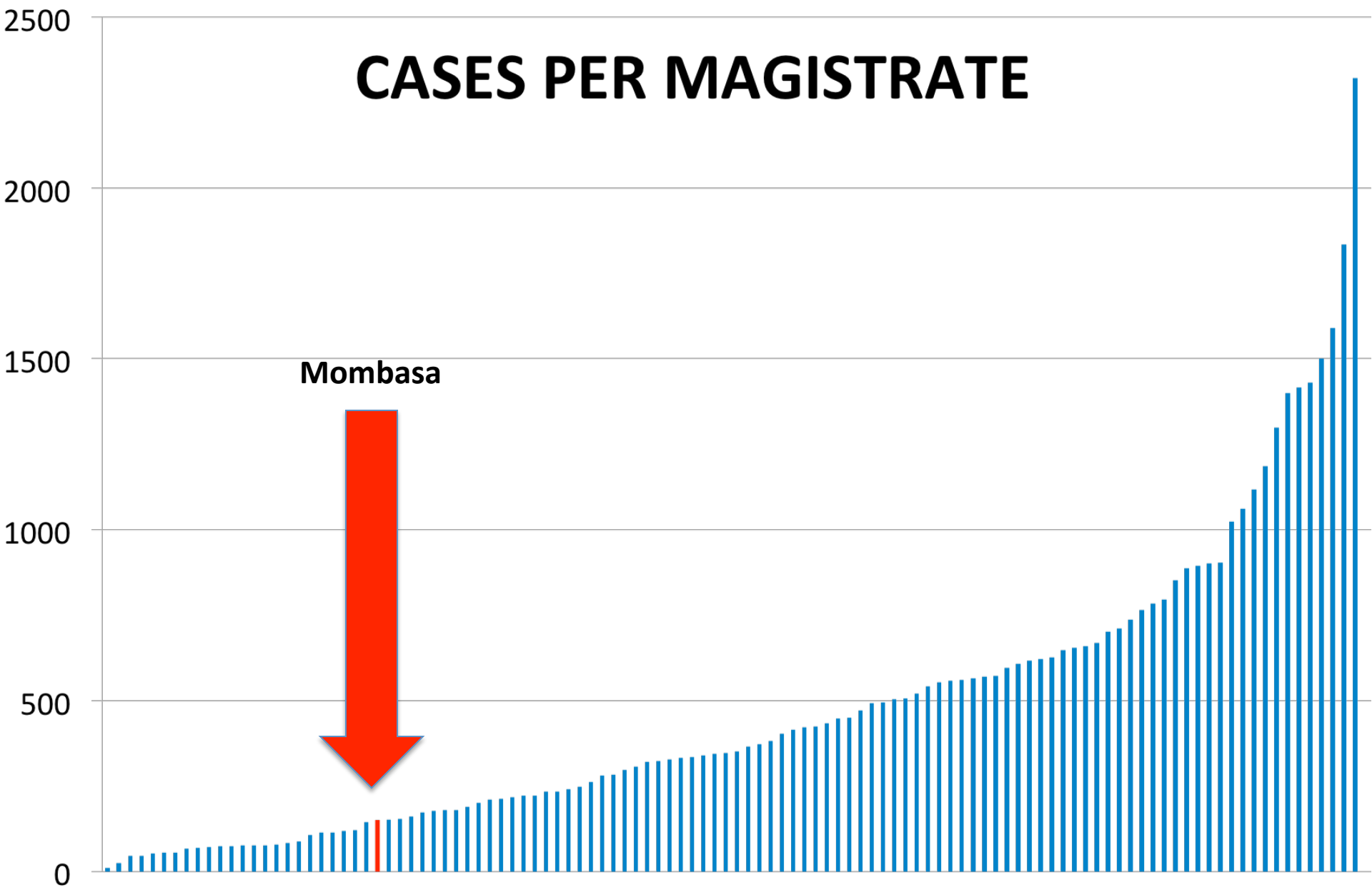
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Mombasa lawyers seek removal of CJ Mutunga over alleged marginalisation



CASES PER MAGISTRATE



There were other questions...

- Why do cases take a long time?
- Are judicial officers putting in different levels of effort?
- What resources do court staff need to improve the delivery of judicial services?

Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP)

- Project 2012 – 2018
 - Increasing access to courts
 - Improving timeliness of judicial services
 - Enhancing performance and quality of decision making
- IE discussions began 2013
- Key targets and outcomes:
 - Improving times to resolution and thereby reducing case backlog
 - Monitoring and ensuring quality of service

The process of building a better data system

- Improve tools
 - Simple and easy to use
 - Comprehensive
 - Update and standardize indicators
- Implement nationwide and improve compliance
 - Ensure accurate and consistent reporting
 - Assure sustainability

Building better data systems

- Case tracking tool
 - Daily Court Returns Template
- DCRT Committee:
 - Office of the Chief Justice
 - Performance Management Directorate
 - Information and Communication Technology Directorate
 - Registrars (High Court and Magistrate Court)
 - IE Research Team (World Bank and Center for Global Development)

Working Together...

- Stakeholder meetings
- Weekly committee meetings
- Fully embedded with PMD
- Regularly communicate with IE Research Team:
 - Consider international best practice
 - Incorporate data validation techniques
 - Build capacity for analysis

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Compliance

- Chief Justice official communication to heads-of-court stations October 2015
- 94% of courts are regularly reporting their DCRT

What be measured using DCRT:

All analysis can be done at the court or the judicial officer level:

- Types of matters handled
- # of cases initiated
- # of cases resolved
- Age of cases
- Stage case is in the court process
- Reasons for adjournment

Kinds of decisions now being made

- Performance contracts
- Budgetary considerations (e.g. case load)
- Planning for court expansion and refurbishment
- Judicial officer and staff transfers
- *State of the Judiciary and Administration of Justice Report, (SoJAR)*
- Impact evaluation measurable outcome of interest
 - Time to Resolution

Thank you!