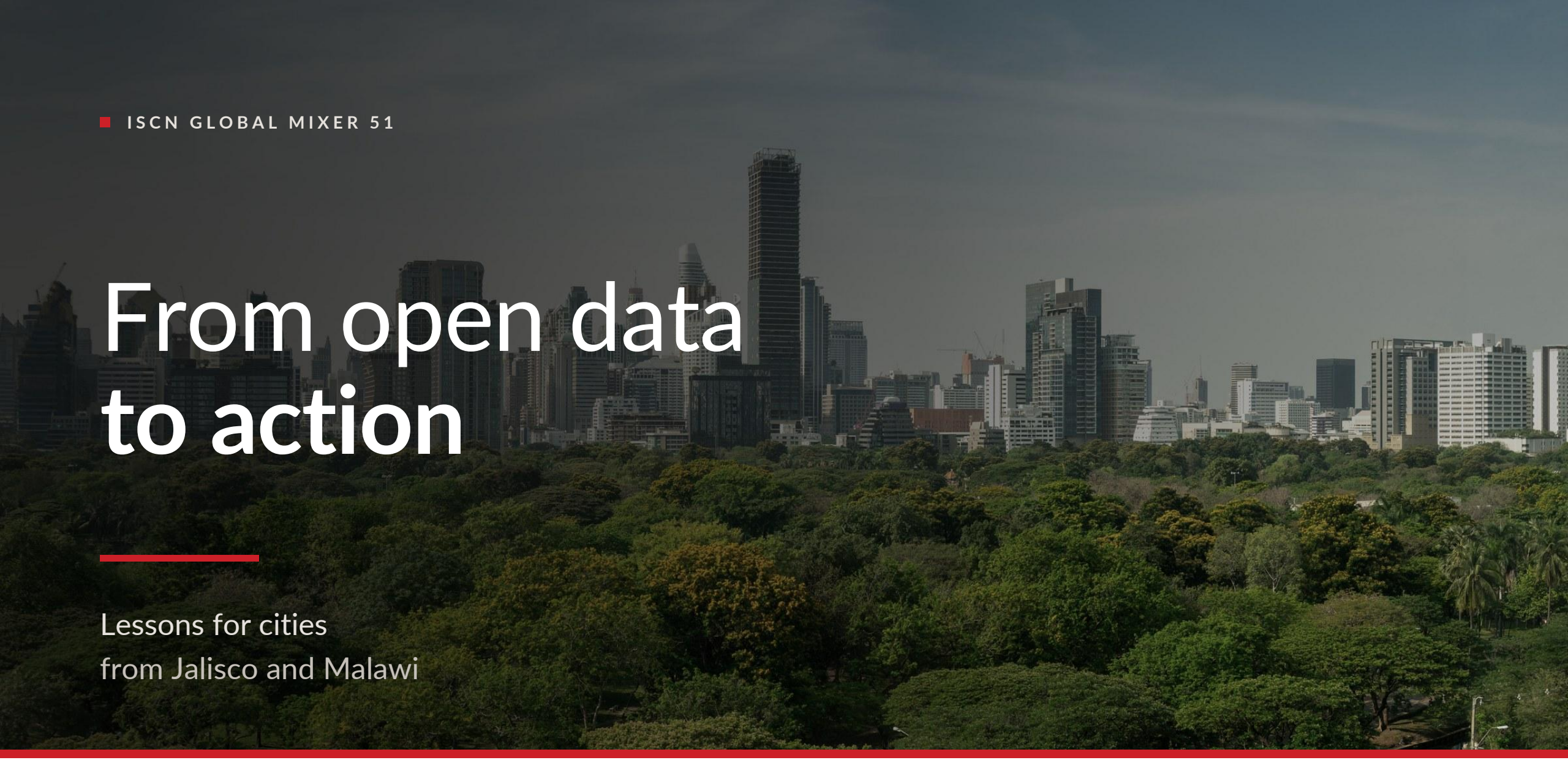
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From open data to action

Lessons for cities from Jalisco and Malawi

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Guadalajara publishes 597 city projects as open data

1,138

projects in Jalisco’s open data

597

published by the City of Guadalajara

13

municipalities and the state publish

Source: CoST Jalisco open data feed, costjalisco.org.mx/jsonprojects, read 10 November 2026.

Three conditions let a city act on what it publishes

01

A duty to publish

02

People who read it

03

An institution that answers

IPPI is Malawi's open record of public infrastructure projects

694

public projects, from tender to completion

Anyone can read and ask; officials must answer.

ippi.mw

Scan to open

Source: ippi.mw home page, About IPPI and project register, read 10 November 2026.

SEE A REAL RECORD

Ntcheu road, 8 flags

Scan to open it

A red flag is a warning sign that a project may be at risk

Data detected

Found in the published record

A rule spots what is missing or out of line.

Community reported

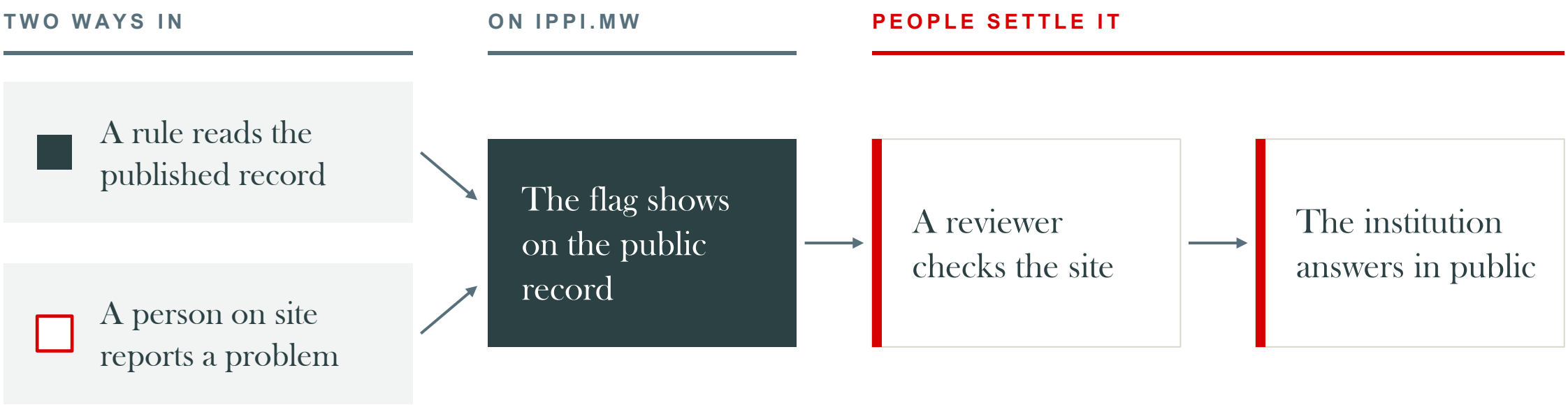
Seen by people on site

Citizens report what no dataset can show.

A flag warns; it does not prove wrongdoing.

Source: ippi.mw/documentation/flags and console.ippi.mw/project/23, read 10 November 2026.

A rule or a resident raises the flag; people settle it



Raising a flag runs on ippi.mw today. The review and the answer show the workflow as designed.

Rules raised 8 flags on this Ntcheu road; anyone can report more

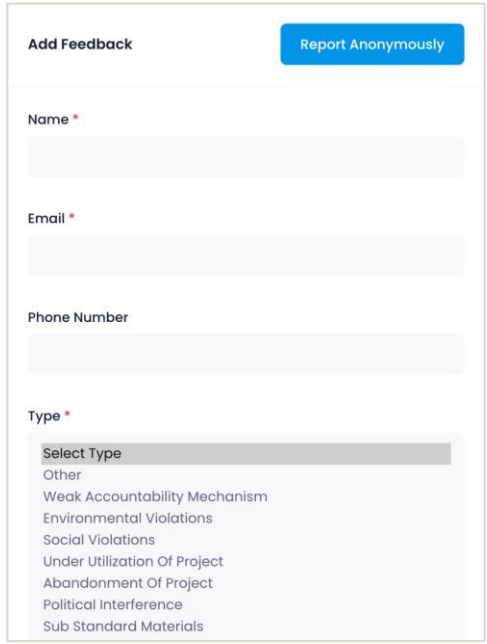
27%

over budget on the cost check

The rule's line is 10%.



Data detected



Community reported

Source: console.ippi.mw/project/23, 10 November 2026. Red outline added; Type list shown open.

A reviewer decides what each flag means

Flag → Do the site and the record agree?

→ **YES** Closed, reason logged

→ **NO** Named institution answers

Four things a city needs before it builds a platform

01

Useful data

02

Accountable owner

03

Review process

04

Route for response

None of the four is software.

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Discussion

Which of the four is hardest in your city?

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