

# Theory of Change LAND-at-scale

**Policy goals**

**Programme impact**

**Improved livelihoods due to just, inclusive and sustainable land governance- related structural changes**

- More equal access to land and natural resources (contributing to SDG 1, 5, 10)
- More sustainable and efficient use of land and natural resources for food, housing and production (contributing to SDG 2, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15)
- Reduced conflicts and competing claims over land and natural resources (contributing to SDG 16)

**Programme long-term outcome**

- Improved land registration, land use planning and sustainable land management services
- Improved land- related dispute resolution on the ground
- Transparent, inclusive and responsibly regulated land administration and land (rental) markets
- Improved land tenure security for women and vulnerable people
- Increased impactful partnering and insights on effective, joint scaling of just land governance (contributing to SDG 17)

**Programme immediate outcomes**

- Improved land administration and land (rental) markets are more functional, for an increasing area of land
- Improved land use management planning that incorporates fit-for-purpose land administration, fair land consolidation, sound NRM and social integration
- Improved conflict resolution, reduced cases of land conflicts, and appropriate compensation in case of expropriation
- Increased inclusiveness in access to land (use) documentation and land (rental) markets with special focus on women and vulnerable people
- Increased knowledge and learning on effects of innovative and/or scaling successful land governance approaches that enhance structural change
- Improved and new action oriented multi-stakeholder networks enhancing just, inclusive and sustainable land governance

**Outcome indicators**

- # of people (m/f/y) that enjoyed (more) secure tenure rights to land
- # of (inter)national institutions that contributed [significantly to structural] to improved (sub)national land governance aspects
- # of (inter)national partnerships of institutions that contributed [significantly to structural] to improved (sub)national land governance aspects
- # of strengthened (farmer/workers/entrepreneurs/traders) organisations for [improved land governance aspects as part of] a sustainable local business climate
- # of beneficiaries (f/m) with access to [land-related] justice
- # of beneficiaries (f/m) who have improved awareness of their [land -related] rights and/or of how to address [land-related] justice problems (claim/defend/recover rights)
- # of beneficiaries (f/m) who have improved awareness of their [land-related] rights [after justice sector reforms]
- # of [land-related] institutions strengthened (in terms of fairness, effectiveness, accountability or independence) [after justice sector reforms]
- # of inclusive [land-related] law reform initiatives advanced with NL support, that are relevant for Rule of Law, human rights protection, access to administration of justice

**Programme strategies**

- Provide strategic (TA) support to local lobby and advocacy for just, inclusive and sustainable land governance
- Increase capacity of a wide range of (non) governmental stakeholders to strengthen implementation of just, inclusive and sustainable land governance
- Support efforts to make existing land based investments inclusive and sustainable
- Increase knowledge and awareness on the position of vulnerable groups in land governance
- Support scaling and/or innovative interventions that enhance (potential) for structural change
- Support joint learning, knowledge exchange and multi-stakeholder action to strengthen just, inclusive and sustainable land governance

**Output indicators**

- # of people (m/f/y) that are involved in activities that aim for improved secure tenure rights to land
- # of (inter)national land rights-related institutions supported
- # of (inter)national partnerships of land-related institutions supported
- # of members of supported (farmer/workers/entrepreneurs/ traders) [land-related] organisations (male/female; youth/non-youth)
- # of women and organizations with strengthened capacity to establish relations and coordinate with key partners and stakeholders [on land-related issues]
- # of women and organizations with strengthened capacity to adjust to the changing context and learn from experience [on land-related issues]
- # of women and organizations with strengthened capacity to generate substantive outcomes and added value [on land-related issues]
- # of women and organizations with strengthened capacity to act on the basis of a strong organizational identity and vision [on land-related issues]
- # of women and organizations with strengthened competencies and capacity for effective action [on land-related issues]

**Bottlenecks land governance**

- Governments lack capacity and / or political will to strengthen inclusive land governance
- Gaps between national policies, laws, VGGT principles and reality on the ground
- 1. Tenure right holders and their rights are not well recognized and respected, incl. gender equality challenges
- 2. Statutory and customary tenure rights not safeguarded against threats and infringements
- 3. Tenure rights cannot be enjoyed / transferred properly
- 4. No access to justice to deal with infringements of legitimate tenure rights
- 5. Tenure disputes arising from / leading to violent conflicts esp. in the context of refugees
- Limited space for development and / or scaling of sustainable and inclusive land governance interventions
- Limited multi-stakeholder dialogue and / or action to strengthen sustainable and inclusive land governance