

# 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