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U.S. Government Land Tenure and Resource Governance Programming

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Our Resource Governance Programs Address Key U.S. Development Objectives, Such As:

- Food security
- Economic growth and trade
- Climate change
- Stability and governance
- Women's Economic Empowerment



Many of USAID's Resource Governance projects aim to improve a host country's food security.



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Where Does the U.S. Invest in Land Tenure & Resource Governance Programming?

- Where we have a comparative advantage
- Where there is a demand from our partners (civil society, government, private sector)
- Where we have development interests and resources



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What is USAID's Comparative Advantage?

- Law and policy
- Piloting for scale
- Opportunities for experimentation (land claims registry) and innovation (smart technology)
- Leveraging other donor funds
- Emergencies (post-conflict, disaster)



USAID's Ethiopia Land Administration Project (ELAP) uses GPS technology to determine property boundaries and issue certificates with parcel maps.

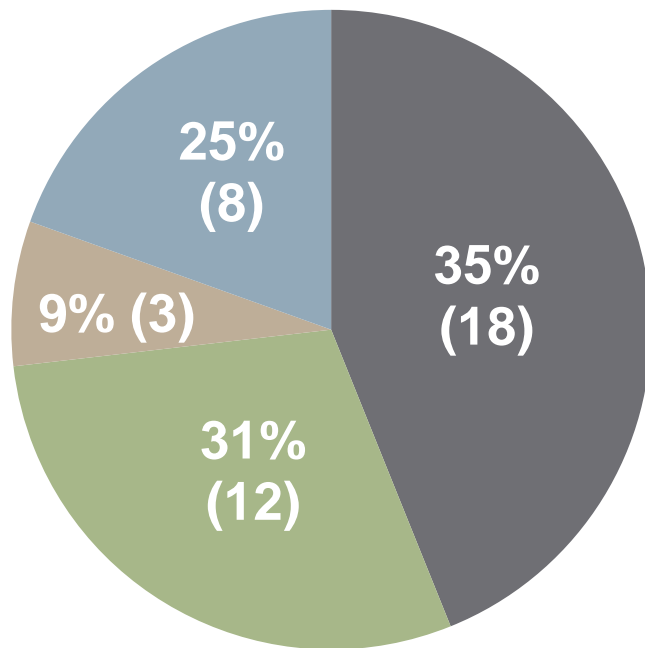


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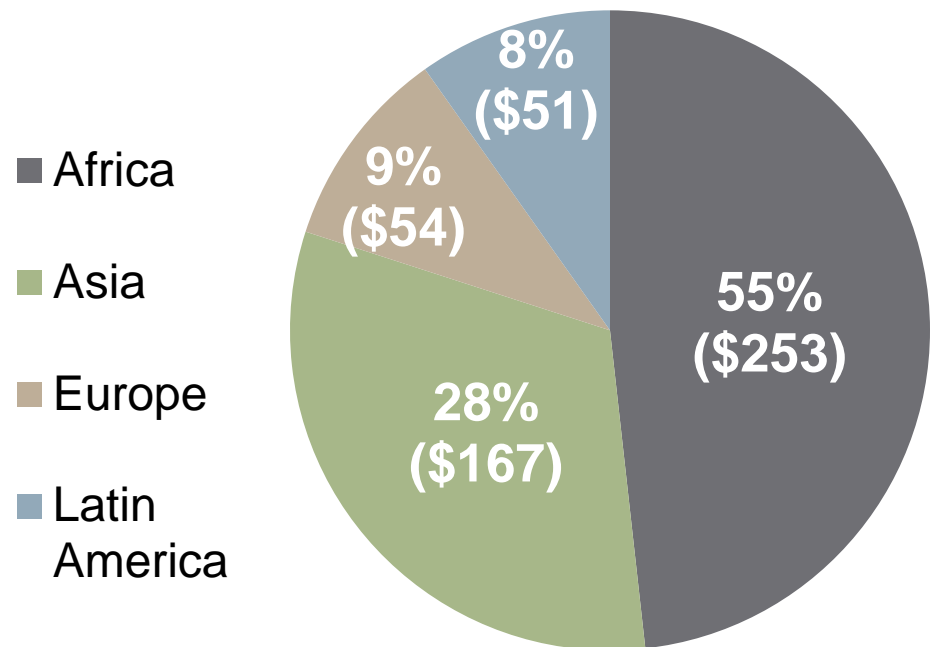


Where Are We Working Now?

Number of Programs (41)



Financial Commitments (\$525M)





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Where Do We Work?

Geographically

- **Africa**

Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Tanzania

- **Asia**

Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam

- **Europe**

Kosovo and Ukraine

- **Latin America**

Colombia and Dominican Republic



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Our Approach Has Changed...

- Top-down
- Force formal law on communities
- Donor-driven
- Systemic/shot-gun
- Static, one-size approach
- Little attention to gender issues

- Bottom-up
- Work with informal law in communities
- Demand-driven
- Targeted interventions
- Cognizant of situational needs/challenges
- Attentive to gender needs & concerns



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When We Ignore Tenure...



KENYA

Corruption, ethnically-driven land concessions and drought trigger 2008 election violence...repeat in 2013?



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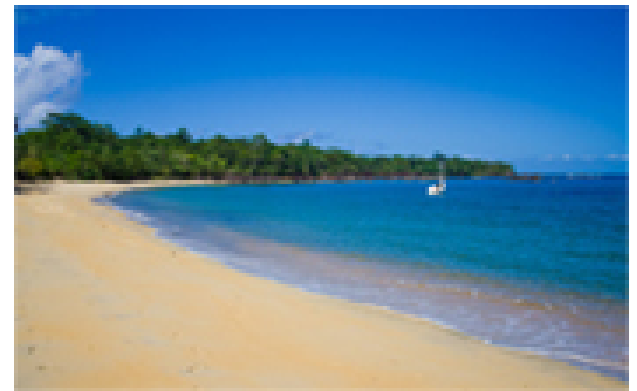
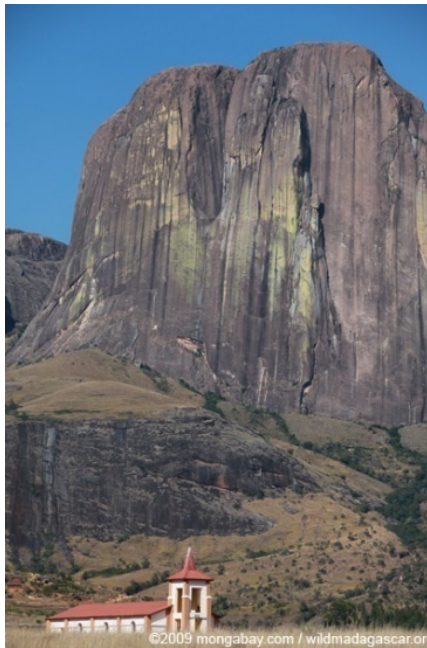
Conflicts over land, water, oil, and wildlife threaten the new country



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MADAGASCAR

Political Instability: Deal with South Korea Daewoo for 1.3 million Ha leads to fall of government in 2009



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When We Ignore Tenure—What is the Future?

Rolling Stone

May 2010

Resource Grabbing: Fact or Fiction...

20 million ha, 50 million ha, 250 million ha?

HEILBERG MAKES NO APOLOGIES FOR DEALING WITH WARLORDS. "THIS IS AFRICA," HE SAYS. **"THE WHOLE PLACE IS LIKE ONE BIG MAFIA – AND I'M LIKE A MAFIA HEAD."**



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When We Pay Attention to Tenure...



LIBERIA and KENYA

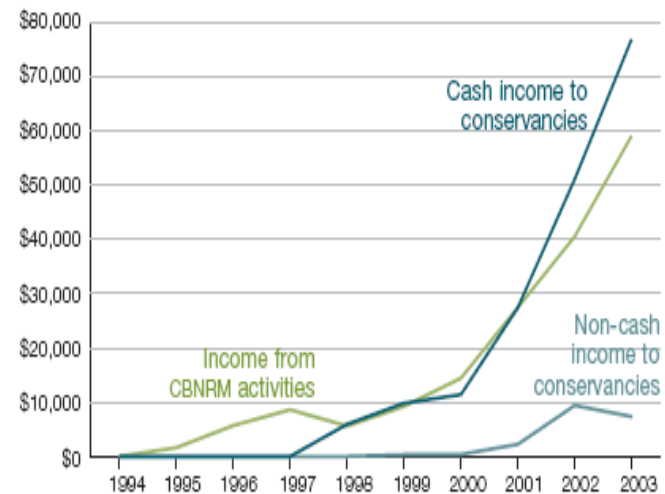
Improved Natural Resource Management



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MOZAMBIQUE and NAMIBIA
Improved Economic Outcomes



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HAITI

More Resilient Societies able to Deal with Natural Disasters



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CAMBODIA
Fewer Disputes....