



Property Rights and Resource Governance Issues and Best Practices Potential LTPR Reform Interventions

Module 5: Land and natural resource conflict: How rights and access to land and resources can be the cause of conflict and can fuel conflict

- Protection of housing and access to land and resources, including land records, by peacekeeping forces.
- Documentation of changes in land access during final phase of conflict, through support to local institutions.
- Support the discussion of housing, land and property rights issues in peace negotiations and documentation of commitments in peace agreements.
- Support access to information/awareness-raising regarding land laws, policies, and land administration institutions, particularly for returning IDPs and refugees.
- Capacity-building for local and national institutions, such as mediation services (often linked to rule of law programmes).
- Support to customary and/or local dispute resolution mechanisms.
- Development of systematic linkages between local and statutory systems for land and resources disputes mediation.
- Development of a national cadre of land administration professionals, through assessment, training and capacity-building.
- Provide training for local government officials on rights of women & other vulnerable groups.
- Assistance to state-run property restitution and compensation programmes.
- Provision of temporary housing to help keep displaced people from occupying homes that are not their own.
- Development of land registration systems, often through micro-level piloting programmes.
- Support to legal aid programmes, particularly those targeting ethnic minorities, women-headed households, and other vulnerable groups.
- Addressing secondary occupations – i.e. developing procedures for evictions.
- Assistance in obtaining ID documents for those who require them for legal processes.
- Trial monitoring and assessments of judicial capacity and fairness regarding land and natural resources disputes.
- Long-term assistance to government in policy and legislative development related to LTPR and natural resources disputes.
- Assistance to civil society organisations to participate in policy and legal debates related to LTPR and natural resources disputes.
- Working with local and national media to sensitize the population on new land policies, or to promote dialogue around land policy or land issues
- In situations of extreme land scarcity or limitations to restitution programs, provision of non-agricultural livelihood training/equipment/employment opportunities as alternatives.