LAND AND RESOURCE GOVERNANCE MATTERS FOR INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Tenure and Global Climate Change (TGCC) program assisted USAID’s Land and Urban Office to identify and test models to strengthen resource tenure governance and property rights as they relate to sustainable economic growth.

WHY INVEST IN STRENGTHENING LAND AND RESOURCE RIGHTS?

**LEGAL PROTECTION**

- Up to 2.5 billion people depend on indigenous and community lands, which is 50-60% of the land of the planet. They legally own just one-fifth.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- More than 93% of extractive and agriculture developments in tropical forested countries involve land that is already inhabited.

**ECONOMIC GROWTH**

- Women with strong land and inheritance rights earn up to 3.8 times more income.

Documentation and recognition of rights gives farmers the security to make long-term investments in land; communities the incentives to manage communal resources like forests and grazing areas for long-term goals; and local leaders and government the opportunity to collaborate on rural land use and livelihoods planning.

WHO TGCC HELPS

**Private Sector Stakeholders:** Partnerships helped to strengthen community land and resource rights, which present a pathway for reduced risks and new incentives for sustainable investment and deforestation free commodities.

**CSOs and Community Members:** Built technical capacity to document and register community and household land and resource rights, and engaged in participatory land-use planning. Created spaces for women, vulnerable populations, and minority groups to ensure their inclusion in securing rights to land and productive resources.

**USAID Missions:** Documented lessons learned from across thirteen countries to support missions to integrate property rights and resource governance principles into their programming.

**National Government:** Brought international property rights best practices into policy processes in three countries, and promoted lessons from local-level pilots for integration into policy and legislation.

**Donors:** Initiated and participated in global-level donor coordination on marine resource rights and led national level coordination on property rights issues in Zambia and Burma.

**Local Government and Traditional Leaders:** Developed the land governance capacity of local leaders in order to resolve land disputes, advocate for community rights, and increase transparency in land transactions. Capacity-building focused on land tenure goals that aligned with customary practices.

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WHERE TGCC WORKED

RED DOTS REPRESENT FIELD IMPLEMENTATION | BLUE DOTS REPRESENT ASSESSMENTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

WHAT TGCC ACCOMPLISHED

12 country assessments on:
- REDD+ and Land Rights
- Marine Tenure Program Design
- Mangrove Rights

In Burma, 220 events reached 7,500 participants to strengthen understanding of land governance | 32 district, provincial, and chief Land Policy dialogues sponsored in Zambia (1,000+ participants)

300,000+ hectares of community lands mapped for the first time in Burma, Zambia, and Vietnam, and integrated into open access systems

National Land Use Policy adopted in Burma and integrated into laws/policies | Land Policy development supported in Zambia | Coastal Forest Policy implemented in Vietnam

550+ communities with resource rights documented in Zambia, Burma and Vietnam | 15,000+ households with their land demarcated

Partnership on cocoa, tenure, and deforestation in Ghana | Partnership on beef, tenure, and deforestation in Paraguay | Input into the Investment Law in Burma

Indonesia and Tanzania explored rights dimensions of restoration and management success | 3 communes in Vietnam developed participatory coastal management plans

Land use planning and wildlife ownership rights in Zambia’s national park buffer zone

Integration of tenure into World Bank benefit sharing activities in Zambia | Program design tenure assessment in Nepal | Community Forest Management Instruments supported in Zambia

Job aids for USAID missions on integrating resource rights into fisheries program | Case studies from Philippines, Bangladesh, and Indonesia | Global outreach through international donor events

Ghana and Paraguay partnerships on Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 | Mangrove rehabilitation in Vietnam | Zambia methodological support to World Bank

Climate-smart agriculture supported in Zambia to 3,498 farmers (1,832 women) across 177 communities | Coastal resilience improved across three communes and 800 hectares of coastal mangroves in Vietnam

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