



CHIPATA DISTRICT LAND ALLIANCE

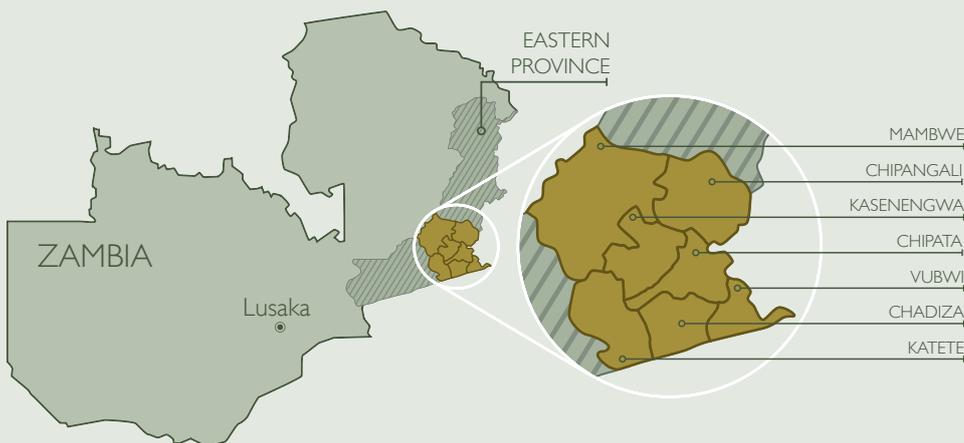
Clarifying Land Rights in Eastern Zambia

The Chipata District Land Alliance (CDLA) is a civil society organization that focuses on advancing social and economic development by documenting the land rights of citizens in the Eastern Province of Zambia. Since 2014, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), CDLA has partnered with six customary chiefs to pioneer low-cost, participatory methods of land documentation using mobile approaches to secure tenure, known as MAST. The organization uses data to improve dialogue and promote transparency and accountability in land use planning.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Customary land documentation
- Local area planning
- Advocacy for sustainable land use
- Links to agrofinancing
- Land administration
- Conflict resolution
- Women's empowerment

THE REACH OF CDLA



OUR VISION

WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND YOUTH, CAN ENJOY AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Parcels documented
12,600+

Hectares mapped
32,000+

Women with registered rights
21,000+

Villages supported
700+

Since 2014, CDLA has registered land rights for more than 40,000 people

LONG TERM IMPACTS



PROTECTING HOUSEHOLDS

Land documentation secures rights for children and extended family members for the purpose of inheriting land and creates opportunities for women and youth to assert their rights to land and household decisions.



EMPOWERING WOMEN

CDLA employs a gender-inclusive approach that promotes women's leadership in village land committees and looks to ensure that women register their land rights in systems that have traditionally been male dominated.



IMPROVING LAND USE AND PLANNING

Land documentation allows chiefs to improve planning and coordinate with district government over service delivery. CDLA backstops inventories of government and community infrastructure.



IMPACTING PUBLIC POLICY

Three CDLA-partner chiefs have been elected to the national House of Chiefs, where they sit on the land subcommittee, influence Zambia's National Land Policy, and are national advocates for the benefits of documenting customary land rights.



"Land is the bottleneck and the barrier that we could never get past. Everyone wants more, so they take advantage of the widows and make claims. Prior to CDLA's arrival, each week, dozens of households lined up seeking resolution

to conflicts over field boundaries. Now there is peace in the chiefdom."

Chieftainess Mkanda, Chipata District, Zambia.



"With USAID support, the CDLA has become a trusted intermediary between communities and district government. Our maps are helping the chiefs and government agree on district development priorities for specific locations and ensure that the rights of existing landholders

are considered."

Adam Ngoma, CDLA Coordinator

With USAID support, CDLA has brought together chiefs and district government to resolve long-standing tensions over boundaries using participatory mapping approaches.

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