



# PETAUKE DISTRICT LAND ALLIANCE

*Addressing natural resources and development planning*

The Petauke District Land Alliance (PDLA) is a Zambian civil society organization advancing community rights to land and natural resources. Since 2016, with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), PDLA has documented individual and community land rights in Petauke and Lusangazi Districts. This work is critical in resolving long-standing tensions over customary and state rights within a former resettlement area and in promoting improved planning in one of Zambia's largest game management areas adjacent to South Luangwa National Park. PDLA's partnership with district councils brings together customary chiefs, communities, and line ministries to make informed decisions on land use and the management of natural resources.

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## MISSION

PDLA promotes accessibility and ownership of land for sustainable livelihoods, particularly for vulnerable people, through advocacy, capacity-building, service delivery, and partnerships.

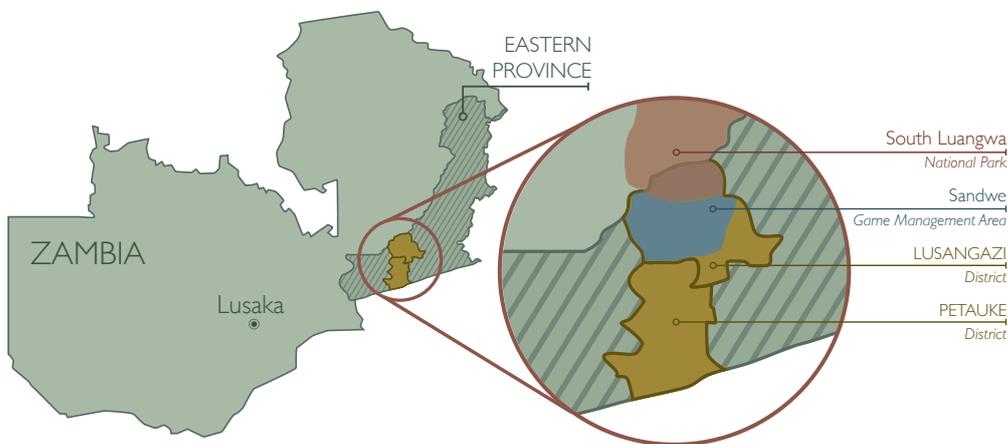
## VISION

Communities where everyone, especially women and youth, has secure ownership of land and enjoy sustainable livelihoods in a safe environment.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Customary land documentation
- Women's empowerment
- Conflict resolution
- Community forest management
- Community governance
- District capacity building
- Land use planning

## THE REACH OF PDLA



## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

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| Total people with registered rights | 67,000+ | Women with registered rights                           | 31,000+  |
| Parcels documented                  | 17,500+ | Parcels in or next to GMA or national forest           | 3,200+   |
| Villages supported                  | 1,560+  | Hectares of documented land in GMA or national forests | 150,000+ |



## LONG-TERM IMPACTS



PDLA was the first institution in Petauke District to document customary land rights (over 10,000 parcels) with the active engagement of chiefdom leaders. PDLA supports chiefs with information management and sustainable land administration.



PDLA deploys gender-responsive practices to encourage joint registration of land between men and women, and the inclusion of young women as persons of interest, associated with each parcel. PDLA supports dialogues with male and female leaders around gender norms within the chiefdoms.



In the recently formed Lusangazi District, PDLA works with the new district council, the community, and chiefs to employ mapping tools that help communities delineate the rights of households to prepare for the impacts of new investments in public services like schools and clinics.



PDLA uses community mapping in Nyampande and Sandwe Chiefdoms to clarify and resolve long-standing disputes over the management of Mvuyve Forest, as well as conflicts related to mining, hunting, and agricultural interests within the Sandwe Game Management Area.

PDLA is pioneering low cost, participatory methods of land documentation using mobile approaches to secure tenure, known as MAST, to improve dialogue and promote transparency and accountability in land use planning



*“USAID’s technical assistance helped the PDLA reach the scale of impact that we aspired to, by building on our positive relationships with customary leaders, community members, and district government. The MAST approach to securing tenure provides us with a tool that can reach thousands of households and will be taken seriously by government and chiefs alike.”*

**Moses Phiri, PDLA Coordinator**



*“I am a landholder. I am secure. My brother-in-law didn’t respect me and he tried to push me off my land for nearly 20 years. But now I have a land document. And that, he must respect.”*

**Agnes Mwanza, land owner in Fuwe Village**



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