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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFOR	<i>Agence foncière rurale</i> (Rural Property Agency)
AFJCI	<i>Association des femmes juristes de la Côte d'Ivoire</i> (Association of Women Legal Practitioners in Côte d'Ivoire)
ARK	<i>Animation Rurale de Korhogo</i> (Rural Organization in Korhogo)
AWP	Annual Work Plan
CAHD	<i>Conseil pour l'Assistance Humanitaire et le Développement</i> (Humanitarian Assistance and Development Council)
CAMEL	Complexity Aware Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning
CDI	Côte d'Ivoire
GALS	Gender Action Learning System
IDIQ	Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity
ILAW	Improving Land Access for Women
INDIGO	<i>Initiative de Dialogue et de Recherche-Action pour la Paix</i> (Initiative for Dialogue and Research Action for Peace)
IR	Intermediate Result
KAP	Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices
MFFE	<i>Ministère de la Femme, de la Famille et de l'Enfant</i> (Ministry of Women, Family, and Children)
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
PEA	Political Economy Analysis
SBCP	Social Behavior Change Plan
STARR II	Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights II
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	United States Government
VAT	Value Added Tax

I.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The goal of the Improving Land Access for Women (ILAW) Activity is to increase social cohesion, reduce land conflicts, and empower women to contribute to their communities economically by strengthening their legal access to land in the Northern and Western regions of Côte d'Ivoire (CDI). ILAW will achieve this goal through two performance objectives: Objective 1—Empower communities in Northern and Western CDI through awareness raising, advocacy, and communication campaigns on land and women's rights in Western and Northern CDI; and Objective 2—Strengthen women's access to legal and conflict mediation services in rural and urban areas to ensure their access to land in Northern and Western CDI.

The ILAW Activity runs from 2021 to 2024 as a Task Order under the Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights (STARR) II Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The ILAW Activity is implemented in two zones of the country: the northern zone encompassing the regions of Poro, Béré, and Tchologo; and the western zone encompassing the regions of Cavally, Guémon, and Tonkpi. ILAW implements its activities in close partnership with local organizations : *Animation Rurale de Korhogo* (ARK) ; *Conseil pour l'Assistance Humanitaire et le Développement* (CAHD) ; *Initiative de Dialogue et de Recherche-Action pour la Paix* (INDIGO) ; and, the *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire* (AFJCI).

This Quarterly Progress Report covers the second quarter of the Annual Work Plan (AWP) from January through March 2022. Highlights of achievements in this performance period include:

- Completed the baseline Political Economy Analysis (PEA);
- Organized the second “experts roundtable” with government and independent stakeholders to obtain feedback and comments on the PEA study;
- Completed the baseline Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) survey with 403 households;
- Established baseline values for Indicators 1 and 2 based on KAP survey results;
- Finalized the selection of the 30 partner villages in consultation with partners and authorities;
- Began social dialogue in partner villages with participatory exercises aimed at introducing the project and developing profiles for each village with key information and stakeholders;
- Signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with rural land agency (AFOR) to facilitate collaboration;
- Signed and began the implementation of the grant agreement with CAHD;
- Trained both hub partners (CAHD and ARK) in project procedures;
- Completed the filming for the first batch of social dialogue videos and the educational film; and,
- Held multiple internal and external consultations to plan the project launch events.

This quarterly report offers more details on these achievements as well as specific challenges and action points. In addition, the report summarizes performance indicators for the quarter and highlights upcoming activities including any deviations from the AWP. While there have been some minor delays in certain AWP activities compared to the schedule, the project remains largely on track with major foundational activities complete. ILAW management has transparently communicated to USAID to ensure they are aware of any timing challenges, and USAID has been supportive.

2.0 PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE: STARTUP ACTIVITIES

Startup for Improving Land Access for Women (ILAW) began in August 2021 and was mostly completed last quarter. However, several outstanding tasks were completed this quarter that are noted below.

2.1 ACTIVITY 1: KICKOFF MEETINGS WITH USAID, KEY GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS, AND PARTNERS

Achievements:

- ILAW finalized and signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the *Agence Foncière Rurale* (AFOR) that establishes a general framework for collaboration on activity implementation and data sharing;
- ILAW continued engagement with other government and civil society stakeholders, including the *Ministère de la Femme, de la Famille et de l'Enfant* (MFFE), the *Observatoire National de l'Équité et du Genre* (National Observatory on Equity and Gender), the *Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural* (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) including regional directors and the *Direction du Foncier Rural* (Rural Land Directorate) and civil society platform ALERTE-Foncier. ILAW included all aforementioned entities in the experts working group (see Intermediate Result [IR] 1.1 below on the Political Economy Analysis [PEA] study) as well as interviews for the legal education film (see IR 1.2 below); and,
- ILAW continued regular informal interaction with other USAID projects including the Political Transition Initiative, Resilience for Peace, and Accountability for Development activities.

Challenges and Action Points:

- The MFFE has been slow to engage with ILAW despite follow-up requests from the initial meeting on a potential MoU. The anticipated participation of the Minister during the Abidjan launch event should help build more buy-in from this ministry; and,
- The negotiation with AFOR on the MoU took several months due to legal reviews by AFOR and Tetra Tech. However, ILAW finalized and signed the MoU by the end of the quarter.

2.2 ACTIVITY 2: SET UP ABIDJAN OFFICE INCLUDING RECRUITMENT OF NATIONAL STAFF

Achievements:

- USAID approved the purchase of the project vehicle after a long process that began in October. The vehicle is set to arrive in Abidjan on April 17, 2022.
- USAID shared the formal ministerial decree granting Tetra Tech value-added tax (VAT) exemption for the ILAW Activity.

Challenges and Action Points:

- The delay in acquiring a car continued to result in high vehicle rental fees for everyday activities in Abidjan and for field activities. The Activity obtained approval this quarter, and anticipates some

additional hurdles due to paperwork required to obtain the vehicle without VAT or customs duties. The project car will likely be operational in May 2022.

- Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act requires procurement compliance with its standards for information, communication and technical equipment. Despite numerous efforts, Tetra Tech has so far been unable to find in Côte d'Ivoire an internet utility able to provide compliant service. Tetra Tech is treating this issue with high priority and intends to find a solution next quarter.

2.3 ACTIVITY 3: FINALIZE AWP; ACTIVITY MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING PLAN; CAMEL PLAN; AND BRANDING AND MARKING PLAN

USAID approved the Complexity Aware Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (CAMEL) Plan this quarter. This activity is now complete.

2.4 ACTIVITY 4: FINALIZE SUBCONTRACTS

This activity was completed last quarter.

2.5 ACTIVITY 5: TRAIN STAFF AND FINALIZE OFFICE PROCEDURES

This activity was completed last quarter. ILAW continues to conduct on-the-job training and mentorship for all staff on office procedures.

2.6 ACTIVITY 6: ESTABLISH REGIONAL OFFICES

Achievements:

- ILAW's regional offices run by hub partners *Conseil pour l'Assistance Humanitaire et le Développement* (CAHD) and *Animation Rurale de Korhogo* (ARK) are now fully functional. ILAW organized multiple meetings, including a special trip to Duékoué, to support and train the regional partners, especially on invoicing procedures;
- ILAW completed the configuration of two laptops for the partners; and,
- ILAW obtained approval to purchase motorcycles for partners.

Challenges and Action Points:

- The motorcycles are currently undergoing license and registration prior to being sent to field partners early next quarter. The lack of motorcycles was a challenge this quarter and resulted in needing to authorize partners to rent cars and adjust activity programming.

2.7 ACTIVITY 7: PREPARE GRANT FUND ADDENDUM AND TENDER FIRST GRANTS

Achievements:

- ILAW signed the grant agreement with CAHD after obtaining USAID approval; and,
- ILAW solicited and received a proposal from *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire* (AFJCI) for the second Grant Under Contract.

Challenges and Action Points:

- None

2.8 ACTIVITY 8: ACTIVITY LAUNCH WORKSHOPS

Achievements:

- ILAW finalized details for launch events, including dates, format, invitees, and communication products. The Abidjan launch ceremony will take place on April 21, the Man launch ceremony on April 27, and the Korhogo launch ceremony on May 10.

Challenges and Action Points:

- Scheduling considerations related to Ramadan, attendee availability, and finalization of the PEA and Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) studies impacted the schedule for the launch events, compared to Annual Work Plan (AWP) target dates.

3.0 PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE: IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 OBJECTIVE I: EMPOWER COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN CDI THROUGH AWARENESS RAISING, ADVOCACY, AND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS ON LAND AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN WESTERN AND NORTHERN CDI

3.1.1 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.1: CONDUCT LOCALIZED POLITICAL ECONOMY ANALYSIS ASSESSMENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LAND ISSUES, PARTICULARLY AS RELEVANT FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN COMMUNITIES

Achievements:

- ILAW completed the field research for the PEA study in January and February 2022, including a training and planning workshop in Yamoussoukro, in-depth participatory exercises in four villages per project zone, additional stakeholder interviews on urban dynamics, and an internal feedback workshop with all researchers;
- ILAW completed the PEA study report with contributions from all researchers and detailed qualitative information gathered during the field research;
- ILAW hosted a second meeting of the “experts group” aimed at eliciting feedback and buy-in from government and independent stakeholders on the study’s conclusions; and,
- ILAW integrated feedback and comments into the report received from USAID, Tetra Tech’s home office and the experts group.



Figure 1: Focus group with women in Tiguissikaha, part of the PEA study

ILAW PHOTO

Challenges and Action Points:

- Synthesizing the rich qualitative data into a readable report was a priority for the PEA, given the multiple authors/researchers and the detailed nature of the findings. While ILAW did its best to distill key findings, the final report’s length may make it less accessible to some readers. ILAW is therefore working on an extended executive summary, in French and English, that can be shared as a stand-alone document; and,
- In line with the CAMEL, ILAW will continue to reflect upon and deepen its understanding of the political economy around women’s land access beyond the baseline study. For example, ILAW is working with hub partners to identify invitees, who live in Abidjan or abroad, to the launch ceremonies from among influential people from the project’s 30 partner communities. In addition, ILAW developed a “village profile” template for the 30 villages that the partners are filling out based on additional participatory dialogue and research exercises. This information will be complementary to the PEA findings. Finally, ILAW will further reflect upon the implications of the PEA and KAP studies as part of the next semi-annual pause and reflect event, as well as the launch workshops.

3.1.2 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.2: CATALYZE COLLECTIVE ACTION BY PROMOTING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS THROUGH DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW WOMEN'S INHERITANCE LAW

Achievements:

- This quarter, *Initiative de Dialogue et de Recherche-Action pour la Paix* (INDIGO) undertook two field missions as well as interviews in Abidjan to gather material for the first batch of social dialogue videos as well as the educational video on women's land rights.
- ILAW reviewed preliminary film material by INDIGO and provided detailed feedback. Based on the footage and an analysis of project needs, the following five themes were identified for the social dialogue videos:
 - Views on land ownership by women;
 - Views on land rights and marriage;
 - View on inheritance between spouses;
 - Views on inheritance from parents to children; and,
 - Views on women's participation in decision-making around land.
- ILAW also reviewed preliminary footage for the longer educational film on women's land rights and determined to structure the film around the following topics:
 - Context for women's land rights including national laws and institutions;
 - Laws around women's land ownership in rural and urban areas;
 - Rights of women with respect to inheritance;
 - Land rights of women with respect to marriage; and,
 - Types of contract and legal documents that can help secure women's land rights
- As noted in the last quarterly report, ILAW also determined that they would organize the first phase of social dialogue—while awaiting the production of the films—around participatory exercises in each village and the completion of village profiles for all 30 villages. This approach would allow villages to get to know the project, its themes and team-members. In addition, it will allow the project to gather useful information on the specific social, economic, and political issues in each village. By the end of the quarter, the activity completed the profiles for around half of target villages.



Figure 2: Focus group in Guinglo-Sropan being filmed by INDIGO

ILAW PHOTO

Challenges and Action Points:

- As noted in the last quarterly report, ILAW decided to deliberately delay the choice of community focal points by several months. This would allow the project's field agents to better get to know the villages and stakeholders. In addition, as a way to mitigate the risk of bias in the choice of focal points, ILAW will first invite five potential focal points per village to the initial Gender Action Learning System (GALS) trainings. Based on which focal points demonstrate themselves to be the most active following these trainings, ILAW will then work with partners to identify the two focal points per village. In order to ensure that ILAW has a thorough understanding of GALS in theory and in practice, ILAW identified a Rwandan GALS expert to come next quarter to conduct a

training of trainers and participate in one of the initial GALS workshops. ILAW will submit an approval request for this consultant by the end of April.

3.1.3 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.3: INCREASE POSITIVE NARRATIVES AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE RIGHTS GIVEN TO WOMEN IN THE MARRIAGE AND INHERITANCE LAW IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN COMMUNITIES AROUND WOMEN'S LAND OWNERSHIP

Achievements:

- As noted above, ILAW collaborated with INDIGO on the structure and topics to be covered in the video on women's land rights. PEA and KAP findings helped to identify topics. For example, the PEA showed how marriage customs and beliefs are fundamental in shaping social norms around women's land access. Therefore, the films highlighted marriage customs, including specific issues like inheritance rights for women in polygamous marriages, which the KAP study showed to be highly prevalent especially in the North.

Challenges and Action Points:

- None

3.1.4 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.4: CHANGE GENDER NORMS AND PERCEPTIONS IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN COMMUNITIES AROUND WOMEN'S LAND OWNERSHIP

Achievements:

- ILAW completed the baseline KAP survey targeting 403 households in the North and West. While ILAW was initially concerned about interviewing women separately from their spouses, this turned out not to be a problem thanks to strong communication by the partner field agents;
- ILAW analyzed KAP survey data and completed the study report with descriptive statistics and discussion on implications of findings. The results confirmed in many cases the results from the PEA study, such as the West having more open contestation by women on land rights. The study also contained some surprises such as the strong perception of land tenure insecurity in the North. In order to synthesize key findings, ILAW is preparing a four-page version with key findings.
- ILAW completed the calculation of baseline values and proposed performance targets for Indicators 1 and 2 (see Section 4.0); and,
- As part of the PEA study, ILAW began drafting a preliminary list of positive messages based on an analysis of existing social norms. The Activity will further analyze these messages and include them in the Social Behavior Change Plan (SBCP) due next quarter.



Figure 3: ARK field agent recording responses on his phone as part of KAP survey

ILAW PHOTO

Challenges and Action Points:

- None.

3.2 OBJECTIVE 2: STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S ACCESS TO LEGAL AND CONFLICT MEDIATION SERVICES TO ENSURE THEIR ACCESS TO LAND

3.2.1 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 2.1: MEDIATION SERVICES TO HELP WOMEN LANDOWNERS AND LAND USERS RESOLVE DIFFERENCES IN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS AND/OR NATURE OF THEIR EXISTING AGREEMENTS

Achievements:

- ILAW ensured that conflict dynamics and local mediation mechanisms were included in the PEA study methodology as well as the KAP survey questionnaire. Based on the rich and detailed results of both studies, ILAW determined that a separate analysis focusing on conflict resolution mechanisms was no longer needed. Instead, ILAW will use the findings from both studies to inform the activities to develop with the focal points, including identification of disputes and referral of disputes to existing mechanisms, as well as the training of authorities.

Challenges and Action Points:

- None

3.2.2 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 2.2: INCREASE ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO LAND IN SELECTED REGIONS OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Achievements:

- USAID approved the terms of reference for the AFJCI grant intended for providing legal services. ILAW consulted with several of the legal clinics to better understand how they operate and how to build synergies with other programs. By the end of the quarter, ILAW had received a technical and financial proposal from AFJCI that will serve as the basis for the grant.

Challenges and Action Points:

- ILAW intends to submit the Request for Application to USAID for the AFJCI grant by May. ILAW requires more technical discussions with AFJCI to build a common understanding of how the legal clinics and subsidization of services will operate in practice. ILAW also received a request from the University of Bouaké's land master's degree program to help place interns; ILAW is considering how interns from this World Bank-funded program could be integrated into the legal clinics for part of the year.

3.2.3 INTERMEDIATE RESULT 2.3: SUPPORT ACCESS TO LAND DOCUMENTATION TO STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S TENURE SECURITY

Achievements:

- There has been ample reflection, based on the PEA study results and the KAP survey, on the types of documents that rural beneficiaries need. For example, it is clear that land donations and wills could be a useful tool, as well as working with village land management committees (CVGFR) to maintain local registries of land contracts. Per the AWP, ILAW will draft a strategy on land rights formalization as the project nears Year 2. Activities under this IR will begin based on these design reflections in the next quarter.

Challenges and Action Points:

- None

3.3 ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER		
KEY INTERVENTIONS	TIME PERIOD	DEVIATIONS FROM AWP
Finalize 5 social dialogue videos (IR 1.1)	April-May	USAID approved shifting the deadline from March 1 to April 15. Based on USAID and other stakeholder feedback, the videos will be finalized by May.
Undertake social dialogue campaigns in intervention villages (IR 1.2)	April-June	The initial dialogue leading to the village profiles will be complete by May. Social dialogue and awareness-raising using videos will begin by June.
Identify and train focal points and organize regional platform meetings (IR 1.2)	Aug-Sep	As noted above, ILAW proposes postponing the launch of the focal point program to the fourth quarter to allow sufficient time to identify focal points and complete a training of trainers for the GALS methodology
Training of trainers and first GALS workshop (IR 1.2)	May	This activity was not explicitly mentioned in the AWP, but it was determined that in order to succeed in integrating the GALS methodology, outside support was necessary from a francophone GALS expert.
Finalize informational and behavior change videos (IR 1.3)	April-May	No deviation from revised deadline approved by USAID.
Set up a hotline for complaints, grievances, or legal assistance (IR 1.3)	July-Sep	ILAW proposes to unveil the hotline during the initial legal education sessions around the film screenings.
Begin preparing Social Behavior Change Plan (SBCP) for behavioral change communication activities	Feb-May	No deviation
Design a strategy and conduct training for existing mechanisms on mediation and gender sensitivity (IR 2.1)	Mar-May	This activity may be pushed to June or July to allow for ILAW to focus first on the GALS workshops.
Establish legal support and land formalization mechanism under second grant (IR 2.2)	May	No deviation

4.0 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following table summarizes ILAW performance indicator results this quarter. Additions are highlighted in red.

TABLE 2: ILAW INDICATOR TABLE

#	INDICATOR NAME	Q2 RESULT	YTD RESULT	Y1 TARGET	TOTAL RESULT	LOA TARGET	EXPLANATIONS
1	Percent of individuals in activity intervention areas with positive beliefs around women's land rights [custom] (outcome)	29%	29%	29%	-	50%	Baseline complete; proposed LOA target of 50%
2	Percent of individuals in activity intervention areas with basic knowledge of the inheritance and land laws [custom] (outcome)	15%	15%	15%	-	50%	Baseline complete; proposed LOA target of 50%
3	Number of persons trained with United States Government (USG) assistance to advance outcomes consistent with gender equality or female empowerment through their roles in public or private sector institutions or organizations [GNDR-8] (output)	0	0	100	0	150	Trainings foreseen in Quarter 3 or 4
4	Percent of individuals trained in land tenure and property rights as a result of USG assistance who correctly identify key learning objectives of the training 30 days after the training. [EG.10.4-2] (outcome)	0	0	75%	0	75%	Trainings foreseen in Quarter 3 or 4
5	Number of distinct outreach materials on the inheritance law and women's land rights disseminated [custom] (output)	0	0	10	0	35	Materials in production
6	Number of communication and outreach activities held on women's land rights [custom] (output)	98	98	250	0	750	Participatory exercises as part of PEA and village profiles counted
7	Number of disputed land and property rights cases resolved by local authorities, contractors, mediators, or courts as a result of USG assistance. [EG.10.4-3] (outcome)	0	0	0	0	100	Results anticipated in Year 2
8	Number of women accessing legal and/or mediation services to improve their access to land [custom] (output)	0	0	0	0	300	Results anticipated in Year 2
9	Number of documents delivered that secure women's access to land as a result of USG assistance [custom] (output)	0	0	0	0	150	Results anticipated in Year 2
10	Number of women with formalized land rights as a result of USG assistance [custom] (outcome)	0	0	0	0	200	Results anticipated in Year 2

5.0 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

TABLE 3: UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	POTENTIAL USAID INVOLVEMENT
National launch ceremony in Abidjan	April 21, 2022	Speech and/or participation
Regional feedback workshop and launch ceremony in Man	April 27, 2022	Speech and/or participation
Regional feedback workshop and launch ceremony in Korhogo	May 10, 2022	Speech and/or participation
Training of trainers in GALS	Second half of May	Observation

6.0 ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION*

The goal of the Improving Land Access for Women (ILAW) Activity is to increase social cohesion, reduce land conflicts, and empower women to contribute to their communities economically by strengthening their legal access to land in the Northern and Western regions of Côte d'Ivoire (CDI). ILAW will achieve this goal through two performance objectives:

- **Objective 1**—Empower communities in Northern and Western CDI through awareness raising, advocacy, and communication campaigns on land and women's rights in Western and Northern CDI; and
- **Objective 2**—Strengthen women's access to legal and conflict mediation services in rural and urban areas to ensure their access to land in Northern and Western CDI.

The theory of change structuring the work plan activities described below is: **IF** rural and urban women and men increase their understanding and acceptance of national land and inheritance laws; **AND** if women can assert and formalize their land and inheritance rights individually and collectively in a way that is relevant to community interests; **THEN** women's social and economic position will be improved, land-related conflict will be reduced, and community resilience will be increased.

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In addition, ILAW works with two other local partners. *Initiative de Dialogue et Recherche Action pour la Paix* (INDIGO), an NGO specializing in social dialogue and peacebuilding, will produce audio-visual materials and provide expertise on dialogue for social change. *Association des femmes juristes de la Côte d'Ivoire* (AFJCI) will implement assistance for legal services and property rights formalization to Activity beneficiaries, and conduct outreach activities through its legal clinics in Man, Guiglo, and Korhogo.

In Year I ILAW is focusing on completing the baseline Political Economy Analysis (PEA) and Knowledge Attitudes Practices (KAP) survey which will help identify key strategies and constraints around women's land access. ILAW will also begin building awareness on women's land and inheritance rights in 30 target communities in the project's intervention zones. This will be done through social dialogue, the production and use of videos and trainings organized for customary and administrative authorities. By the end of Year I ILAW will also begin implementing a social behavior change strategy and will begin providing legal and mediation services through its local partners.

* Tetra Tech published a landing page for the ILAW project on LandLinks (<https://www.land-links.org/project/improving-land-access-for-women/>), where it will upload deliverables as they are approved by USAID in accordance with the task order.

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