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Strengthening Women's Land Rights



[USAID Advancing Gender Norms Change for Increasing Women's Land Rights](#)

This blog highlights how USAID is working to better understand and change social norms to empower women and increase gender equality in the land and resource governance sector. Learn more in the new technical brief for USAID Missions and implementing partners: [*Gender Norms and Women's Land Rights: How to Identify and Shift Harmful Gender Norms in the Context of Land and Natural Resources*](#). The brief introduces key social norms concepts and tools to identify and shift harmful norms in the context of land and natural resources.



[Zambia's Chiefs Champion Gender Equality in Land and Natural Resource Governance](#)

To strengthen the role of chiefs in addressing harmful gender norms and practices, promoting women's rights to land, and increasing women's participation in natural resource management, the USAID-funded Integrated Land and Resource Governance program has been partnering with chiefs in Zambia at both local and national levels to support and strengthen the role of traditional leaders to champion women's land rights, bridging legal, policy, and gender norms to ensure sustainable management of land and natural resources.



Popular New Radio Show Highlights Women’s Land Rights in Tanzania

“Mwanamke na Ardhi,” or “Women and Land,” is a new radio program on Nuru FM, a local station in the Iringa region of Tanzania. Each month, the program will cover a new topic related to women’s land rights, ranging from exploring the rules related to inheriting property to women’s roles in governance. The radio program is supported by USAID’s Land Evidence for Economic Rights, Gender and Equality (LEVERAGE) activity, and is being implemented by local partner Landesa in Tanzania.



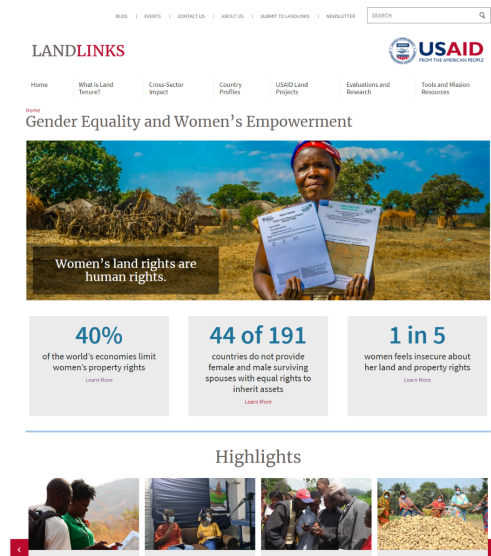
[Securing Land Rights for Female Farmers in India](#)

A USAID-PepsiCo partnership is working with female farmers like Kora to demonstrate that empowering women in the potato supply chain leads to better business performance and translates to improved revenue both for farming families and companies like PepsiCo. The program is using a combination of land literacy training, land leasing support, and agronomic training to increase female farmers' agency, productivity, and income.

For even more recent blogs see:

- [*Increasing Women's Access to Land through Public-Private Partnerships in Ghana*](#)
- [*Gender and Climate Change: the Intersection of Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Farming*](#)
- [*Securing Women's Land Rights: Challenges and Solutions*](#)
- [*Traditional Leaders in Zambia Shift Gender Norms and Strengthen Women's Land Rights*](#)

All these blogs and related resources can be found on the new [Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment](#) page on LandLinks



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Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment


Women's land rights are human rights.

40%
of the world's economies limit women's property rights
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44 of 191
countries do not provide female and male surviving spouses with equal rights to inherit assets
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1 in 5
women feels insecure about her land and property rights
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Highlights



USAID Land Project Highlights



USAID's [Integrated Land and Resource Governance](#) program is a flexible field support mechanism that works with USAID Missions to provide both short- and long-term assistance.

Read some of their recent publications to learn more.

- [Documenting Individual Land Rights to Save Zambia's Forests](#)
- [Young Women Stand Their Ground in Zambia's Wildlife Sector](#)



USAID/Colombia's [Land for Prosperity Activity](#) unlocks the potential of rural citizens across the Colombian conflict-affected regions of Southern Tolima, Montes de Maria, Meta, Catatumbo, Tumaco, Northern Cauca, and Bajo Cauca, and contributes to the mitigation of deforestation in one of Colombia's largest National Parks - Chiribiquete. The activity has a special focus on

empowering women, ethnic minorities, youth, and other vulnerable groups and in creating the environment for licit economic opportunities.

Three new blogs highlight this work:

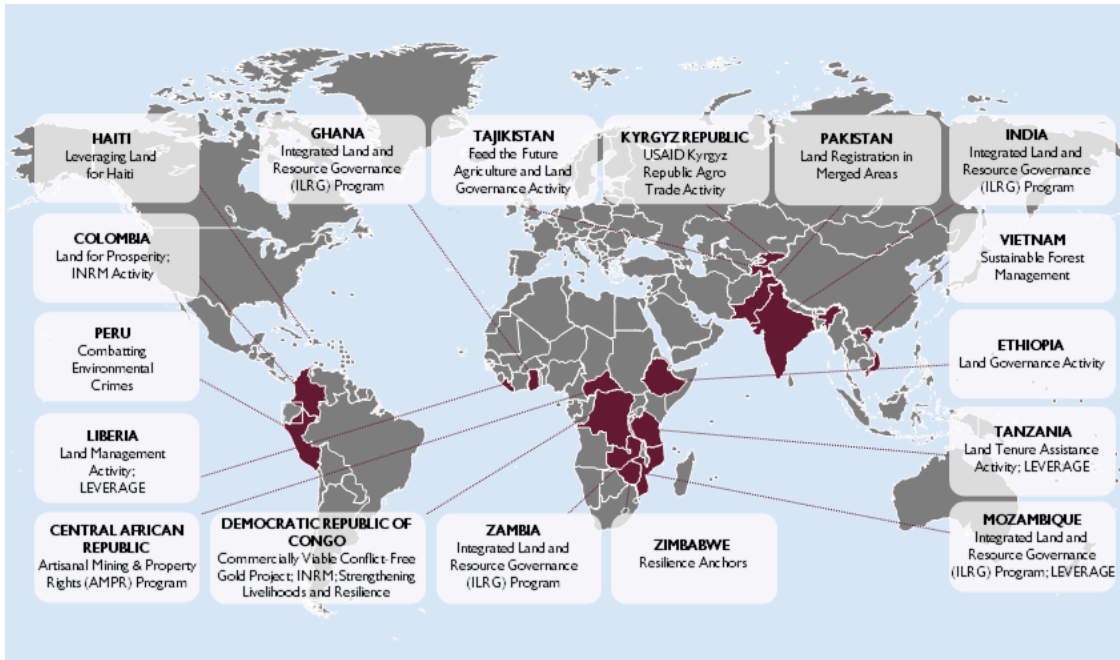
- [A Land Registry That Works for Everyone](#)
- [Finding a Way to Secure Land Rights](#)
- [Investing in Landowners](#)



Artisanal and Small-scale Mining project updates:

- [Artisanal Gold Mining – Environmental Impact Reduction Activity \(Oro Legal\) Final Report](#)
- [Pastoralism in Contested Spaces of Southwest Central African Republic](#)

New USAID Land & Resource Governance Overview



[This brief](#) provides an updated, high-level overview of USAID’s approach and services in the land and resource governance sector. It also highlights how land and resource rights are closely linked to other top USAID development objectives and programs.

In case you missed it:

[Five Ways USAID is Protecting the Environment by Improving Land and Resource Governance](#)



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