



Securing Women's Access to Land: Linking Research and Action

A 30 month research project in Eastern and Southern Africa by the International Land Coalition (ILC) in collaboration with MISR (Makerere Institute for Social Research, Makerere University, Uganda) and PLAAS (Institute for Poverty, Land, and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

Projects selected for the small grant programme in Eastern and Southern Africa

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One of the key activities in the first phase of this project is a **small grant programme** for action-oriented research implemented by the two partner institutions in Eastern and Southern Africa, MISR and PLAAS, which held an **inception workshop** in Nairobi, 19-23 May 2008, bringing together participants from 8 countries in the region (Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda for Eastern Africa; Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Madagascar and Zimbabwe, for Southern Africa), including grassroots women's movements, academic institutions, as well as several NGOs engaged on women's issues. The workshop focused on capacity-building sessions, specifically on 'Concepts, Action Research & Methodology', with a special focus on **gender sensitive methodology for action research**, and 'Developing Proposals & Projects'. Detailed information on the inception workshop, including presentations and background documents, are available on the ILC website at www.landcoalition.org/program/wa_programmes_afr_2.html) as well as the PLAAS website (<http://www.plaas.org.za/research/land/swal/wkshp1>).

Following the inception workshop, full proposals were developed by all participating organisations and submitted for review processes per sub-region, with a total of 11 projects selected for the small grants programme.

In Eastern Africa, MISR (Makerere Institute for Social Research, Makerere University, Uganda) selected 6 projects, with a total of 8 organisations involved:

Preliminary title of research project	Submitting organisation(s)	Country
The Complimentary Role of Community Land "Watch Dog" Groups infilling in Land Law Gaps Hindering Women Control over Land in Kenya; A Case of the Watch Dog Groups in Gatundu; Central Province	GROOTS (Grassroots Organisations Operating Together in Sisterhood, network of CBOs)	Kenya
Worthwhile: Women's rights to have Worth, Homes, Inherit land and Estate	LWB (Lawyers without Borders, Inc.) and RWN (Rural Women's Network Rwanda)	Rwanda
Realisation of women's property rights in Uganda: documenting the gains of women resulting from legislative intervention	ULA(Uganda Land Alliance, network of NGOs) and Uganda Media Women's Association	Uganda
Empowering Rural Women Accessibility to and Enjoyment of Benefits Accruing from Land; conversations around Beliefs and Practices.	URDT (Uganda Rural Development and Training Programme, NGO)	Uganda
Strengthening property inheritance rights of widows as a means of increasing women's access and control of land	YWAP (Young Widows Advancement Programme, NGO)	Kenya

Assessing the implementation of the consent clause (Land Act, 1998) and upscale advocacy for women's rights to access and control land in Kayunga district, Uganda	FHRI (Foundation for Human Rights Initiatives, NGO)	Uganda
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In Southern Africa, PLAAS (Institute for Poverty, Land, and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa) selected 5 projects, with a total of 13 organisations involved:

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The feminisation of land reform: Building farmwomen's consciousness and activism for independent and secure access to and control of productive land	WFP (Women on Farms Project, NGO); Sikhula Sonke (Trade Union)	South Africa
Women's Access To Land Under Dualism Law And Its Impact On Intra-Household Bargaining Power Of Women In Matrilineal And Patrilineal Societies In Malawi	WOLREC (Women's Legal Resource Centre, NGO) with UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) and OXFAM	Malawi
Promoting Women's Access To And Control Over Land In The South Eastern Region Of Madagascar	Plateforme SIF (Solidarité des Intervenants sur le Foncier, umbrella organisation of NGOs, farmers' organisations, unions, etc.) with regional office of FOFIFA (National Research Centre Applied for Rural Development)	Madagascar
Sustainable Livelihoods – Empowering Women Through Access And Control Over Land: Action Research Project	Forum Mulher (network of CSOs) with Cruzeiro do Sul (network of researchers), AMUDEIA (Community-based association of Vulnerable Women in Manhiça District) and UNAC(National Union of Farmers)	Mozambique

ILC is looking forward to sharing preliminary results of the research and to welcome other interested organisations into a community of interest that has been established via a DGroup (www.landcoalition.org/program/wa_dgroup.html).

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