

LEGEND: Land Governance for Economic Development

Context:

Building effective land governance systems is an essential step to driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth in developing countries. Without secure land rights and proper land governance systems, smallholder farmers, communities and investors cannot utilise land effectively to drive growth.

Secure property rights and improved land governance in developing countries:

- are associated with increased GDP growth and raised incomes;
- are strongly connected to increased levels of private investment into economies;
- increase investment by poor households and farmers and their ability to access government services;
- play an important role in women's economic and social empowerment and increasing their bargaining power within the household.

Progress 2014-2017:

- Supported the Columbia Centre for Sustainable Investment to create the world's first global repository of [large-scale land contracts](#)
- Facilitated the establishment of the [PRIIndex](#) (Property Rights Index) which provides global data on people's perception of their tenure security
- Aiding [Cadasta](#) to develop cutting edge tools to help communities, companies, and local authorities map and document land rights
- Piloting responsible investment practices in line with the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure through the [Challenge Fund](#)
- Supporting Landesa to create a responsible investment expertise hub enabling private companies to access expertise to manage tenure risk effectively

Programme Objectives:

LEGEND supports local, national, and global initiatives that contribute to one or more of the following objectives:

- 1) Promoting responsible land-based investments
- 2) Strengthening tenure security of poor men and women
- 3) Improving evidence, transparency, and accountability on governance

Programme Components:

- Funding for 13 complementary projects implemented by think tanks, CSOs, and multilaterals
- A Core Land Support Team, providing evidence and data as well as bespoke support to centrally managed and country-level DFID programmes aiming to scale up or strengthen their land governance work
- A Challenge Fund to drive responsible land-related investment and inclusive growth; facilitated by partnerships between businesses and non-profit organisations

Expected Outcomes and Results:

- Improved tenure security for men, women and responsible businesses
- Improved data, information, evidence
- Improved land investments

Key Facts:

- **Budget:** £38m
- **Timeline:** 7 year programme, 2014-2021,
- **Partners:** KPMG, ODI, IIED, NRI, IFPRI, CCSI, Cadasta, FAO, Land Alliance, Landesa, Land Portal, Transparency International, Rights and Resources Initiative, Interlaken Group, Namati