LANDex and the SDGs

Highlighting the role of land across social, economic and environmental goals

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# PEOPLE-CENTRED DATA

THREE INDICATOR LEVELS, PER 10 COMMITMENTS OF ILC

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A = Legal  
B = Implementation  
C = Outcome, Results, Impact
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE
FOUR KINDS OF METHODOLOGIES, DIVERSE DATA SOURCES

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17  PEOPLE-BASED ASSESSMENTS
9   CALCULATION
6   SURVEY-BASED INDICATOR
1   JOINT DATABASE
### Key Land Indicators

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**1.4.2: Proportion of adult population with documentation**

**5.a.2: Legal framework guarantees women’s equal rights to land ownership and control**
### 2.4: Ensure sustainable food production systems (…) that improve land and soil quality

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#### 6.b.1: Proportion of administrative units where local communities participate in water management

#### 16.7.2: Population considers decision-making is inclusive and responsive
BUILDING A MATRIX
ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS

LANDex Indicator Scores | SDG Indicator Scores | SDG Target Scores | Goal Scores | Country SDG Score
---|---|---|---|---
| | | | |
SDG 1
NO POVERTY

RATES OF DOCUMENTATION IN RURAL NEPAL
1B | 96

PERCEIVED TENURE SECURITY IN RURAL NEPAL
1C | 82

PERCEIVED TENURE SECURITY ON RURAL COMMUNITY LAND
3C | 86

PERCEIVED TENURE SECURITY OF RURAL WOMEN
4C | 79

PERCEIVED TENURE SECURITY ON INDIGENOUS LAND
5C.1 | N/A

85.9
SDG 1.4
ANALYSIS
BEHIND THE NUMBER

• DIVING DEEP INTO LANDex RESPONSES
  • What did respondents tell us about specific issues?
  • What do the numbers behind the score tell us?
  • What stories emerge from or surround the data?

EFFORTS BY NES NEPAL TO SECURE JOINT LAND TITLES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A STRONG LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR EQUAL LAND RIGHTS, INCREASING THEIR CONTROL OVER LAND.

“This joint land ownership certificate has provided me self-esteem and created a good harmony in my family.”

SEE GOOD PRACTICE.
LOOKING AHEAD
REFINING THE TOOL AND OUR REPORTING
PROGRESS TOWARDS LAND-RELATED ASPECTS OF 10 SDGs IN NEPAL
### ON KEY LAND SDGs

**LANDEX IN NEPAL**

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<td>82% of rural men and women felt their land rights were secure.</td>
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SDG 1
NO POVERTY

KEY FINDINGS

- DOCUMENTATION RATES IN NEPAL ARE HIGH (96%), BUT DON'T GUARANTEE A SENSE OF TENURE SECURITY (82%)

- RURAL WOMEN FEEL LESS SECURE (79%) THAN RURAL MEN ON AVERAGE

- THOSE LIVING ON COMMUNITY LAND ON AVERAGE HAVE A HIGHER (86%) SENSE OF TENURE SECURITY
KEY FINDINGS

• THREE KEY WLR PROXIES SEEMINGLY MET IN NEPAL
  1. MANDATORY OR INCENTIVIZED JOINT REGISTRATION
  2. MANDATORY QUOTAS FOR WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN LAND MANAGEMENT
  3. EQUAL INHERITANCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

• LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR EQUAL LAND RIGHTS RELATIVELY STRONG IN NEPAL

• LITTLE SUPPORT IS OFFERED IN TENURE DISPUTES
KEY FINDINGS

- Of 14.34 Mha in Nepal, only 1.92 are designated for local communities and indigenous people.

- Land can only be designated for – and not owned by – these communities, limiting their control.

- The government has committed to achieving land degradation neutrality (LDN).
KEY FINDINGS

- The existing land platform is the result of strong partnerships that will be key to achieving SDGs.
- Representation and leadership positions for vulnerable sectors and priority groups can be improved.
RECOMMENDATIONS
BASED ON LANDex FINDINGS

• BETTER PROGRAMS AND DATA TO ENSURE TENURE EQUAL LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN
• FACTORS BEYOND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE CONSIDERED TO IMPROVE TENURE SECURITY

• ENSURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT REACH FAMILY FARMERS
• DEVELOP A REGISTER OF FAMILY FARMERS AS FIRST STEP TO RECOGNIZE THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE

• FURTHER BUDGET ALLOCATED TO PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS
• INCREASED LEGAL SUPPORT IN LEGAL DISPUTES TO MAKE SURE LAND LAWS UPHOLDED

• DEVELOPMENT OF INCLUSIVE LAND USE MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT CONSIDER LOCAL LAND USERS
RECOMMENDATIONS

BASED ON LANDex FINDINGS

• TRACK BENEFICIARIES OF FINANCIAL CREDIT AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THEY ARE REACHING FAMILY FARMERS

• WHEN UPDATED SURVEY DATA AVAILABLE, CONSIDER CALCULATING A LAND GINI THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT PROPERTY VALUES, LANDLESSNESS AND MULTIPLE PROPERTIES

• TRANSLATE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS TO LAND DEGRADATION NEUTRALITY INTO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLANS WITH LOCAL PARTICIPATION

• STRENGTHEN LAWS THAT WOULD ALLOW INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO OWN LAND, INCREASING THEIR POTENTIAL TO AFFOREST IT
RECOMMENDATIONS
BASED ON LANDex FINDINGS

• IMPROVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE LAND REGISTRY AND MAKE TRANSACTIONS MORE AFFORDABLE

• PROTECTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DEFEND LAND AND THE ENVIRONMENT, SHOULD CONSIDER PREVENTION FOR AT-RISK COMMUNITIES

• DESIGNATE LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE EXISTING LAND PLATFORM FOR WOMEN, SMALLHOLDERs AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS

• FURTHER STATE SUPPORT OF THE PLATFORM TO ENSURE SUSTAINED OPERATION
THANK YOU

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