Building an intra-organizational LR policy

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Review of involvement in land rights/land administration work for policy development:

- Policy must inform staff, addressing rights and opportunities of **heterogenic groups** of poor and dispossessed → taking into account complex range of stakeholders/interests.
- Policy based on existing frameworks, own practice and experiences.
- Recognizing the limitations of an NGO (mandate).
- Making use of the particular strengths.
Context for Burundi & Uganda cases

- People returning after conflict and displacement.
- High prevalence of land conflict.
- Lack of recognition of women’s land rights.
- Mainly customary systems.
- Minimal registration of tenure rights.

Basic Legislation:

Land tenure pilot programs in BDI

- Bridging gap between decentralized land registration and envisioned national level registration.
- Land registration and conflict resolution with local partner Mi-Parec in areas with high re-patriation rates.
- Generating acceptance for registration process and outcomes.
- Strong consideration of existing (secondary) land rights of women.
- Building capacity of state authorities to enforce land rights and manage records.
Land tenure pilot programs in BDI ctd.

- Establishment of Recognition Committees to conduct **conflict resolution** and **collective demarcation**.
- Use of hand held GPS, KOBO and aerial photos → integration into ArcGis.
- Door-to-door outreach.
- Public performances.

Demarcation in Burundi
Source: Author
Land tenure registration in Uganda

- Provision for **Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs)** as evidence of customary ownership.
- Land governance and subsequent transactions are subject to customary law.
- **Collective demarcation** using demarcation teams consisting of traditional and state authorities.

Source: Author

Demarcation in Uganda
Land tenure registration in Uganda ctd.

- Parallel use of manual and digital system.
- Use of open source software (SOLA OT), Google Earth satellite image, GPS (integrated in tablets).
- Data to be migrated to National Land Information System (under development).
- Conflict resolution through demarcation team members and NGO mediation partner ARLPI.
Challenges

- Capacity of local government in terms of equipment and staffing.
- Capacity of local government in terms of skills and relevant education.
- Recording subsequent transactions.
- Integrating vulnerable land rights holders.
- Recognizing secondary land rights.
- Sustainability of conflict resolution.
- Political will to fully commit.

SDG Indicator 1.4.2
Conclusion

SDG target 1.4: “(...) ensure that all men and women (...) have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land (....).”

SDG Indicator 1.4.2: “Proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, with legally recognized documentation and who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and by type of tenure.”

Quick Fixes

`Isomorphic bias´

Ignorance of cultural embeddedness
1. Strong outreach/communication components need to be part of land rights related projects → Legal information of the target groups to be part of these processes → **dialogue on social implications** of land rights registration or documentation.

2. Any kind of documentation/registration of land rights needs to be based on a **sustainable and fitted technical infrastructure** → organizations need to integrate this aspect into their planning from the beginning.

3. A **conflict resolution** component needs to be part of any program related to land rights registration or documentation.
THANK YOU!
Bibliography


For further references please refer to the paper.