

ENHANCING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO LAND TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE IN SOUTH SUDAN

The Project

UN-Habitat and FAO, in partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) are implementing a Project titled "Enhancing Women's Access to Land to Consolidate Peace in South Sudan". The project is being implemented in Wau State and aims to enhance women's access and rights to land to consolidate peace in South Sudan through capacity building of traditional authorities, leaders and communities (female and male) to feel more confident and committed to gender responsive land and conflict/dispute resolution. It also aims to improve land management and administrative system at state and county level that facilitate/enhance access to land tenure security of most vulnerable women as IDPs/Returnees. In addition, Policy makers at national level will be more committed to implement gender responsive land policies.

Project Outcomes

- i. Women's groups have enhanced capacity to demand and secure accountability from government for women's land rights and equitable access to land from traditional authorities and governments
- ii. Improved land management and more gender responsive administrative system at state and county level, and reform of land policy at national level, facilitate/enhance secure access and ability of women to negotiate tenure security for the most vulnerable women groups returning from IDP camps
- iii. Policy makers provide effective, strategic support for gender responsive land policies.

Project Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approx. 4,500 people reached with regards to awareness creation on women land rights through various campaigns• Information centres to disseminate land rights information and legal aid to IDPs/returnees and host communities established (5 physical and 7 mobile)• Over 700 cases registered in connection with legal support to women facing land disputes issues out of which, 650 cases will receive financial support to facilitate processing of their land tenure documentation• Stakeholders are engaging with the state and local authorities to adopt a methodology for allocating land to landless women in a participatory planning land allocation process. Over 90 cases have been identified as landless. Approx. 102 complex cases have been handed over to reliable law firms towards possible representation in courts of law• Capacity need assessment for traditional leaders on skills in land dispute resolution undertaken, report produced, curriculum on training developed• Approx. 30 chiefs mobilized, and consensus reached on an improved and standardized Residential Certificates for various Blocks targeting issuance to women and men.• Capacity needs assessment for state officials on gender responsive land administration undertaken, training manuals and tools identified.• Studies on gender responsive land dispute resolution; land management and baseline assessment finalized and shared with the national Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development and Chair of Parliamentary Land Committee to give evidence-based information to inform land policy undertaken.	
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