

LAND-at-scale Chad

Land reform based on rapid evolutions and present crisis

Chad is at the verge of an emerging land tenure crisis. As observed in many countries in Africa, formal and customary tenure systems overlap. Customary tenure systems, that generally prevail in rural areas, differ from region to region, with each its own needs and practices. Land conflicts are abundant, caused by degradation and transformation of land surfaces caused by climate change, as well as land investments by domestic investors with disputed legitimacy. Women, particularly, struggle in practice to obtain the same rights to land as men, even though country's constitution enshrines gender equality. These land challenges play against a backdrop of a country in conflict. A land tenure crisis could lead to more disputes over land, uncontrolled weakened land productivity, urban development, and result in further social unrest of the country if not adequately addressed.

Project objective

The project aims to contribute to a more transparent and inclusive land administration system in Chad, especially for tenure insecure groups (women and youth), which creates security for communities to invest in sustainable income generating activities.

Project duration		
2020 – 2025		
Project budget		
€ 2 million		
Implementing partner(s)		
Kadaster International, Oxfam Novib		
Project website		
Project page		

Project strategies

- Finalization of the Land Code: a review and rewrite of the content, combined with a multistakeholder validation workshop
- Support to socio-economic land reform, with special attention for inclusion of women and youth, strengthening civil society organizations, capacity building on agricultural practices and dispute resolution mechanisms.
- Improving the land registration system in N'Djamena by developing a blueprint of the current situation and roadmap towards the preferred future situation, together with the relevant government authorities in Chad.



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