



LAND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (LGSA)

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The Liberia Land Governance Support Activity (LGSA) supports the establishment of more effective land governance systems and comprehensive reforms to ensure equitable access to land and security of tenure. To achieve this goal, LGSA will work to strengthen the legal, policy, and regulatory framework for land governance; improve human and institutional capacity for land governance; review and field-test firm procedures register customary land, and support civil society, the private sector, and citizen engagement in land governance.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Developing standard operating procedures and regulations to enhance the smooth implementation of the Land Rights Act (LRA) and the Land Authority Act;
- The provision of daily technical support to the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) on key land reform task;
- Supporting the LLA to ensure that surveyors are trained and readied to comply with the provisions of the Land Survey and Land Surveyors Regulations;
- Conducting formal training for an expected pool of new surveyors at the Forestry Training Institute;
- Piloting steps and methodologies for customary land rights recognition;
- Improving human and institutional capacity for land governance by helping the LLA to decentralize and providing training for staff;
- Supporting women's land rights initiatives through the provision of technical assistance to the Gender Unit of the LLA;

- Assessing media options for publicizing legislation, regulations, and institutional reform agenda; and
- Developing and managing grants to support civil society and private sector entities to engage in land governance activities

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Produced a comprehensive strategy for legislative as well as future policy, legal, and regulatory reforms;
- Completed institutional audit and assessments for the Center for National Documents and Records Agency, the Department of Land Survey and Cartographic Services, the former Land Commission, and County Land Commissioners;
- Drafted a transition plan and assisted the LLA to absorb entities with previous land functions;
- Developed a comprehensive strategy for the implementation of the Land Rights;
- Produced a guide for the piloting of customary land rights recognition;
- Established a gender unit at the LLA; and launched a comprehensive gender land rights report;
- Supported the formation of the Association of Professional Land Surveyors and guided them to adopt a new constitution.
- Completed phase one of the Pilot on customary land recognition in seven communities in Lofa, Bong, and Nimba; and
- LLA established to consolidate and absorb institutions with land functions, and regulate all activities with respect to land.

PLANNED OUTCOMES

- A strategic guide for future Land Reform produced;
- A Strategy for the Implementation of the LRA adopted;
- A Need Assessment conducted to assist the LLA to build the needed capacity;
- First batch of formally trained Liberian surveyors graduated through the Geomatics Education Program in Bomi;
- Public outreach and awareness campaigns on land rights and governance developed and implemented;
- The LLA assisted to produce a gender mainstreaming strategy;
- Facilitation of community-led processes to strengthen community land governance, including capacity building of communities, local institutions, and stakeholders undertaken;
- Procedure for the formalization of customary tenure rights updated and tested;
- Civil society, the private sector, and citizen engagement in land governance strengthened; and
- Prototype county land offices established and piloted.