

FORMALISATION OF LAND RIGHTS / LAND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

In many countries of the Global South a whole spectrum of land administration and land tenure systems can be seen, ranging from highly informal (tenure without title) to highly formal (certificate or title). As we have shifted into the 21st century a general tendency has emerged towards formalising land tenure with a strong need to make land rights more secure. The issue of land administration is of strategic importance and is now at the heart of sustainable development processes. Today it is an accepted principle that good land governance has a positive impact on economic development, social cohesion, food security and the reduction of poverty.

This dynamic is giving rise to land administration reforms which aim to recognise and protect property rights, identify best practices in relation to registration and transfer of property rights, ensure that land administration systems are accessible and affordable. IGN FI and its partners (GEOFIT/GEOFIT Expert) have been providing support to governments, administrations and international donors for the past 20 years, testing land administration reforms and implementing them in the field.

IGN FI is an operator recognised throughout Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and Asia which undertakes projects ranging from land title certifications on a massive scale, to carrying out pilot missions to clarify, regularise agreements and secure land tenure rights in both urban and rural areas as well as conducting the relevant environmental and social protection studies, to providing support to enable decentralised stakeholders to strengthen their resilience. It relies on an efficient network of international experts and partner companies. It is thus able to design and implement solutions adapted to each problem encountered.

OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Advise, design and implement projects in the fields of land administration and the governance of land and natural resources :

- Supporting technical and organisational improvements throughout the rural and urban land administration and governance ecosystem
- Conducting audits and supporting modernisation of the legal and institutional framework and the administrative and management procedures relating to land governance
- Devising public policies for development in the field of land administration
- Carrying out large-scale land registry and cadastral surveys
- Strengthening land and property administration agencies at national and local level
- Carrying out projects for the securing of land rights and promoting local mechanisms for securing land rights
- Execution or supervision of cadastral survey work
- Restoration and dematerialisation of cadastral maps, titles and land-related documentation
- Project management support for local authorities in the consolidation or setting up of management tools in their regions and in creating economic infrastructure as a result of needs analysis and planning
- Technical assistance and implementing decentralisation projects

OUR MEANS

IGN FI provides teams of specialists to its clients :

- Experts such as lawyers specialising in land administration, gender experts, sociologists, agronomists, urban planners, economists and re-installation experts
- Experts in databases and geographic information systems
- Surveyors-topographers, experts in geodesy
- Experienced project directors and managers

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SOME OF OUR REFERENCES

MALI • Land tenure audit of the Office du Niger

The objective of the land tenure audit, which was financed by the German Co-operation Fund (KFW) was to investigate the system for managing land administration in the Office du Niger. The specific aim was to test whether the land register was able to provide reliable, accurate information as to land which had been allocated, given up, developed or exploited, as well as the identities of the beneficiaries. In addition, proposed recommendations and proposals for improvements were made with a view to providing greater transparency and guaranteeing the quality, both technical and social, of the process.

IVORY COAST • Implementation of Law 98-750 of 23 December 1998 concerning the Rural Land Administration Sector

The four-year project, which began in 2014, was to demarcate the land boundaries of more than 22,000 villages, representing 20% of all village lands in the country. As part of the project, 5,600 land title certificates were issued and a pilot project for the securing of land tenure rights, involving the State, rural communities and private investors, was carried out with a view to setting up a multi-purpose rural land registry.

CHAD • Design of a land administration scheme for the Bahr Linia region

The project's main objective is to strengthen information management and the institutional capabilities of the General Registry Department by designing, building and implementing the land registration system. All existing data have been incorporated into the system.

MADAGASCAR • Support and modernisation of land offices by the issuing of 500,000 land title certificates

The specific aims of the CASEF project are to facilitate the registration of property rights inexpensively and in shorter time-frames in accordance with the legal framework governing decentralisation of land administration, by revitalising the land offices in the zones covered by the project. The primary objective is to offer improved access to the market for 228,000 households. The intention is to secure at least 500,000 plots by land certification over a period of 45 months, via the promotion of specific value chains.

MADAGASCAR • Support for reform and securing of land administration

In the course of this project funded by the French Development Agency, which began in 2016 with a projected duration of 48 months, schemes for the securing of property rights, land governance and property taxation have been set up in 75 rural communes in the area covered by the project. By the end of the project the steps taken to secure property rights should enable farmers in the communes involved to be able to acquire farm land with sufficient security of tenure to encourage them to increase yields.

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