

**26-27 February 2018 EWoH2 Subregional
Conference, Malawi**

**2017 Malawi Project
Accomplishments
&
Plans for 2018**

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Malawi's new Land Law comprises:

- **10 Acts enacted in 2016-2017**

Four Acts gazetted as effective from 01 Sept 2017 :i.e. Land Act, Land Survey Act, Land Acquisition Act, and the Malawi Housing Amendment Act.

- **Gazetting of other Acts i.e. Customary Land Act, awaits:**

- a) human resource recruitment at District Councils and T/A levels,

- b) establishment of CLCs and CLTs, finalization of subsidiary legislation and adoption of guidelines.

- **Concerns remain:** will the land titling of customary estates and the G8 Alliance agenda not facilitate huge land sales of customary estates?

Malawi 2017 activities overview

Mzimba

- Induction training w/shop for community mobilisers from partners
- Community awareness outreaches
- Sensitization training w/shop for trad. leaders
- Meetings with Ministry of Lands/
District Commissioner

Key partners: FUM, NASFAM,
LandNet

Zomba

- Induction training w/shop for community mobilisers from partners
- Community awareness outreaches
- Sensitization training w/shops for trad. leaders (TV/radio coverage)
- Meetings with Ministry of Lands/
District Commissioner
- /Key partners: WoLREC, NASFAM,
LandNet

Publications: Baseline study report, Civic awareness materials, Orientation manual for CLCs

Summary of 2017 Malawi activities

Project objective 1.1: Women in the project countries are informed of their rights and the traditional and codified legal context as well as possible legal recourse and show first steps of demanding these rights.

- **15 community outreaches** conducted: **8 in Zomba** and **7 in Mzimba**
- **NASFAM, WoLREC** main partners in **Zomba**,
- **FUM, NASFAM** main partners in **Mzimba**
- Overall, **1,454 community members** participated
- Impressive participation of **traditional leaders, councilors, and area development committee members**
- Contents for community outreaches: **community role plays, poems and presentations on statutory provisions** as well as **customary practices that limit/promote land ownership rights for women.**



2017 Zomba community outreach



2017 Mzimba community outreach



Summary of 2017 Malawi activities-2

***Project objective 1.2:** In settling land disputes, traditional authorities increasingly consider codified law and strengthen the position of women in issues of land use and land ownership.*

- A total of **12 activities (4 in Mzimba and 8 in Zomba)** conducted during the period **April-Aug. 2017**
- First **introductory meetings at T/A levels for T/As, Group Village Headmen/women (GVHs, members of Area Development Committees (ADCs) and ward councilors.**
- Informing trad. leaders about their role in the project as a target group as well as duty bearers in customary land admin.
- The introductory meetings were held for one full day at the headquarters of each T/A **summoned by the T/A,**
- **25-30** participants from the traditional leadership hierarchy. **targeted before the awareness outreaches.**

Summary of 2017 Malawi activities-2 (Cont')

Project objective 1.2: In settling land disputes, traditional authorities increasingly consider codified law and strengthen the position of women in issues of land use and land ownership.

- The second level: **two-day induction training w/shops for a maximum of 48 participants at a lodge /hotel within the district.**
- Attended by 2-3 T/As, 25-32 GHVs and 8-10 senior village headmen/women as nominated by the TAs, and 2-3 local political decision makers (chairpersons, secretary and treasurer) from ADC.
- Unique gender representation-more than 1/3 of women trad. leaders participated in Zomba. In Mzimba, only one female participated.
- **First two training w/shop** for trad. leaders (26-29/07), Hotel Masongola Zomba- 98 attended

26-29 June 2017 Zomba workshop for traditional leaders

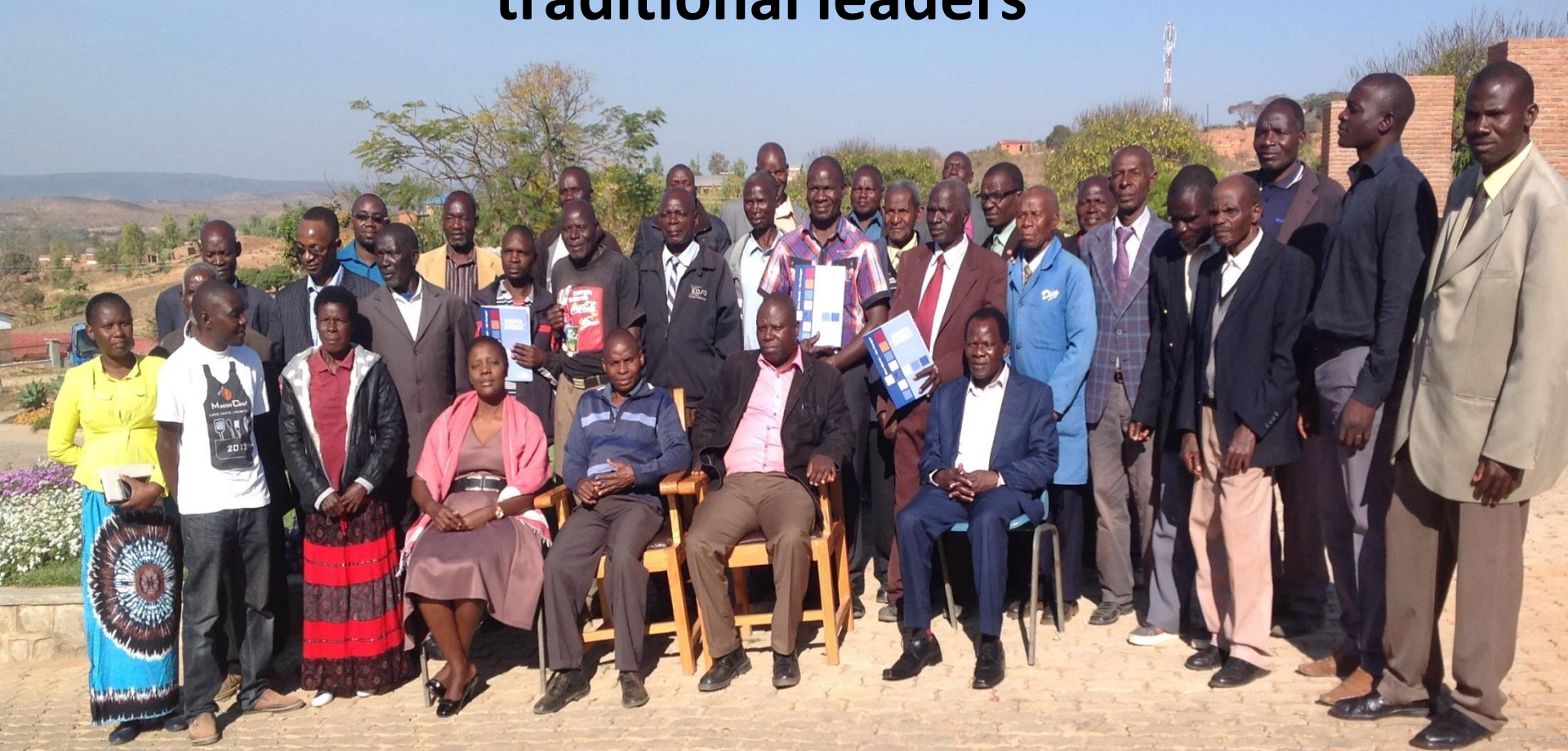


Summary of 2017 Malawi activities-2 (Cont')

Project objective 1.2: In settling land disputes, traditional authorities increasingly consider codified law and strengthen the position of women in issues of land use and land ownership.

- **Facilitators:** experts on land governance comprising a private lawyer consultant, **Ministry of Lands official, LandNet and FAO-Malawi.**
- **Contents:** historical and socio-cultural legitimacy of the trad. authority on land matters, the development of land policy and the inter-temporal reforms to land laws in Malawi, changes in the new land law.
- Training manual for CLCs/CLTs compiled in 2017

28-29 August 2017 Mzimba workshop for traditional leaders



Summary of 2017 Malawi activities-3

Project objective 1.3.: In initiatives of land reform and the related legislation political decision-makers consider the interests and needs of women.

- Through **LandNet**, a meeting was held with the **Minister of Lands Hon. Atupele Muluzi**, the **Principal Secretary** and the **Commissioner for Lands** in Lilongwe (**Feb 2017**).
- **Ward councilors and executive members of the ADC** incorporated as part of the training workshops for traditional leaders both in **Zomba and Mzimba**.
- **Two consultative meetings** held with the **DCs for Zomba and Mzimba** to update them on project activities in both districts.
- **DCs also invited** to make **official opening/closing remarks** in Mzimba (28Aug) and Zomba (29 June) workshops for trad. leaders, respectively.

7 Feb 2017. Former Minister of Lands, Ministry Officials meet KAS and LandNet officials



Malawi 2018 planned activities-1

Project objective 1.1: Women in the project countries are informed of their rights and the traditional and codified legal context as well as possible legal recourse and show first steps of demanding these rights

- ***Translate and print civic awareness manual*** into Tumbuka and Chichewa (Jan-Mar 2018).
- ***Induction training workshops*** on translated civic awareness materials for community mobilisers (March 2018)

Malawi 2018 planned activities-1.1 (Cont')

- ***30-Community awareness campaigns*** in Zomba/Mzimba (Apr.-Nov. 2018) guided by the translated manuals
- ***4-live community radio coverages*** will be broadcast for selected community awareness events to expand the outreach scope
- **16 repeats/ weekly radio broadcasts of the recorded outreach events, implemented.**

Civic Awareness Materials for Community Awareness Outreaches

HOW ARE THE LAWS OF MALAWI PROMOTING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS?



Civic Awareness Materials
for Community Facilitators

APRIL 2017

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Activity 3: How is sex discrimination directly related to issues of security of land tenure and large inequalities in land access/control for women?	13
Activity 4: The connection between land related matters and the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act	18
Activity 5: How does land grabbing upon death perpetuate women's land tenure insecurity?	24
Activity 6: How can women apply for customary estate and obtain a certificate?	34
Activity 7: Applying for joint ownership of land	42

Malawi 2018 planned activities-2

Project objective 1.2.: *Traditional authorities increasingly consider women`s rights when it comes to land use and land ownerships.*

- ***Translation and printing of the civic awareness manual*** for CLCs and CLTs into Tumbuka and Chichewa *incl. brochures* (Jan-Mar 2018).
- ***Eight (8) Orientation training workshops for trad. leaders*** will be conducted in Zomba / Mzimba (May-Nov 2018)

Malawi 2018 planned activities-1.2 (Cont')

- 2-day orientation workshops to be at local venue near the T/A's headquarters to be facilitated by LandNet and the District Lands Officers.
- Additional expertise will be solicited when necessary.
- Guided by the translated manual, the w/shops will equip CLCs and CLTs on their new roles as prescribed by the new land law.
- W/shops will also cover critical aspects from the implementation guidelines and subsidiary legislations

Orientation Material for Customary Land Committees

GENDER RESPONSIVE LAND GOVERNANCE UNDER THE CUSTOMARY LAND ACT: THE ROLE OF CUSTOMARY LAND STRUCTURES IN MALAWI



Orientation Materials for Customary Land Committees

APRIL 2017

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Tips for the facilitator	2
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Activity 4: Land allocation functions of a customary land committee	16
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Activity 6: Role of the customary land tribunal	34
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Malawi 2018 planned activities-3

Sub-regional conference -Malawi (Feb.2018).

- Partners, Govt., international experts and stakeholders on land governance and partners from Mw, Zim and Nam.
- Conference outputs to feed into further national debates and reform dialogues of the participating countries.

Malawi 2018 planned activities-3 (Cont')

- ***Action-research study (Jul –Aug 2018)*** on the *transforming perceptions and attitudes of trad. leaders and community members in support of or against land ownership and land-use rights for women in Malawi.*
- Results to be used for advocacy with critical stakeholders for increased support for women's land tenure rights.

Malawi 2018 planned activities-3 (Cont')

- ***Two one-day advocacy and lobbying seminars*** in Mzuzu and Blantyre to disseminate research study findings.
- Participants: councilors, govt. officials, MPs, researchers and academics, civic and NGOs leaders, media.
- ***One advocacy seminar*** in Lilongwe for traditional leaders and policy makers to dialogue on residual concerns on the new land law and subsidiary legislations.

**Thank you
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