

EWoH2 Zimbabwe Project

The state of land tenure and land ownership rights for women in Zimbabwe: Lessons from baseline study, KAS interventions, interim results and expected outcomes for 2018

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State of the Nation: Old wine in “new” wine skins

- Operation Restore Legacy
- #100 Days of action: Building a new prosperous Zimbabwe for all
- “Real change takes time”.
- Zimbabwe issued 99 year leases to the remaining white farmers
- The 2018 decisive elections
- Three possible scenarios: Green pastures, Hell hole and Eye of a storm

Reflections on the baseline survey

- Implementation of the constitutional provisions protecting women
- Statutory Instrument 53 of 2014
- Zimbabwe Land Commission
- Land Commission Bill not yet signed into law
- Patriarchy is deep seated and a reality
- Awareness of the constitution is limited
- Working with and through traditional leaders is key
- Community facilitators play a pivotal role in awareness raising

Zimbabwe 2017 activities overview

Manicaland

- Induction training workshop for community mobilisers from partners
- Community awareness outreaches
- Sensitization training workshop for trad. leaders
- Key partners: CCJP-M, SHDF, ZWLA

Midlands

- Induction training workshop for community mobilisers from partners
- Community awareness outreaches (radio coverage)
- Sensitization training workshops for trad. leaders
- Key partners: SHDF, WLZ, ZWLA

Publications: Baseline study report, draft civic awareness materials

Summary of 2017 Zimbabwe 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.

- Between Apr. and Oct. 2017, a **total of 10 community outreaches** conducted in two provinces: **5 in Midlands** and **5 in Manicaland**
- **CCJP-Mutare** hosted **5** events in Mutasa-Manicaland,
- **SHDF** organised **4 events** in Shurugwi, Midlands
- **WLZ** organised **1 outreach** in Shurugwi-Midlands
- **Overall, 561 community members** participated
- **ZWLA** provided **legal expertise** in Shurugwi outreaches

Overview for 2017 Zimbabwe 2017 activities (Cont')

- The first KAS-WLZ community awareness outreach in Midlands was broadcast live on Ya-FM community radio for over two hours.
- Ya-FM radio is popular in Shurugwi-over 10,000 listenership.
- After the first outreach, the entire event was **rebroadcast**
- **Four (4) 30-minutes** radio programmes were compiled and broadcast for the month of July, one programme/week.
- Contents for community awareness outreaches: **community role plays, poems and presentations on statutory provisions** as well as **customary practices** that limit/promote **land ownership rights for women**.
- Remarkable participation of **trad. leaders, govt. reps, councilors, high school students, women and men**

Summary of 2017 Zimbabwe 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.

- Trad. leaders are political/community gatekeepers and custodians of cultural values to their communities, hence **targeted before the awareness outreaches.**
- **First training w/shop** for trad. leaders on 17/05, Gweru Midlands- 22 attended (16M/6F)
- Second w/shop for **village heads and headmen/ women** on 19/06 in Midlands, **24 participated**, (19 M/5F)
- Third w/shop held in Manicaland, on 07/08, **41 attended** (28 m/ 13F).

Contents & partners for trad. leaders w/shops

W/shop contents

- Trad. Leaders Act and Communal Lands Act,
- Constitutional Provisions
- Baseline study report findings

W/shop partners

- CCJP-Mutare & ZWLA in Manicaland
- WLZ, SHDF, and ZWLA in Midlands

Zimbabwe 2018 planned 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

- 1. Review and induction training workshops for community mobilisers*** on new civic awareness manual in Manicaland and Midlands, (March 2018 facilitated by the manual drafter)
- 2. Translation and printing civic awareness manual*** into two dominant languages of Shona and Ndebele (April 2018)
- 3. Community awareness campaigns*** will be conducted on a monthly basis in both Midlands and Manicaland (August- November 2018. thematically guided by the *civic awareness manual*).
- 4. Community radio coverage*** for selected community events. monthly radio programmes will include short panel discussions followed by listeners phoning-in or texting for feedback

Zimbabwe 2018 planned activities-2 (Cont')

Project objective 1.2: Traditional authorities increasingly consider codified law and women's rights when it comes to land use and land ownership.

- 1. Orientation training workshops for traditional leaders** Eight (8) orientation training w/shops to be conducted (four per district) in Shurugwi and Mutasa (May-Nov 2018). Participants: Chiefs, village heads and headmen/women.
- 2. Exchange visits for traditional leaders:** Two (2) exchange visits to be organized for two groups of 15 trad. leaders from Mutasa and Shurugwi (Aug/Oct 2018) to enhance peer learning.
- 3. Malawi sub-regional Conference** 2-trad. leaders will participate in the Malawi conference (Feb. 2018). Participation selected trad. leaders to contribute towards the three project objectives through exchanged experiences and best practices.

Zimbabwe 2018 planned activities (Cont')

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

- 1. *Advocacy and lobbying seminars*** to be conducted twice at national level (first one in May) to enhance the knowledge of government and the Land Commission on women's land rights. Meetings to cater for political/policy decision makers to dialogue on needed refinements to the new land laws and subsidiary legislations.
- 2. *Introductory advocacy meetings*** to be organized (Aug/Nov) in Manicaland and Midlands. Partners and KAS will meet new councilors and MPs and brief them on the project during community outreaches. Community facilitators will also participate in these meetings and will explain how the project has been operating in their communities