



## LAND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

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The Liberia Land Governance Support Activity (LGSA) supports the establishment of more effective land governance systems and comprehensive reforms to help ensure equitable access to land and security of tenure for all, facilitate inclusive, sustained, and environmentally friendly growth and development, and promote peace and security.

### **Current Activities**

- Strengthening the policy, legal and regulatory framework for land governance by providing advisory support and recommendations for land policy and legal and regulatory reforms;
- Providing the public with information on proposed reforms;
- Conducting policy research;
- Improving human and institutional capacity for land governance by supporting institutional transition to the Liberia Land Authority;
- Conducting action research to support provisions of the land rights policy and land rights law that recognize customary land rights;
- Supporting women's land rights initiatives;
- Supporting the Surveyors Association;
- Assessing media options for publicizing legislation and institutional reform agenda; and
- Developing and managing grants supporting civil society and private sector entities engaged in land governance activities.

## Accomplishment To Date

- Comprehensive review of legislative reform agenda and proposals made for future policy, legal, and regulatory reform;
- Institutional audit and assessments completed 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;
- Transition plan for the Liberia Land Authority drafted;
- Learning agenda for customary land rights implementation developed;
- Gender strategy for inclusion of gender responsive program activities developed; and
- Surveyors Association reconstituted, by-laws adapted, and leadership elections held.

## Planned Outcomes

- Legislative and regulatory reform agenda adopted and implemented by the Liberia Land Authority;
- Decentralized land management and institutional capacity development established and functioning;
- Public informed of and utilizing Government of Liberia land governance institutions;
- Master's-level training in land governance completed and graduates placed in Land Authority staff positions;
- Public outreach and awareness campaigns on land rights and governance developed and implemented;
- Facilitation of community-led processes to strengthen community land governance, including capacity building of communities, local institutions, and stakeholders undertaken;
- Development of a procedure for the formalization of customary tenure rights;
- Civil society, private sector, and citizen engagement in land governance strengthened;
- Land related private professional organizations such as real estate association, bankers association, etc. established and functioning; and
- Public-private partnership mechanisms for the provision of land administration services established.