

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

GLTN's country level engagement



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DRC

INTRODUCTION

In 2012, GLTN signed an agreement with the Regional office for Africa (ROAF/UN-Habitat) to support the land reform process in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), particularly in knowledge management, land sector coordination, land tool development and capacity development activities including learning experience with other countries, with the following details:

Project name: Support to land reform process in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Objective: Support land reform and pilot-testing GLTN land tools in DRC

Description of the project:

- Supporting the land reform process in DRC

- Supporting land sector coordination efforts in DRC.
- Promoting knowledge management.
- Piloting, implementing and/or developing selected GLTN land tools.
- Undertaking capacity development (including learning exchange) activities.

Target group: land professionals in DRC, government officials, researchers, CSO, grassroots, poor and other vulnerable groups. The agreement had been extended in 2013 to further upscale the support to the project. In January 2014, DRC has been selected as a priority country (together with Uganda) for in-depth engagement by GLTN partners.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Creation of a National Land Reform Commission in DR Congo through the impulsion of UN-Habitat.
- Creation of donor and technical partner's coordination mechanism in Kinshasa and the Housing, Land and Property Working Group with in the National protection Cluster (Humanitarian).
- Support to provincial Land Coordination Group in North Kivu and Ituri.
- Support to the LGAF exercise in DRC in cooperation with the World Bank and CODELT.
- Completion of the Land Mediation Guide deriving from DRC Land Program.
- Learning exchanges with Central Africa Republic, UN Habitat Land Disputes programs in Liberia, Somalia, Sudan and presentation of DRC land program during World Bank Annual Land Conference.
- Study on the land access and Women's Rights using the GEC
- Recruitment of consultant to coordinate activities and outputs in DRC
- Support the civil society platform involved in the land reform (*Cadre de Concertation des organisations et réseaux de la Société Civile pour l'amélioration de la gouvernance foncière en RDC –CACO*)
- Support the external evaluation of the UN-Habitat land programme in DRC
- Support to implementation of pro-poor land tools and approaches – Multi-stakeholder dialogues on customary land tenure were supported in the North Kivu Province.
- Designing the GLTN Plan of Action for DRC



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LESSONS LEARNED

- Good understanding from donors and technical partners of the need of coordination interventions in the land sector.
- Land and property issues and approaches are streamlined into humanitarian interventions and strategic policy, through the Humanitarian Action Plan.
- A political will state by the Prime Minister through the decree creating the National Land Reform Commission.
- The LGAF study brought new enthusiasm to the land reform process in DRC.
- Opportunities for cooperation on the land sector were availed (Universities, UNDP, World Bank, RRI, American Jewish World Service, ILC).
- Land mediation guide is filling the gap on land disputes resolution in DRC. A request has been received from the Minister of Lands to train the land administration on land dispute mediation.
- Mapping of land actors and a matrix of donor and technical partner interventions are important tool for coordinating and informing interventions in the land sector.
- STDM may be appropriate for the context of DR Congo, but requires strong backstopping and technical assistance.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2015 (IHA PHASE III)

- Support the land reform process, knowledge management and partnership building
- Support the coordination of donors and technical partners
- Testing and developing tools and scaling the land mediation with the STDM tool in North Kivu province.
- Support the Civil society organisation's and platform participation in the land reform process at the provincial and national level
- Recruitment of the GLTN project manager in-country
- Support the land sector review study - In collaboration with the World Bank, UN-Habitat and UNDP.

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