

## Experiences and good practices in the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security

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### S50. GLOBAL: Supporting implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGT)

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<b>Brief description of the successful experience (including location, geographical coverage, main actors, main activities, timeframe)</b>	This activity is fully financed by the Japan Policy and Human Resources Development (PHRD) Fund.  The Project Development Objective is to improve the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in selected countries in order to better clarify and secure the property rights of natural resources (with due attention to the recognition of rights of women and those of indigenous people and other communities with customary rights), enhance the transparency of the adjudication and transaction processes related to these rights, and encourage the broader sustainable management of these resources.
<b>Location</b>	Global; selected countries
<b>Geographical coverage</b>	
<b>Main actors</b>	WB, Government of Japan, FAO, client country governments
<b>Main activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness-raising and general dissemination of the VGGT;</li> <li>• Application of Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) in selected countries;</li> <li>• Development of operational and training tools for the VGGT; and,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and compilation of global lessons learnt and good practices.</li> </ul>
<b>Timeframe</b>	December 2013 to May 2016
<b>Results obtained</b>	<p><b><u>Several workshops with VGGT related contents were conducted</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country level LGAF workshops were held in Cameroon, Uganda, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Croatia, Guatemala, Argentina and Honduras.</li> <li>A regional workshop was held in Nicaragua for Latin America</li> <li>Dissemination of an existing Guide on Impact Evaluation of Land Administration Projects in Latin America is on-going. Brochure was distributed at the Nicaragua regional workshop and at the WB Land Conference, March 2016.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Assessments about land governance systems related to the VGGT were conducted (LGAF)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LGAF is a tool to assess the current status of a country's land governance and is related to the principles enshrined in the VGGT. Implementing an LGAF allows a country to understand and prioritize improvements in land governance based on the principles of the VGGT.</li> <li>Implementation of LGAFs is completed in Guatemala, and under way in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Croatia, Zambia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Cote d'Ivoire. Panel sessions are completed in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Croatia and Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire. In Croatia, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe, land governance reports were completed.</li> <li>LGAF manuals were translated into Spanish (for Guatemala and others) and Portuguese (for Brazil and others).</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Training tools for VGGT related topics were developed</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of a literature review and one country case study in the Europe &amp; Central Asia region for input to the technical guide for implementation of the VGGT on the theme of informal settlements. (still underway)</li> <li>A participatory Diagnosis of Land and Forest Tenure is in progress in 3 provinces in Argentina. A Training tool will be developed.</li> <li>Follow-up activities of LGAFs are completed in Honduras, including developing several presentations for dialogue with government.</li> <li>Translation of a summary of the Land Governance Diagnostic in the Context of Mining Activities in Peru is completed. A tool kit is being developed.</li> <li>Preparation of the Farming Family Toolkit: Actualizing the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land for Women and Men, and a video on the</li> </ul>

	<p>farming model which focuses on women and sustainable family farming.</p> <p><b><u>Global lessons learned and good practices related to governance of land tenure and implementation of the VGGT were collected</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematic review and compilation of global lessons learnt which are relevant to the implementation of the VGGT is in process.</li> <li>• Review of implementation practices of the Forest Rights Act in India and lessons learnt; and the development of a tool on good practices in gender-equitable land governance in India, are both in their final phase of development.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>VGGT lessons on gender work were published</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three knowledge notes were produced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increasing Women’s Access to Land: Approaches that Work</li> <li>○ Implementation of the Forest Rights Act in India: Critical Issue and Learning from Two Case Studies</li> <li>○ Gender Equitable Land Governance in India</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Key catalysts and factors that influenced the results</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Constraints and challenges that were faced</b></p>	<p>The operationalization of the VGGT remains a challenge. Lessons from other partners will be helpful to the global community.</p> <p>An online platform to collect, curate and disseminate best practice examples on the operationalization of the VGGT on a regular basis would be helpful for all involved stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>Good practices that helped to make the experience successful</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>