



ZAMBIA LAND ALLIANCE

LAND ACCESS AND TENURE SECURITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (LATS) PROJECT PROFILE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Zambia Land Alliance (ZLA) Organizational Profile

Zambia Land Alliance (ZLA) is a network of NGOs that was established in 1997 as a response to the Zambian Government's land reform process, which was initiated in the 1990s. ZLA is a membership organization and has eight national organizational members and eight District Land Alliances (DLAs). Each DLA has its own member network at local level. *ZLA's vision is to see a Zambia in which the rural, peri-urban and urban poor and vulnerable have secured access, ownership and control over land for sustainable development.* The organizations' *mission is to be a platform for collective action committed to promoting equitable access, control and secured ownership of land by the rural, peri-urban and urban poor and marginalized, through lobbying and advocacy, networking, research and community partnership.*

1.2 ZLA's long-term objectives are:

- i. To lobby Government and other stakeholders for land laws, policies and administrative systems that are inclusive of the poor;
- ii. To conduct research and maintain records related to land laws, policy and practice, and relevant landmark events and changes including successes scored by those pursuing equitable access and ownership of land;
- iii. To build and maintain networks and to collaborate with national, regional and international bodies in order to benefit from their resources and experience; and,
- iv. To raise awareness on land issues through information and advocacy.

2.0 THE LAND ACCESS AND TENURE SECURITY (LATS) PROJECT

The project is being funded by the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) and is a three year project. It is being implemented in Lufwanyama, Lusaka, Nyimba, and Solwezi districts. The project will focus on advancing knowledge on land rights, the ability of communities to access justice, promoting gender equality with regards to women's land rights and participation in land administration, promoting transparency and accountability in the land administration system, piloting initiatives that can contribute to securing customary tenure in Zambia, advocating for pro

poor land policies and laws and improving learning and networking amongst civil society dealing with land related issues. It is hoped that through enhanced tenure security and sustainable land use practices, community members will be able to invest more on their land which will in effect improve their food security.

The goal of the LATS project is: **‘to contribute to improved security of tenure for sustainable development and secure livelihoods in Zambia by the end of 2017’.**

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	RESULTS
<p>1.0 Ensure that the rights of people living on customary land are secured through improved land administration practices and guidelines by the end of 2017.</p>	<p>Result 1.1: Strengthened capacity of traditional authorities and communities to administer and manage land in targeted Chiefdoms of Nyimba, Lufwanyama and Solwezi.</p> <p>Result 1.2: Increased evidence generated on how customary land governance should be improved and secured for evidenced-based policy advocacy.</p>
<p>2.0 Ensure that investments in land benefit the poor through effective participation, benefit sharing and a pro-poor legal and policy environment by the end of 2017.</p>	<p>Result 2.1: Increased dialogue on large scale land allocations and investments among communities, civic and traditional leaders, investors and government in 6 communities.</p> <p>Result 2.2: Policy provisions or guidelines developed by government to guide allocation of large parcels of land, resettlement and compensation for communities affected by investments on land.</p>
<p>3.0 To ensure through the paralegal system that communities have better access to justice and access to services to which they are entitled under international and national law.</p>	<p>Result 3.1: Increased access to justice by communities faced by negative effects of land investment and other disputes over lands.</p>
<p>4.0 Lobby the government to enact, amend and implement laws and policies which promote land tenure security of poor and vulnerable communities in Zambia by the end of 2017.</p>	<p>Result 4.1: Strengthened civil society platform advocating on the need for pro poor land related laws and policies.</p> <p>Result 4.2: A land related policy environment which is more pro-poor.</p>