

INTRODUCTION

- Female Headed Families (FHF)
- FHF are continuously increasing
- Serious difference the views of women and men



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WHY ACCESS TO LAND

- Food
- A place to live in

KEY ISSUES

- The old structures fall apart
- Informal settlements



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WHEN DOES WOMEN'S ACCESS TO LAND BECOME AN KEY ISSUE?

- Widows
- Divorced women
- Abandoned women
- Orphan girls
- Children out of wedlock



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Legislation

- General Law
- Customary laws
- Culture
- Religious traditions



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Mechanisms behind the fact that women are vulnerable in the context of Land

- The society is often male-oriented
- In- transparent systems
- Illiteracy
- Access to Education
- Few women involved in politics
- Lack of security for loans



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Justifications to give women Access to Land

- Contribute to the survival of the family
- Often deeply involved in cultivating land
- Women usually takes care of the children if the family is dissolved



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Woman Strategies to get Access to Land

- Pool-owned real properties (Kenya)
- Transfer of Land to the oldest son



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Experiences from Land Administration Programs with a Gender Component

- Vietnam
- Egypt
- Mozambique



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Some Statistics

- Women own 1% of the world's wealth
- Female literacy is 20-50% lower than men's
- 70-80 % of refugees are women or children



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What initiatives are necessary?

Global level

- Beijing Platform for Action
- Conference on Human Settlement

National Level

- The right for women to work
- Get care for children and elderly
- Reforms in economic, social and family policy



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Local level

- You and I must contribute
- Men must be engaged
- Women must be educated
- Dissemination of information
- Political organisations must be engaged
- Financial institutes
- NGO must contribute (FIG)



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