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Dialogue for Change

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Supporting Multi-Actor Partnerships working on Land Governance

Name of the Initiative:	Land for Life – making policies work for food security
Duration:	7 years (2017-2023)
Co-financing Institution:	German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
International Support Unit:	Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Civil Society Academy (CSA)
Regional Focus:	Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Liberia, Sierra Leone

Approach

Given the complexity and high relevance of land tenure and agricultural investments in the fight against hunger and poverty, it is vital to establish processes and platforms that bring together all relevant stakeholders. Problem-focused, collaborative efforts can allow actors from different sectors to use the complementary expertise, strengths and abilities to address complex social challenges. Therefore, the initiative promotes the establishment or contributes to strengthening existing multi-actor partnership working on land governance.

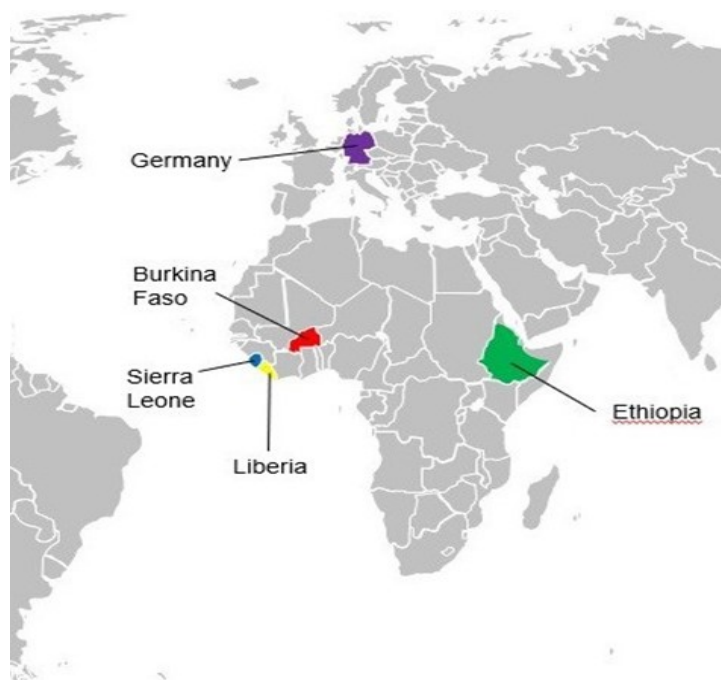
However, such multi-actor processes often do not constitute even playing field where all actors can participate meaningfully. Thus, particular attention is given to strengthening the capacities of civil society actors to engage effectively and meaningfully in MAP-dialogue processes.

Background

The ‚rush for land‘ and the competition for natural resources continues, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. In many countries, land tenure security tends to be weak: There is either no clear legal framework or the implementation is rudimentary. Under these conditions, the legitimate land rights of rural communities are at risk. Whilst investment in agriculture and rural development are needed, particularly large-scale land-based investments by external actors often constitute a threat to local livelihoods and food security.

Main Objective

Contribute to the formulation and implementation of policies on land tenure and responsible agricultural investments that are consistent with international standards and in particular the human right to adequate food.





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Workshop in Bo, Sierra Leone

Partners

CPF, Burkina Faso: The *Confédération Paysanne du Faso* is a non-political and non-religious umbrella federation, founded in 2002, that represents 15 member organizations. CPF advocates for secure land rights for smallholder agricultural producers.

Land for Life Ethiopia: Formerly hosted by the *Forum for Social Studies (FSS)*, the Land for Life initiative in Ethiopia became an independent organization in 2021. Land for Life Ethiopia is a non-governmental, non-profit institution engaged in promoting and facilitating multi-actor dialogue and collaboration on land governance and responsible agricultural investments.

NMJD, Sierra Leone: Since 2018 a Consortium of 5 experienced civil society organizations working on issues such as land governance, justice, right to food and conflict resolution facilitates Land for Life. The lead partner is the *Network Movement for Justice and Development (NMJD)*, a human rights-oriented civil society development and advocacy organization.

RRF, Liberia: The *Rights & Rice Foundation* is a non-governmental organization working for social justice and community empowerment. RRF promotes responsible governance, including land and natural resources. It is the co-convenor of the national CSO Working Group on Land Rights Reform; a coalition of more than 20 CSOs.

WHH, Germany: *Welthungerhilfe* is one of the largest private development cooperation organizations in Germany. It supports interventions in approximately 35 countries focusing on food and nutrition security and agriculture. At the German level, WHH is an active member of a multi-actor working group on land bringing together relevant ministries, research and non-governmental organizations.

Scope of Activities

- Support the establishment or respectively strengthening of multi-actor partnerships on land governance and responsible agricultural investments.
- Organize evidence-based dialogue fora on land governance and responsible agricultural investments.
- Facilitate trainings in multi-actor processes (MAP); in collaboration with the Civil Society Academy, <http://www.civilsocietyacademy.org/>.
- Facilitate technical multi-stakeholder trainings based on needs identified.
- Support solution-oriented activities as identified by the stakeholders (joint monitoring visits, targeted research, community consultations).

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