

What is the Research Consortium?

Launched in 2018, the Research Consortium, by Resource Equity, is a powerful hub for the collection, sharing, and exchange of knowledge on how to effectively advance women's land rights. We identify gaps in knowledge and help develop a common agenda for research so that learnings can more easily be compared, shared, and applied.

Benefits of Participating

Research Consortium participants contribute to knowledge about what works to improve women's rights to land, learn about what works and where best to focus research, and are part of a community that is working towards these goals.

Our Website

consortium.resourceequity.org

The website is the core of the Research Consortium. It is where we share curated research on what works to secure women's rights to land, where anyone can submit a question about women's land rights, and where we collect and share important resources on women's land rights.



Stay Informed

Sign up for our monthly newsletter to get involved with Research Consortium activities. Our newsletter is a great way to stay informed about our news and updates, and includes information on new women's land rights resources in the LandWise Library, research grant opportunities, updates to our content, workshop invitations, and more.

Curated Content

We are collecting research that is focused on interventions and summarizing what we find, identifying legal language that can help resolve some complex and difficult policy issues raised by the research, and providing examples and analysis of project interventions that have been in some way successful.

Research is organized in different ways, to make it easy to find: by country, by the outcome of the project, and by legal issue. We currently focus on three topics, but continue to add more.

Inheritance Rights

Inheritance rights for women, both wives and daughters, can be customary or statutory, and in many cases women do not inherit as much as men, either under formal law or because of custom. Interventions regarding inheritance rights therefore tend to either focus on changing the law to be more inclusive or equitable or focus on ensuring women can enforce their existing rights.

Titling, Registration, and Land Certification

Land titling formalizes and documents a person's or persons' legal right(s) in the land. Documenting rights generally makes them more secure, but can mean those with undocumented interests, often women, lose their rights to the land. Interventions usually focus on ensuring women's rights are documented, often by focusing on documenting rights to marital property in the names of both spouses.

Land Redistribution

Land redistribution can occur when the state provides land to the landless, former collective farms distribute land to individual households, or people are moved from one place to another. Often a temporary document is issued, and later that temporary document can be replaced by a more permanent document, a title, that is then registered. Interventions focus on ensuring women's names are on these documents, and in some cases by prioritizing women to receive land.

Resources

We have developed and are developing important resources to help practitioners and researchers.

The Women's Land Rights Help Desk

The WLR Help Desk is one way we share information and knowledge we have collected over the years, through answers to specific questions. Anyone can submit a question through the website, and we try to provide a response of some type within five working days of submission.

The Help Desk is **not** for specific legal advice for specific situations.

Conceptual Framework

The Conceptual Framework on Women's Land Rights is a paper which develops a conceptual framework around women's land tenure security and the factors that influence it. It includes shared definitions and concepts to facilitate the aggregation of lessons from individual analyses and case studies by outlining the key elements that may be related to women's tenure security. The Conceptual Framework is available in multiple languages.

Guides and Tools

We have collected selected guides and resources.

Laws

There are links to all laws relevant to the curated content.

Glossary

There is a glossary of important terms.