

Poor Participation of Women in Public Debates on Land Rights

Learning from failure *AT A GLANCE*

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Experience by Land Rights Research & Resources Institute (LARRRI/HAKIARDHI)

In Morogoro, TANZANIA

Land problems affect every small-scale producer in the country regardless of gender, age or status.

The solution was to start implementing a programme called "land rights, governance and natural resources management"

Main characteristics

- Training and awareness rising sessions on land laws
- Public debates (Village Assembly) to bring all the villagers together and provide a forum for them to ask their questions and get clarification on land laws

Experience description

The poor participation of women in public debates on land rights was first noted during the mobilization of villagers of Morogoro to attend the village assembly meeting. Here, it was perceived that women were not interested in attending those public debates. Some of the women started to raise their concerns about the fact that they do not attend the debates because men do not respect their views. The reason for it seems to be the orientation of customs and traditions which limit women to speak in front of men.



Other characteristics



REASONS FOR FAILURE

- Issues of customs and traditions as blocking stones for women were not deeply analysed
- The demand for separate training sessions with women before bringing them in public debates was not identified
- Time of debates disadvantageous for women due to household tasks



LESSONS LEARNED

- There should be an analysis of the relationship between customs and traditions and statutory provisions prior to the implementation of the programme
- Need to plan separate capacity building and awareness rising sessions for discriminated and marginalized groups.
- Study new methodology to bring together both men and women



CORRECTIVE MEASURES

- Debates take place at a convenient time which does not interfere with the domestic tasks of women
- Raise awareness among women on their need to participate in every discussion
- Fundraising and planning of separate sessions for women awareness rising before upcoming public debates

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