

Land Tenure and Property Rights



Proven expertise to address the most pressing challenges related to the ownership, distribution, and governance of rights to land and other natural resources.



Industry-leading expertise in land tenure and natural resource management

Tetra Tech has developed industry-leading expertise in addressing issues related to the ownership, distribution, and governance of rights to land and other natural resources through nearly two decades of work in developing countries.



Establishing secure rights to property and natural resources is a foundational requirement for solving some of the most complex development challenges, including increased agricultural production, economic growth, conflict resolution, climate change, and more equitable access and control for vulnerable populations such as women, minority groups, and non-landowners. Following foundational international guidelines, Tetra Tech leverages its core expertise to strengthen the security of rights and tenure, not only to land but also to water, forests, grazing lands, and minerals and other natural resources.

Tetra Tech works with government agencies, civil society organizations, international donors, and community groups to address today's most pressing resource tenure challenges. As a leading provider of technical services to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in land tenure and property rights reform, Tetra Tech is well-versed in addressing complex tenure issues through technical assistance, awareness raising, training, capacity building, and development of analytical tools and impact evaluation methodology.

Land Policy and Legal Reform

Establishing and improving policy to ensure that rights and practices related to access and use are equitable and sustainable is a critical step in fostering secure land rights and sustainable management of natural resources. As one of USAID's trusted partners for land and resource governance (LRG) Tetra Tech has implemented more than 100 land projects and activities in 50 countries, in both urban and rural settings.



Land Administration and Capacity Building

Tetra Tech works with all levels of government to design policy and institutional frameworks for land administration in rural and urban areas. Working closely with groups that represent the most vulnerable citizens—displaced, women-headed households, and underrepresented minorities—we strengthen their engagement with local and central authorities, and facilitate the creation of land authorities as well as new ways to recognize their rights. Tetra Tech works with local partners to strengthen their capacity to draft laws and implement regulations, conduct systematic land regularization and registration, promote land restitution, and install mechanisms for land conflict mitigation and land use planning.

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Indigenous and Customary Land Tenure

Indigenous and other minority groups often assert long-held historical rights to land and other natural resources, yet these claims are often contested. Tetra Tech works with local communities and governments to identify ways to recognize the importance of traditional tenure systems in maintaining stability, while providing appropriate spatial solutions for documentation and endorsement of community boundaries, common property marine and forests, and individualized household plots. We work to support traditional practices that promote equity and strengthen rights.

Responsible Minerals Trade

Tetra Tech works to transform mineral wealth into economic growth and development by improving policies and best practices for mineral resource rights allocation and management, especially among disadvantaged groups (women, youth, and minorities) and rural communities. Tetra Tech has extensive experience working with artisanal and small-scale miners in close collaboration with governments, which generally are unable to provide technical support to artisanal mining communities.

Securing Land Tenure for Responsible Investment and Economic Growth

Tetra Tech is at the forefront of efforts to formalize land rights, which stimulates economic growth and strengthens the resiliency of households. Secure and equitable rights in land and property allow farmers and entrepreneurs to allocate land and labor for best uses, while minimizing disputes over land ownership and enabling smooth land transfers.

Stability, Dispute Resolution, and Conflict Mitigation

Secure and equitable property rights enhance women's and vulnerable peoples' ability to provide food and money for their households, increase their powers of negotiation, and often lead to active civic engagement. Tetra Tech works to help strengthen legal frameworks.



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