

Gender Innovation Lab Land & Assets Projects

1. **Benin Plans Fonciers Ruraux (PFR) (1.0)**, Millennium Challenge Corporation and Government of Benin

This evaluation examines the impact of a participatory rural land formalization program that offers community surveying, land adjudication, and the issuance of land certificates. The study aims to uncover a range of potential agricultural and investment effects that stem from an expansion of rural land rights for women and men.

2. **Ghana Land Titling Registration Project (1.0)**, MiDA and MCC

In close collaboration with ISSER at the University of Ghana, this study looks at the difference in impact between men and women of providing formal land titles to rural and semi-urban plot-holders in a pilot title registration district in the Central Region. In conjunction with this project, the GIL is investigating whether the provision of financial literacy skills helps women overcome informational constraints and facilitates access to financial services.

3. **Ghana Gender, Insurance and Agricultural Productivity (2.0)**

To provide rigorous evidence as to whether the provision of extension, inputs and insurance can lead to marked improvements in female farmers' investment and yields in Ghana. The specific objectives for this project include assessing the effects of regular extension services on output of women farmers as part of a larger effort in providing community based extension services to a larger population in northern Ghana, integrating a gender dimension into a project that was previously focused only on men, and testing the effects of counterpart funding of drought index insurance support to women and its' influence on household allocation of resources including land.

4. **Rwanda National Land Title Registration and Pilot Land Title Registration (1.0)**, World Bank and Government of Rwanda

The national (randomized) roll-out and scale-up of Rwanda's land title registration will allow for a deeper analysis than the pilot land registration program. The GIL will look at the effects of registration on investment, economic activity more broadly, intra-household decisions (such as investment in children), as well as how community institutions interact with improved property rights to change individual outcomes. The pilot work examines the effect of a land titling program on a range of agricultural and investment outcomes. An initial comparison of treated and comparison communities pointed to improved land rights for legally married women but a decrease in land rights for non-married women. In addition, women are showing investment in land quality at about double the rate of men.

5. Uganda Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (2.0), World Bank and Government of Uganda

Customary land tenure arrangements hold sway in much of rural Uganda, where the incidence of formal land registration is low -- particularly for women. The Uganda Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project will offer the systematic demarcation and titling of rural land parcels to boost investment and tenure security. A randomized control trial of the program will experiment with different nudges to incentivize households to adopt the joint spousal registration of land. The study will examine the impact of including a woman's name on a land title on agricultural and household outcomes, over and above the impact of owning a land title itself. This evaluation thus aims to provide rigorous evidence on how to expand women's access to and control over a key productive asset.