Tools for Improving Pastoral Women’s Access to Land and Resources

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Role of pastoral women in pastoral systems

Women are:
• Natural resource managers
• Income generators
• Livestock producers
Gender issues are complex in pastoral societies and not always what one might assume!
Pastoral women and land-resource rights

A “double” marginalisation.

In danger of “falling between two stools.”
A question still unanswered:

How best can pastoral women secure rights to land and resources?

Is this better done as ‘individuals’ or as part of a collective system? And if the latter...HOW?
WELCOME TO THE WOMEN LAND RIGHTS TOOLKIT!

This toolkit gathers together information on five tools that have been successfully used by members of the International Land Coalition (ILC) to promote, protect and strengthen women’s land rights. It is intended to facilitate mutual learning based on good practices. The opportunity to share knowledge is one of the major benefits of being part of a network like ILC. Please use these tools, adapt them to your specific context, share them with your partner organisations and share with us your achievements and successes.

WHAT IS THIS TOOLKIT FOR?

This toolkit aims to provide a range of useful tools, intended to be effective at global, national and community levels, depending on their specific features. One of the main characteristics of the tools is their adaptability to different contexts and different areas of work. We want these tools to be clear, replicable and, above all, useful in promoting and reinforcing women’s land rights. This toolkit also contributes, broadly, to knowledge exchange within ILC’s membership.
1. Alternative Reporting

A report produced by NGOs or CSOs to complement or challenge an official report by a State. Alternative reporting allows civil society to monitor States’ compliance with treaty obligations and to hold them accountable.
2. Earth Festivals

Local art, music, theatre and dance festivals focusing on earth and land issues – to raise awareness about the direct relationship between women, earth and nature; and to raise awareness about women’s land rights.
A method of conflict resolution aimed at identifying land tenure rights by drawing a Family Land Rights and Lineage Tree to identify facts and preventing future conflict including by planting actual trees. Leading to fair recognition of customary tenure, inclusion of women in land rights records, avoiding over-reliance on oral and unsworn evidence in traditional dispute resolution forums.
A matrix to assess whether laws and policies are responsive to the needs of both women and men to promote gender-responsible land governance.
Groups of women who act collectively to claim their rights.
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