



Image: Community members and ORAM staff in Napara identifying features on satellite images.

About This Briefing Note

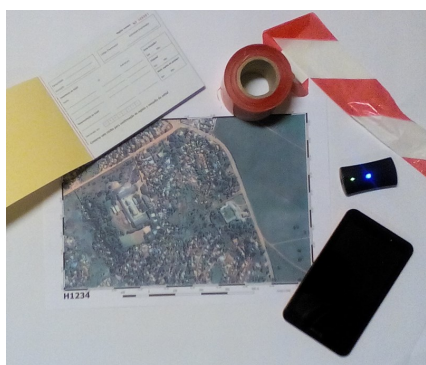
The **Community Land Value Chain** (CaVaTeCo in Portuguese) is an approach that can improve tenure security and management of community lands and natural resources in the context of large-scale land investments. CaVaTeCo provides the conceptual base for the project “Piloting the ‘Community Land Value Chain’ approach in Mozambique: The delimitation and formalisation of community and family land holdings within the Portuguese plantation concessions of Zambézia Province, Mozambique”, implemented by ORAM and Terra Firma in the Districts of Namarroi and Ile. This project uses an integrated approach to secure community, family and individual land rights .

The project involves the creation of 20 representative entities at community level; development of detailed community land use plans; certified tenure over land resources for 14,000 households, and the creation of a legitimate local land administration system. Together, this will demonstrate an affordable system for confirming locally-legitimate land rights at scale, in line with national law and regulations.

This project is part of DFID’s LEGEND Challenge Fund. This Fund enables civil society agencies to test innovative approaches to land, and to show companies how they can implement practical approaches that improve land rights and livelihoods *and* the sustainability of land-based business investment.

Key Messages on the CaVaTeCo Approach

1. **Legal basis:** The CaVaTeCo approach is rooted within the legal framework of Mozambique, specifically on the legal validity of land rights acquired through occupancy;
2. **Wide coverage and scalability:** Low-cost, easy-to-use tools and approaches enable mapping land and improving land tenure security for over 75% of families in each of thousands of communities;
3. **Local documentation:** Locally-issued documentation to prove the existence of family and household rights is a more appropriate means to secure tenure than the titling of such rights, since the legal effect is not to dismember these rights from the community holding;
4. **Participatory mapping:** Participatory mapping empowers women and other vulnerable populations through their inclusion in decision-making and by recognizing their land rights;
5. **Traditional land tenure governance:** The approach can strengthen existing traditional and customary land tenure governance and administrative structures;
6. **Reduction of conflict:** Mapping and documentation of customary rights quickly reduces conflict between communities and amongst families within communities;
7. **Dispute resolution:** Mapped and documented rights provide traditional and community leadership with important, easily used tools for resolving land disputes;
8. **Basis for negotiations:** By clarifying who has rights to which parcels of land, documentation of land rights provides a foundation for negotiations between communities and external investors;
9. **Institutional sustainability:** Capacity-building for local organizations provides them with knowledge and technical skills for maintaining tenure schemes and expanding them into other communities,
10. **Protecting livelihoods:** Delineating land and its resources provide protection to farmer livelihoods through better management and knowledge of long-term impacts;
11. **Improving relationships:** Affordable and accessible land tenure mechanisms provide a pathway for cooperation between land tenure organizations and government.



Left: Key tools for the CaVaTeCo field teams.

Right: Filling personal details into the digital forms.



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