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Liberia—
Paving the way
for systematic
registration
of customary
land rights

Background

PROJECT NAME:
Liberia Land
Administration Project

INVESTMENT: US\$7m

TIMEFRAME: 2018-2023

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For more information about the project please see: Project page

LLA website: https://www.lla.gov.lr/

Successes

- The project supported, inter alia, the new Liberia Land Authority to pilot key provisions of the Liberia Land Rights Act of 2018, which recognized customary land rights in Liberia for the first time in the country's history.
- The pilots were implemented in 4 communities, consisting of about 29,529 community members. In each community, the project supported the establishment of Community Land Development and Management Committees comprised of 50%women and 35% youth (18-35 years old).
- The project helped LLA to design and demonstrate a streamlined and costeffective customary land formalization process, leading to the development of formal field manuals and a nationwide scale-up strategy.
- The project enhanced government and community knowledge on formalization of customary land rights and ensured the participation of men, women and youth in community land rights governance matters.
- The pilots tested an efficient and open-source data collection method.