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SUCCESS STORY Scaling up Customary Land Rights Registration in Cote d'Ivoire

Surveying demonstration as part of a PAMOFOR land registration operation Photo Credit: Andre Teyssier

Background

PROJECT NAME:

Cote d'Ivoire Land Policy Improvement and Implementation Project (PAMOFOR)

INVESTMENT: US\$ 50 M

TIMEFRAME: 2018-2024

TEAM LEADERS:

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WEBSITE: Project Website The Project Development Objective is to build the capacities and institutions necessary to support implementation of the national rural land tenure security program and to register customary land rights in selected rural areas.

PAMOFOR (and a preceding ASA) enabled the Government to establish the key prerequisites for nationwide customary land registration, including:

Successes

- a capable new independent Rural Land Agency, Agence Foncière Rurale (AFOR),
- a web-enabled digital Land Information System (with 75% of existing land certificates now integrated),
- legal and regulatory reforms to enable more inclusive and systematic land use and ownership rights registration and extend land certificate validity to ten years,
- delivery of 16,500 land certificates (22% to women) five times more than the previous 20 years and 6,257 formal land use contracts (36% to women), and
- training of nearly 10,500 community, public, and private sector stakeholders.

These results (coupled with strong landholder demand) have motivated a new \$200m PforR operation (FY24) to scale up these innovations and deliver half a million certificates and 250,000 formal land use contracts across half the country.