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A review of long-term impacts of land registration on women's land rights

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Outline

- Background
- Methodology
- Land registration tools
- Transformative impacts
- Threats and success factors
- Gaps and contradictions

Background

- Inequality in land rights against women
 - Increased land registration interventions
 - Limited evidence on impacts
 - Reviewed literature (year 2000 - 2022)
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- Thematic study for Land@Scale (Dutch government) Knowledge Management

SDG Indicator 5.a.2



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Methodology

- Scoping review
- Desktop studies of grey and academic literature
- Semi-structured interviews

- Study focused on Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and Asia



Land registration intervention tools

- Individual land titling 
- Joint land titling 
- Collective land titling 

Transformative impacts

- Perceived tenure security
- Economic impacts
- Food security
- Socio-economic status
- Women empowerment



Threats

- Social norms and cultural practices
- Supply driven land interventions



Success factors

- Continuous monitoring and evaluations
- Multiple stakeholder engagement
- Awareness, capacity building, and legal literacy on gender



Gaps and contradictions



Protection of
women's
inheritance
rights



Addressing
women's
different land
tenure needs



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