

ADVANCING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS:

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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A CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT LECTURE IN COOPERATION BETWEEN

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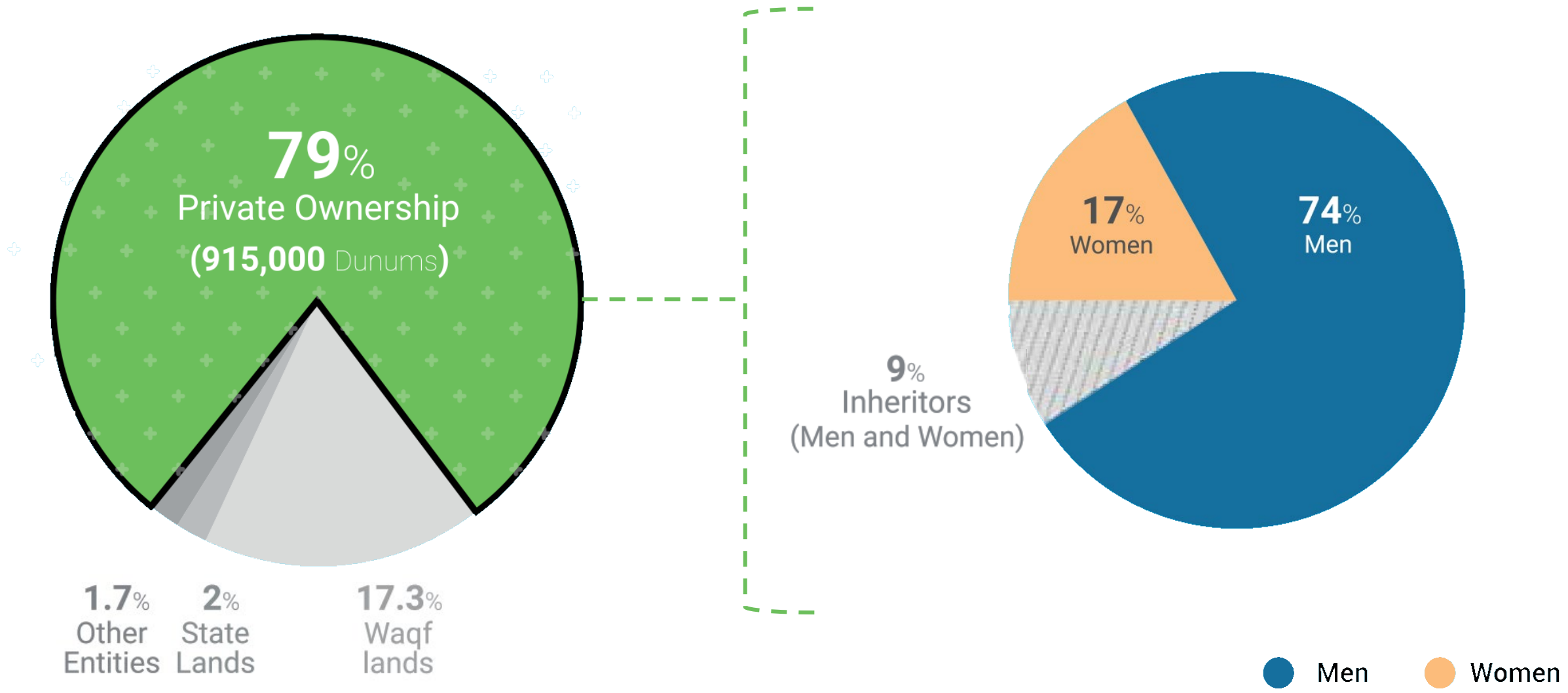
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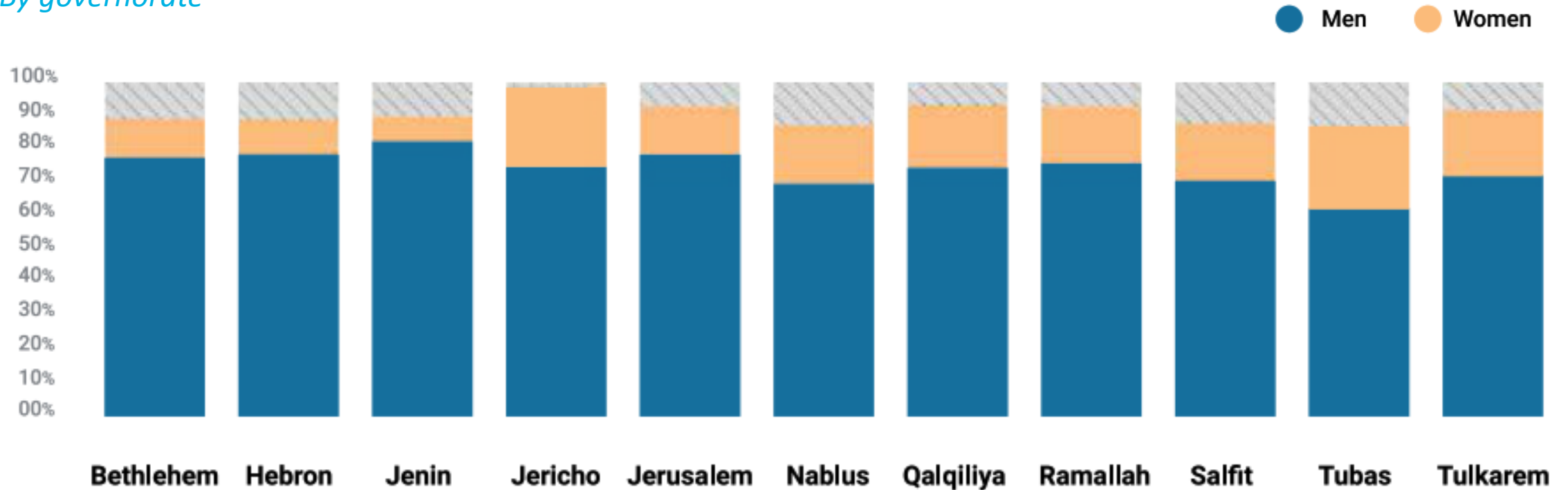
Gender distribution of land ownership

Around **1.158 million dunums; 80 per cent** were disaggregated out of the 1.43 million dunums that is already settled by LWSC



Gender distribution of land ownership

By governorate

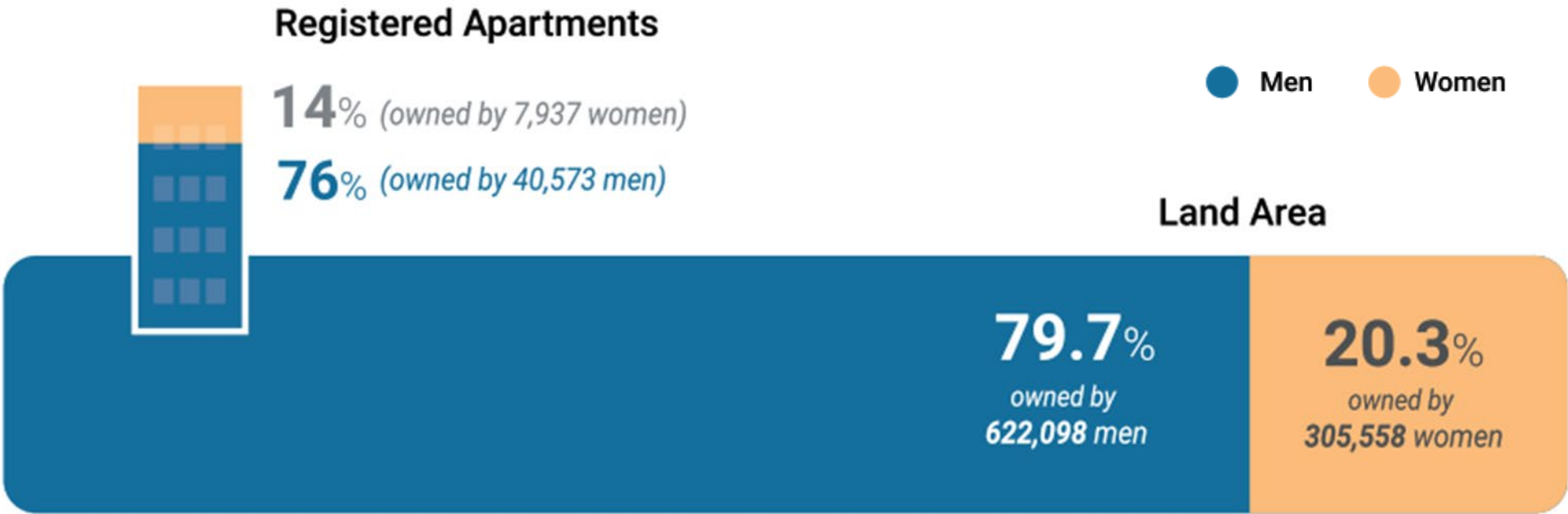


The women share in the land ownership *fluctuates according to the governorate*, the *highest* percentage of the women land ownership was recorded in *Jericho and Tubas* and the *lowest* was recorded in *Jenin*.

Gender distribution of land ownership



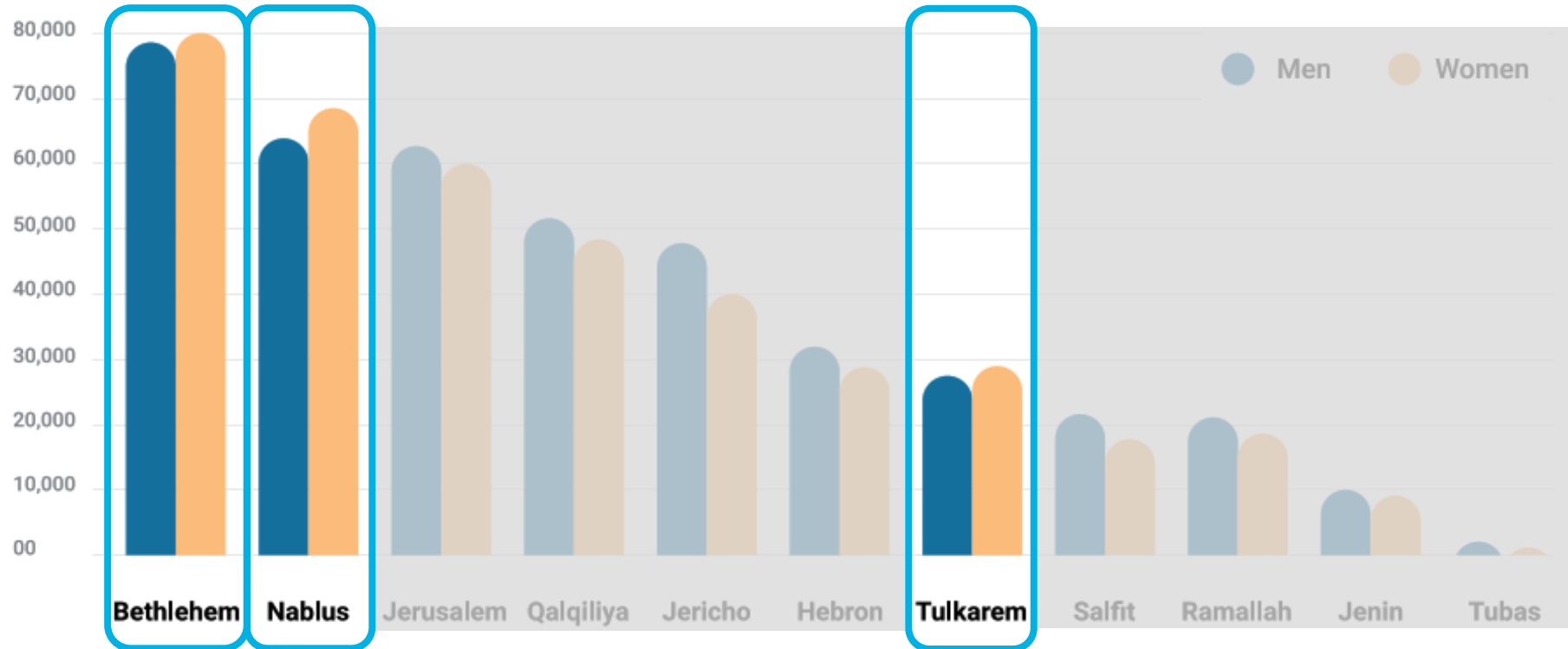
As for lands registered for *private ownership for individuals* only (without inheritors), the total number of dunums of these lands is approximately *746,000 dunums*:



Average value of each dunum of land registered

Disaggregated by sex

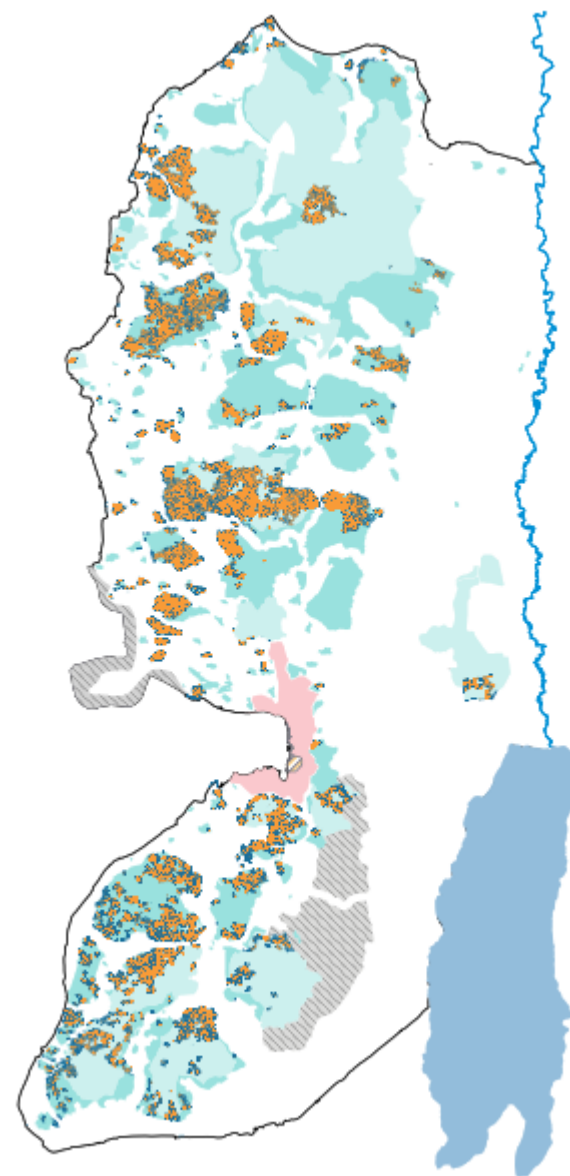
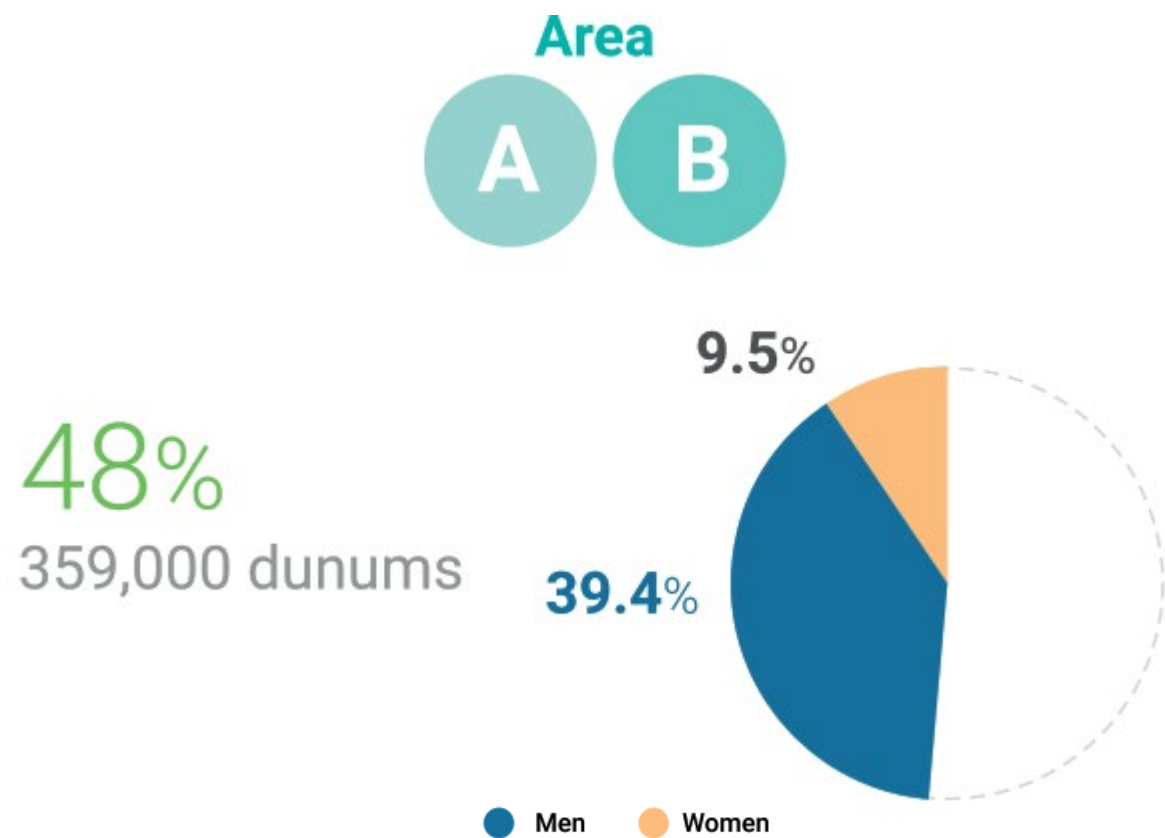
- The *average value of dunums of land registered to men exceeds* the average value of dunums registered *to women*, standing at approximately JOD 38,161 and JOD 36,076, respectively.



- There are *geographical discrepancies at the governorate level*; for instance, the average value of dunums registered to women is higher than those registered to men (but not by a significant amount).



Geopolitical classification

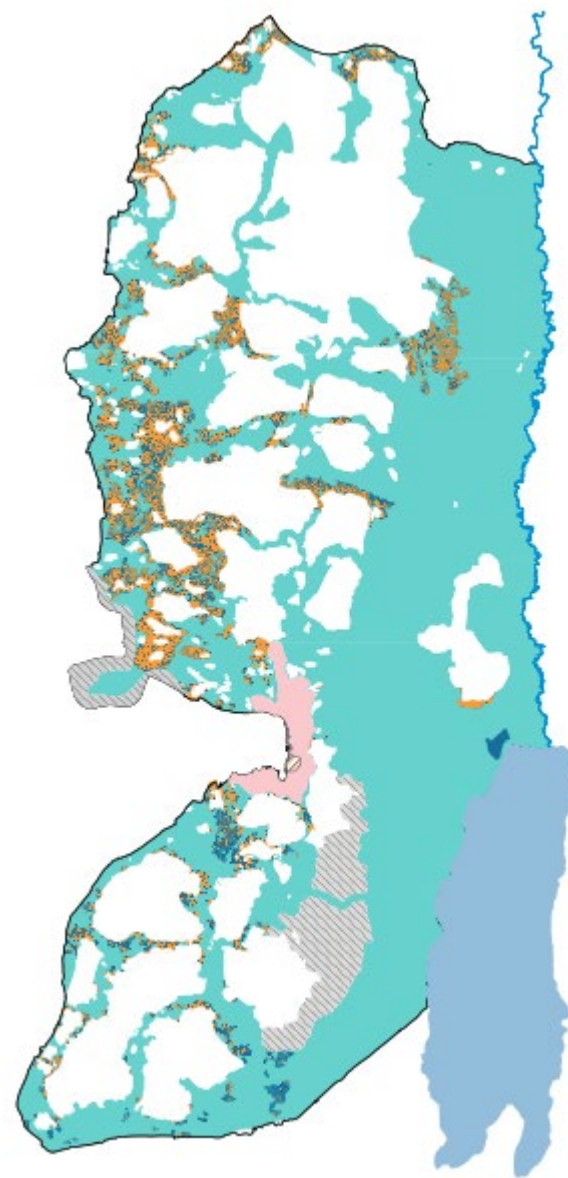
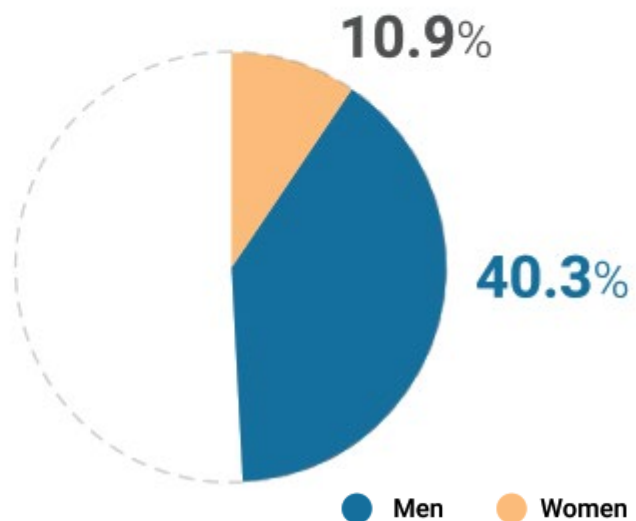




Geopolitical classification

Area
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52%
387,000 dunums





Value of agricultural land

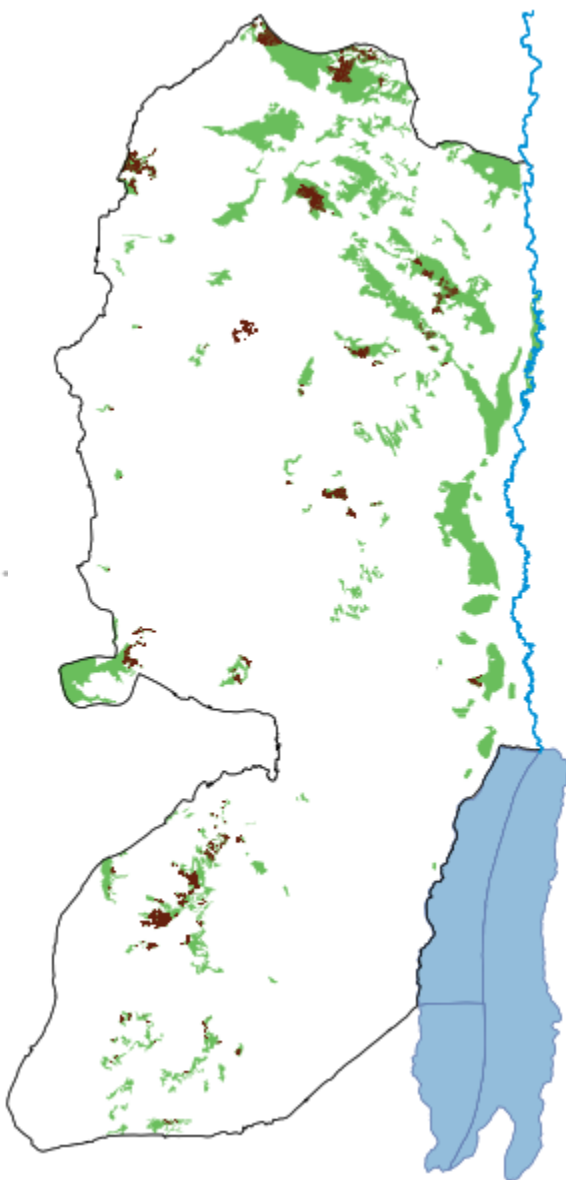
6%

65%

35%

High Value

Agricultural Land



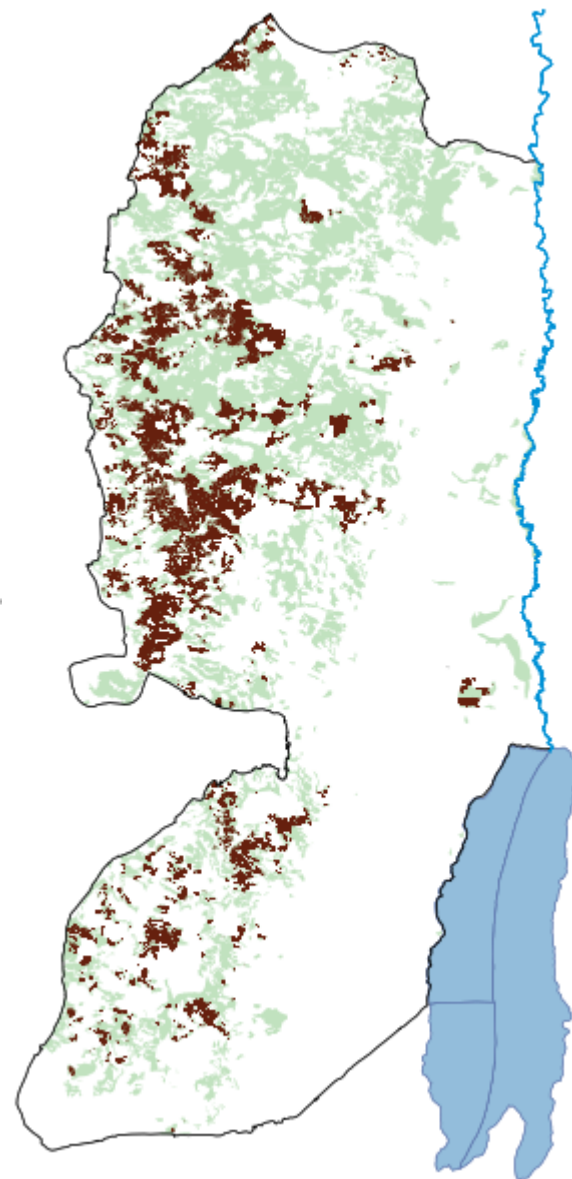
36%

69%

31%

Medium Value

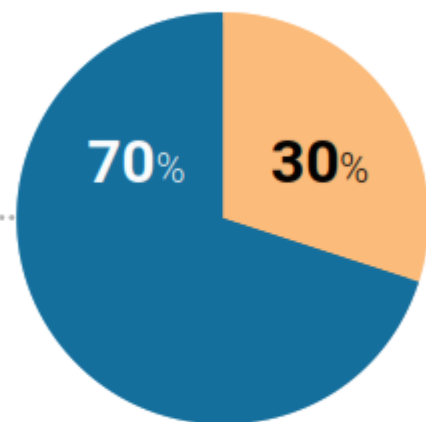
Agricultural Land





Value of agricultural land

37%

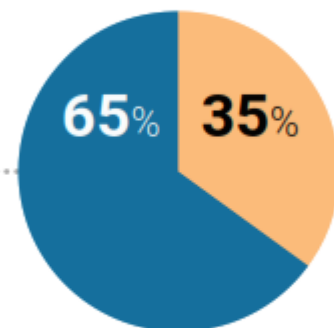


Low Value

Agricultural Land



21%



Mixed Value

Agricultural Land

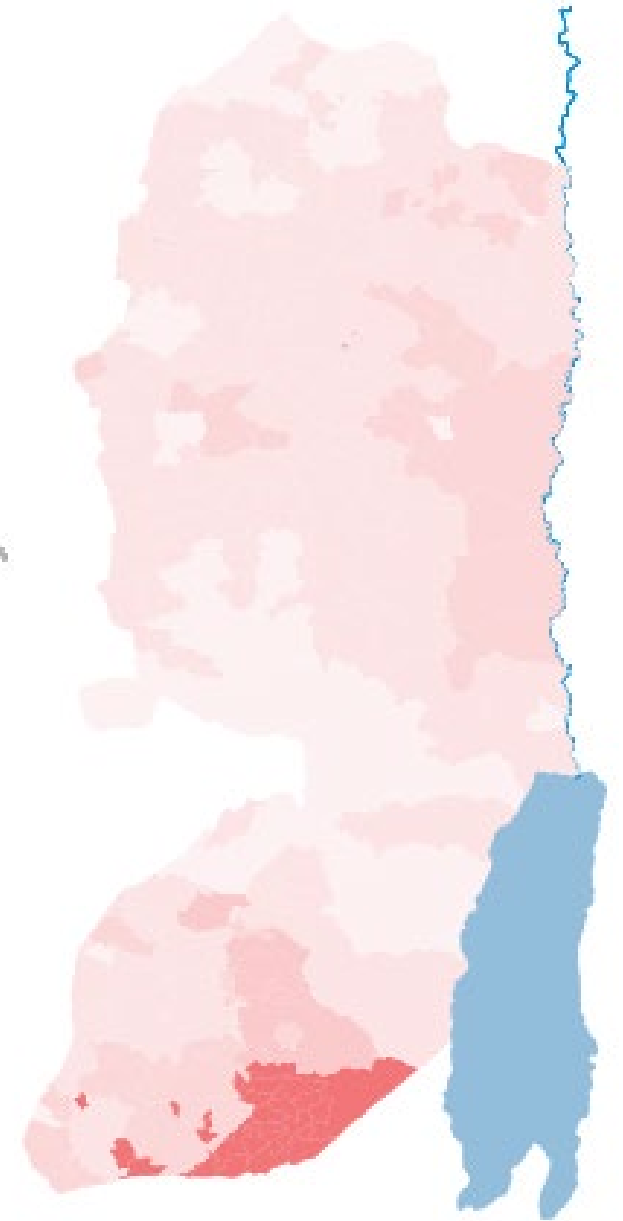
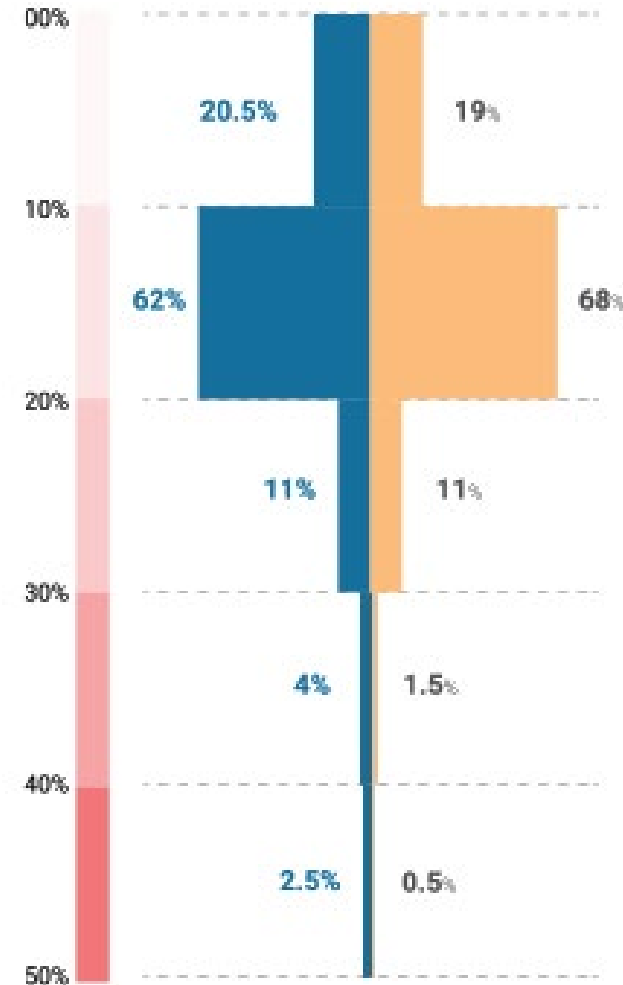




Poverty rates

With regards to male/female ownership of land and how it intersects with poverty rates, it was noticed both male and female ownership of *lands significantly decreased with higher poverty rates, but the intensity of this was greater for females than for males.*

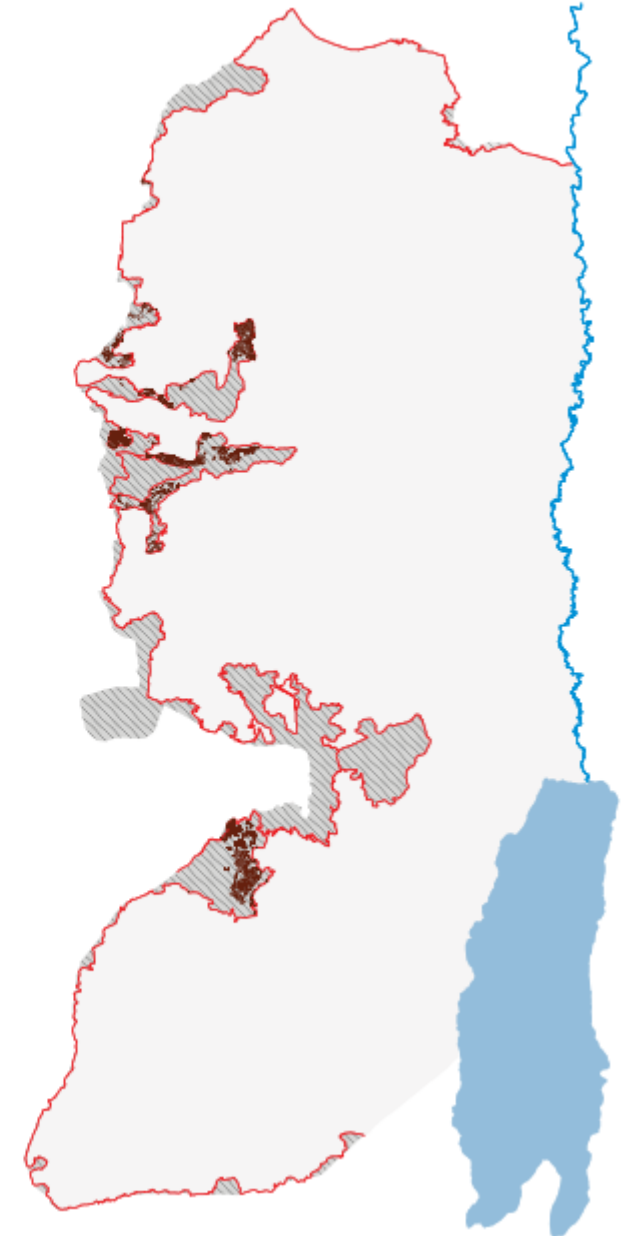
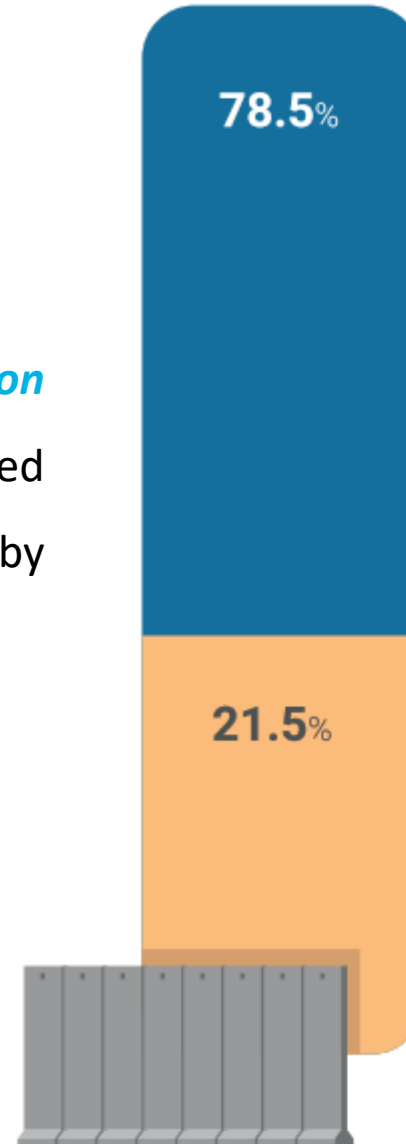
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Separation Barrier

47,000 dunums are lands owned **behind the separation barrier**; of which, 36,877 dunums (or 78.5 per cent) are owned by men, and 10,123 dunums (or 21.5 per cent) are owned by women.



Awareness campaign on land rights



Legal study on “Women’s Tenure Security in the West Bank”



Awareness plan developed and implemented with the following visibility items:

[Video documentary on women’s land rights](#)

[Animated video on land settlement](#)

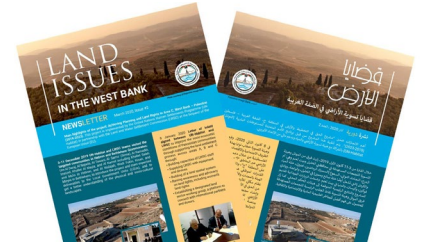
20 social media cards on land rights

Six Newsletters

Legal factsheet

>60 awareness sessions

Radio campaign in targeted areas



Women's land rights

عندما تتمتعين بالقدرة على التصرف الكامل بالأرض،
يتيح لك هذا فوائد اقتصادية عديدة، منها:

- تصبحين أكثر قدرة على إعالة نفسك
واسرّتك مادياً .
- في حال كانت الأرض زراعية، فستتمتعين
بزيادة الإنتاجية والإنتاج الكلي للغذاء .
- يتيح لك القدرة على بناء المسكن أو
المشغل لك و/أو لأولادك .
- يتيح لك القدرة على الاقتراض من البنوك
والمؤسسات المالية الأخرى من أجل
تطوير الأرض.



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ما هي آثار وإبعاد تمتع المرأة بحقوقها بالأرض؟

تعتبر مساهمة المرأة السياسية
والاقتصادية والاجتماعية ذات
قيمة عالية كأمراة عاملة، مقدمة
رعاية، أما، ربة منزل، الخ. ضمن
كل الأدوار الخاصة بها، لا يزال لدى
المرأة الحق القانوني والشرعي
والإنساني لتملك واستخدام
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إذا كنتي قد تخارجتي عن حقك في الأرض
تحت ظروف غبن أو إكراه أو تغيير:

- يمكنك التوجه للنياية العامة أو
المحكمة الشرعية أو أي جهة
اختصاص متواجدة في منطقتك
ضمن المدة القانونية (اقلها
شهرًا وتختلف من حالة إلى أخرى)
واحضار شهود ممكن ان يشدوا
بذلك.

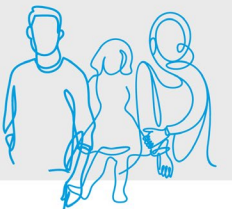


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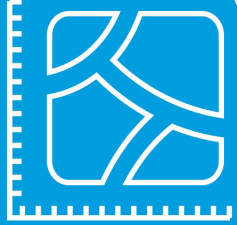


Legal awareness

ما هي تسوية الأراضي وما هي أهميتها؟

■ إن تسوية الأراضي هي تحديد مساحات الأراضي وحدودها وملكيّتها لتسهيل تسجيل الأراضي وإصدار سندات ملكية الأراضي وحماية الحقوق .

■ تسوية الأراضي هي عملية تتم لمرة واحدة فقط وتشمل حل النزاعات ذات الخصوص بما في ذلك النزاعات الحدودية ودعم حق النساء في الأرض.



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1
المسح الميداني

ما هي إجراءات التسوية؟

المرحلة الأولى: المسح الميداني

■ بعد الاعلان عن اعمال التسوية في منطقتك، يجب التواصل مع الطواقم الفنية الميدانية لغرض مسح الأراضي وجمع البيانات.



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3
التقسيم

ما هي إجراءات التسوية؟

المرحلة الثالثة: المدة المتاحة لتقديم الاعتراضات

■ بعد تعليق جدول الاعتراضات، يمكنك تقديم اعتراضات وتسليمها لمكتب هيئة تسوية الأراضي والمياه المتواجد في منطقتك.
■ تحوّل مدة الاعتراض مفتوحة لفترات متفاوتة حسب مكات إقامة المعارض وتحفظ حق فائدي الأهلية وهي:

- ✓ ثلاثون يوماً من تاريخ التعليق إذا كان المعارض مقيماً في دولة فلسطين
- ✓ سنة واحدة إذا كان كان المعارض مقيماً في إحدى البلاد المجاورة لبلدة فلسطين
- ✓ ثلاث سنوات كان المعارض مقيماً في بلد غير مجاورة
- ✓ خلال سنة واحدة من من التاريخ الذي يبلّغ فيه القاصر سن الرشد أو التاريخ الذي يسترد فيه فائقد الأهلية أهليته القانونية



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2
تقديم الادعاءات

ما هي إجراءات التسوية؟

المرحلة الثانية: تقديم الادعاءات

■ بعد المسح الميداني، يجب التوجه لمكتب هيئة تسوية الأراضي والمياه المتواجد في منطقتك لتعبئة الادعاءات (والتي هي ادعاء يحقك في الأرض، ولا يكفي الوصل التي تم الحصول عليه بعد المسح الميداني).
■ بعد تقديم الادعاءات بالملكية والمق، يقوم فريق التسوية بتنظيم جدول يسمى جدول الاعتراضات، ويعلق في مكان بارز في البلدة أو القرية، ويظهر الجدول كافة تفاصيل الأرض.
■ يعلق نسخة من جدول الحقوق في دائرة التسجيل وينشر في الصحف المحلية، وتسلم صورة مصدقة عنه للمجلس المحلي لبلدك الأهالي بمحتوياته.



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Shari'a Law Awareness

1 طلب حصر الارث

ما هي الاجراءات والخطوات القانونية المتعلقة بميراث الراضي؟

المرحلة الاولى: طلب حصر الارث

- بعد وفاة المورث، يجب العمل على اصدار حجة ارثية (حصر ارث)
- الاوراق المطلوبة:
 - شهادة الوفاة
 - شهادة ثبوتية تؤثق صلة القرابة بالمتوفي
 - تعطيك/ي حق في التركة
 - شاهدين
 - للزوجة المسيحية، يجب اضرار شهادة من الكنيسة تفيد بأن المورث حتى وفاته كان يتبع الطائفة المعنية
- لا يجوز عدم ذكر احد الوارثين في حجة حصر الارث..

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2 طلب ضبط وتحرير التركة

ما هي الاجراءات والخطوات القانونية المتعلقة بميراث الراضي؟

المرحلة الثانية: طلب ضبط وتحرير التركة

- هي عملية حصر وتقدير لكل اموال التركة المنقولة وغير المنقولة.
- يتقدم بطلب إلى المحكمة الشرعية او الكنسية المختصة على شكل استدعاء، لضبط التركة وتحريرها.

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المرحلة الثالثة: التقسيم

- يجب نقل الحصص الورثية بموجب حصر الارث من اسم المورث لاسماء الورثة.
- إن كانت حصتك الورثية جزء من قطعة ارض، ويرفض باقي الورثة إعطائك إياها أو لم تتمكنوا من الاتفاق على قسمة الارض بشكل يرضي الجميع:
- في حال هناك اعلان تسوية: يجب التوجه لمكتب التسوية حال اعلان الموص لتقديم ادعاء وطلب المساعدة لتقسيم الارض.
- في حال لا يوجد اعلان تسوية: يجب التوجه للمحكمة النظامية لتقديم دعوى بالخصوص.

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4 الخارج

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المرحلة الرابعة: الخارج

- التخارج هو عقد بيع الحصص الورثية بين الورثة مقابل عوض مالي أو ثمن معين متفق عليه.
- انتهى! لا يجوز تسجيل 'التخارج البرثي' (أي تقسيم الميراث) الا بعد مضي اربعة اشهر من وفاة المورث.
- إذا طلب منك التخارج عن حصتك لصالح احد الورثة الآخرين، فالخيار لك بالموافقة من عدمها - لن يستطيع احد إجبارك على القيام بالتخارج.
- لا تنسى، كأمراة، لحبك الحق بتوريث ممتلكاتك لأولادك، فلا تتخارجي عنها بسهولة!

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Benefits of land registration



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WHY WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS MATTER?



Women and Land in the Arab region

Why women need HLP rights?

When women have housing, land and property rights...

...they are more likely to enjoy a range of interconnected human rights, including adequate standard of living and protection from forced eviction.

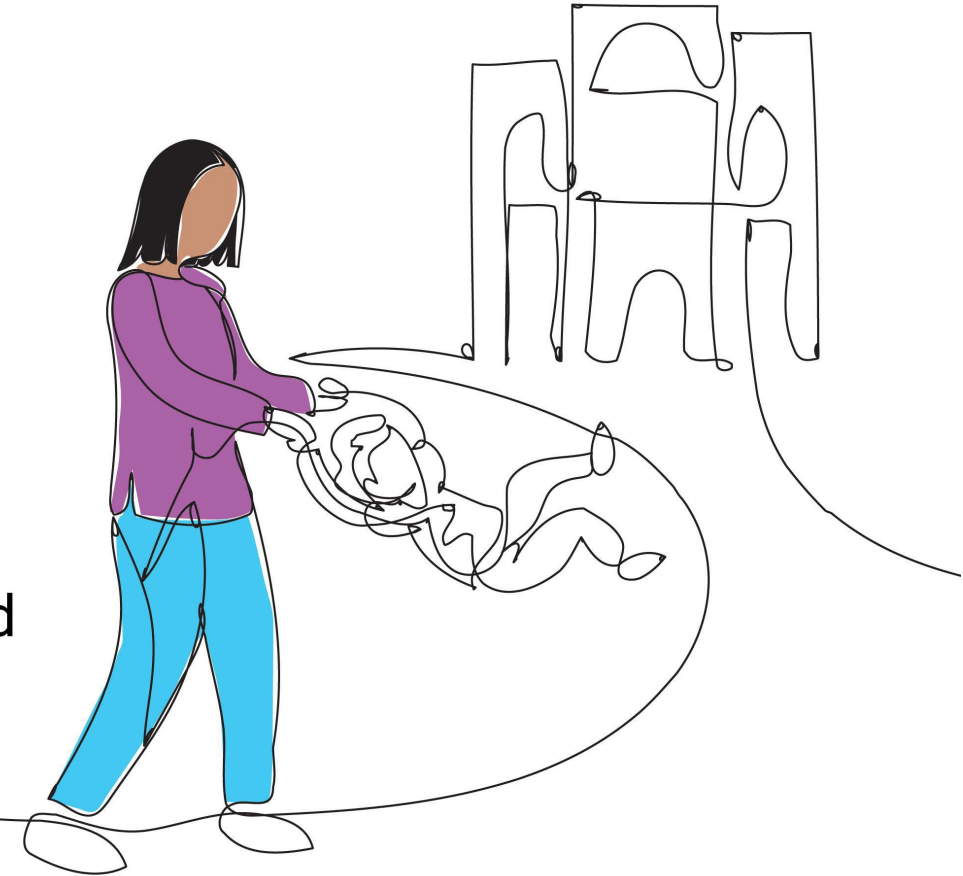
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Why women need HLP rights?

When women have housing, land and property rights...



...their participation in decision-making, within their families and communities, and in the overall political debate increases.

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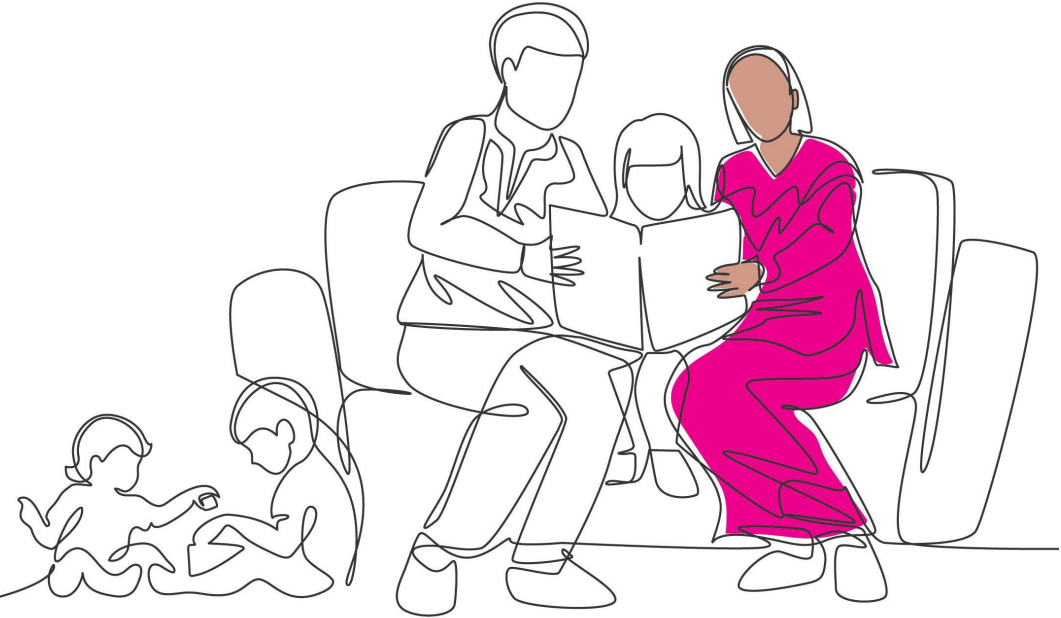
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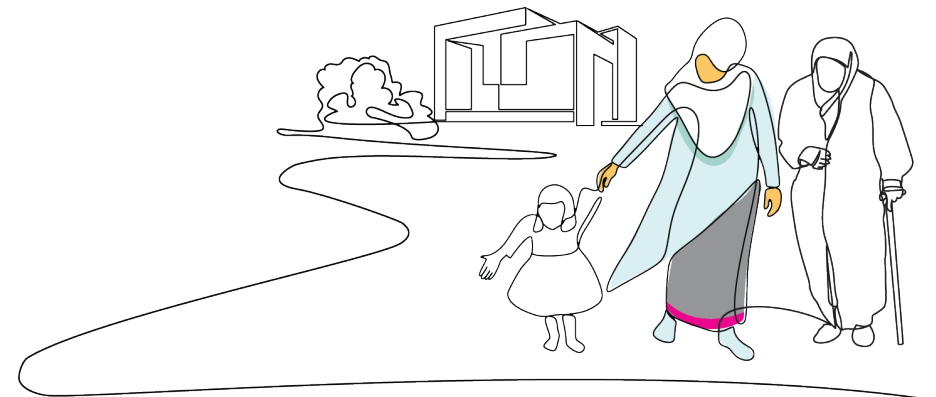
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WHY WOMEN'S HLP RIGHTS MATTER

Further, in **displacement and crises-affected contexts**, when women have housing, land and property rights...

- ...they are better **protected** from violence, extreme weather conditions and other health hazards.
- ...they are better able to **provide for themselves and their dependent** and to cope with the lack of family support.
- ...they are better able to **manage the negative economic and social impact** of conflict.
- ...their **engagement in peace processes** and the likelihood of peace agreements to be implemented increase.

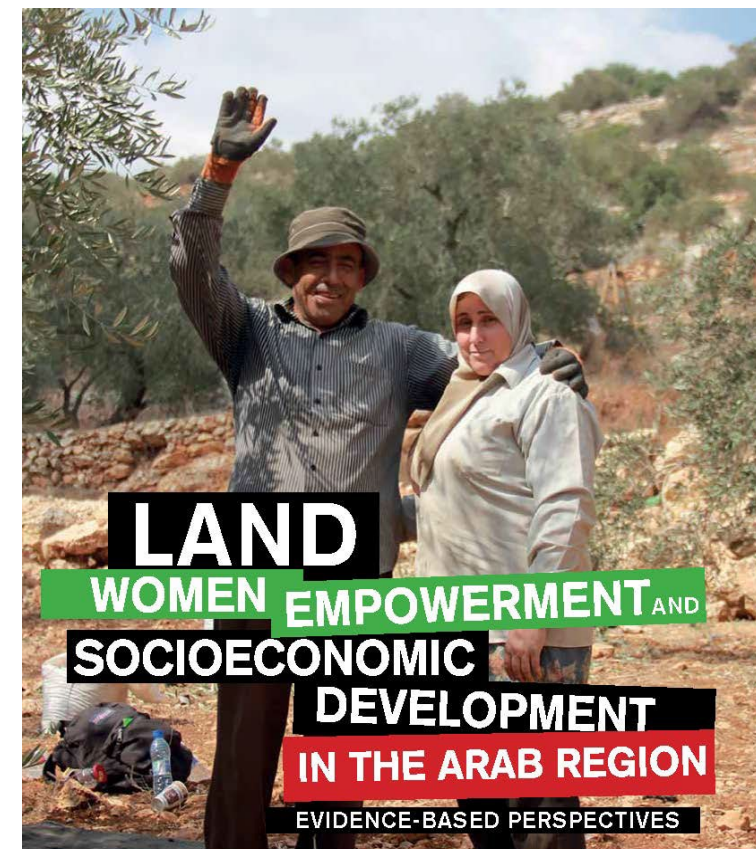


LAND, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB REGION: EVIDENCE-BASED PERSPECTIVES

Developed in partnership with the [Union of Agricultural Work Committees](#) (UAWC) from Palestine

The study examines the **factors affecting women's land tenure security** in the Arab region and their connection to women's **empowerment and socioeconomic development**.

It evidences the reality of **gender- and land-related patterns on the ground and provides actionable recommendations** for decision-makers, stakeholders and activists.



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WHY WOMEN'S HLP RIGHTS MATTER

Securing land tenure for women and men is essential to realise human and socioeconomic development. According to a regional study carried out by UN-Habitat, GLTN and UAWC (2023), there is a **positive correlation between land tenure security and improved living conditions:**

73%

MEN

70%

WOMEN



... report that enjoying tenure rights has helped them **improve** their **living standards**

69%

MEN

66%

WOMEN



... report that tenure rights have allowed for **higher incomes**

67%

MEN

69%

WOMEN



... report that tenure rights have helped them secure **a more dignified life** for their families

WHY WOMEN'S HLP RIGHTS MATTER

- 56% of men and 49% of women report that tenure rights helped them **access education**
- 52% of men and 42% of women report that tenure rights helped them **secure better healthcare**
- Women's land and property rights contribute to their **leadership and participation in decision-making**. Securing women's land and property rights...
 - ... strengthens women's leadership and participation in decision-making by **rebalancing roles** both within families and communities.
 - ... increases their **civic engagement** and public participation.
 - ... defines and enhances their **social security, status and identity**, all necessary elements to boost their participation in local decision-making processes and **political power**.

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WHAT PROTECTS WOMEN'S HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS?

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS/ DECLARATIONS

- At the international level, women's land and property rights are protected since the 1940s with a number of legal instruments under two streams of legislation: one protecting the **rights to adequate housing and protection from eviction**, and one recognizing the **equal rights of men and women**.
- The main **international declarations** protecting women's equal rights to land and property include:
 - Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
 - Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (1967)
 - Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Lands, Fisheries and Forest in the Context of National Food Security (2012)
 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)
 - New Urban Agenda (2016)
 - Pinheiro Principles on Housing and Property Restitution for Refugees and Displaced Persons (2005)

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS / COVENTIONS

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR): Ratified in 1975.
- International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR): Ratified in 1975.
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW): Ratified in 1992 with reservations on Article 9(2) (nationality of children) and Article 16 (equality in marriage and family relations).
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD): Ratified in 1974.

ISLAMIC LAW

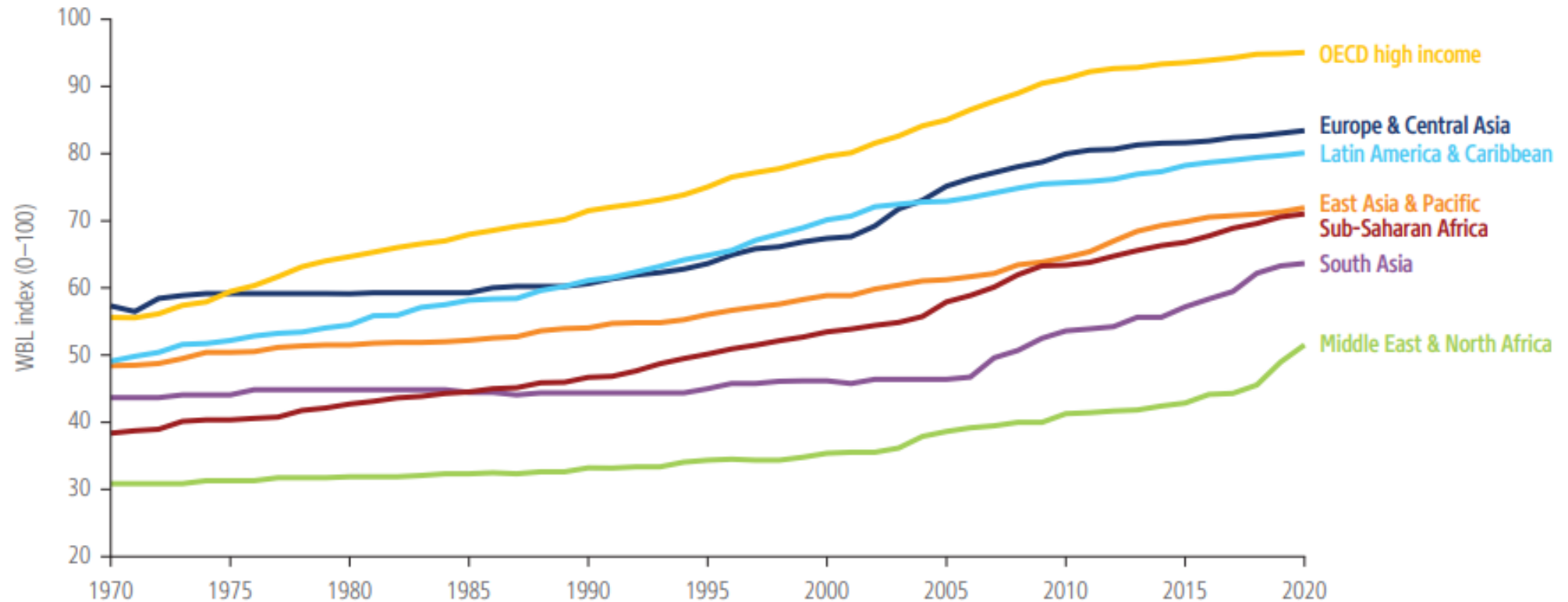
- It is important to note that, according to Islamic law:
 - Women possess independent legal, economic and spiritual identity with respect to access to land and property.
 - Women have the right to acquire, hold, use, administer and dispose of property including land.
 - Women can hold land titles individually and jointly.
 - There are no jurisprudential impediments that prevent joint marital property from being integrated in the marital contract.
 - Marriage is a spiritual, social and legal contract between two independent legal entities who have equal rights to negotiate terms, including property regimes and access to land, through the marital contract.
 - Women retain control over pre-marital property and finances throughout marriage and, when applicable, after divorce and in case of widowhood.



Overview on Gender equality in the Arab Region

GENDER EQUALITY IN THE ARAB REGION

The Arab region has the **highest gender gap globally** (about 40%) yet to be closed, with Yemen, Iraq and Saudi Arabia among the least performant countries



Source: Women, Business and the Law (WBL) database.

Note: Figure shows change in the average WBL index score across seven regions between 1970 and 2020. OECD = Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

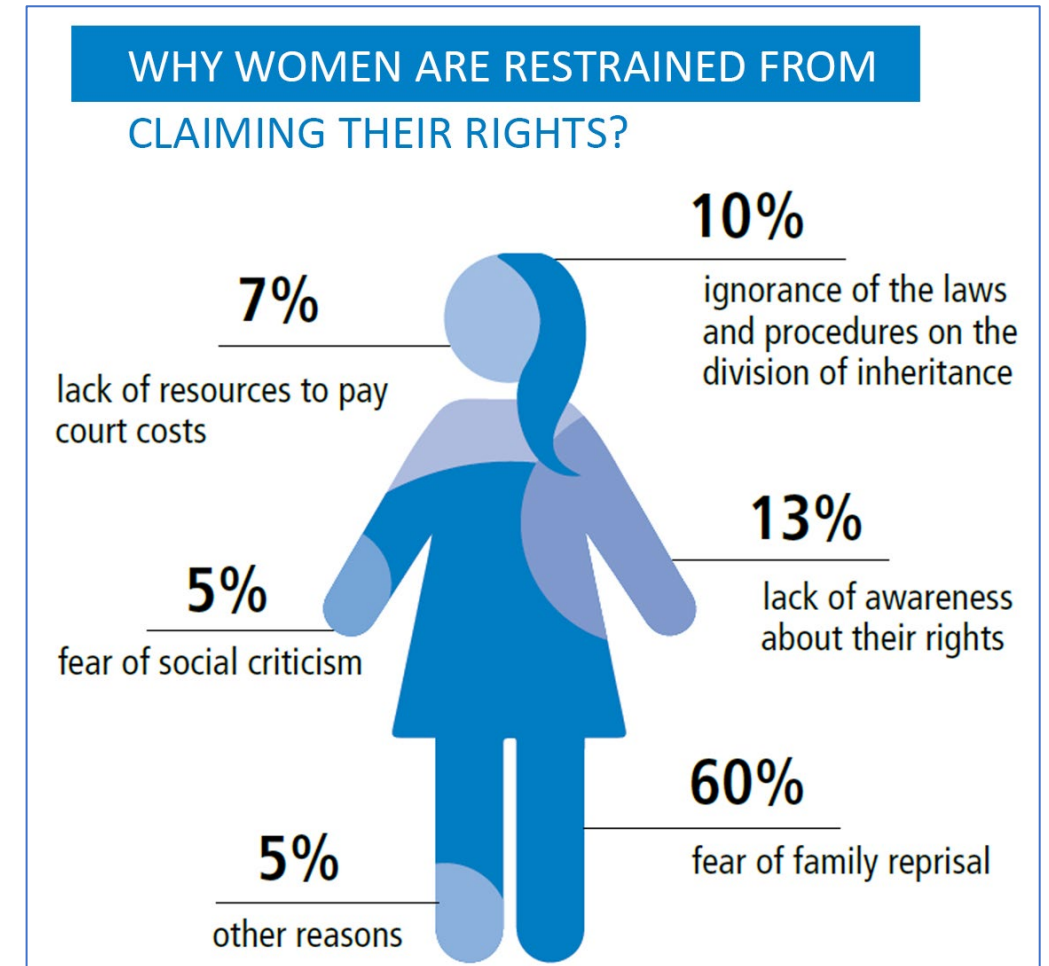
MAIN CHALLENGES LIMITING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS TO HLP

The land tenure security challenges faced by women are complex and context specific, most common challenges include:

- **Weak land governance and rule of law**
- **Discriminatory social and religious norms and practices**
- **Lack of knowledge and awareness about land rights**
- **Limited/lack of** enforcement of women's land rights
- **Lack of HLP documents** under women's name
- **Unequal participation** to institutions and land administration processes
- **Ignorance and misinterpretation** of statutory and religious laws protecting women HLP and inheritance rights.
- **Discrimination** due to their civil status, age, class, wealth, sexual orientation etc.

MAIN CHALLENGES LIMITING WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO HLP

- **Unequal power dynamics** between women and men (at all levels)
- **Lack of knowledge and awareness** about women land rights (most women are unaware of their right to joint property in marriage, or of keeping the premarital property under their name, thus losing their land and property to their husbands when they marry and especially in case of divorce).
- **Limited access to economic assets and resources** including finance opportunities
- **Practical barriers** to accessing land administration systems, including to dispute resolution mechanisms (travel, cost, childcare, etc.)



Source: Malene Soenderskov in Rafic Khouri, *Women & Land in the Arab Countries*.

LAND REGISTRATIONS PATTERNS

Women are less likely to have **individual ownership rights** in their names compared to men

35%

MEN

58%

WOMEN



... report having **land registered** in the **name of male family** members

UNDER WHOSE NAME

IS THE LAND REGISTERED?

62%

FATHER

19%

HUSBAND

15%

BROTHER

4%

GRAND PARENT

LAND USE AND LAND MANAGEMENT PATTERNS

63%

MEN

46%

WOMEN



... use their land or property for **economic activities**



Information from **literature review, consultations** and in-depth **field assessments**

Primary data collected in Palestine, Tunisia, Iraq and Kuwait

In case of divorce or death of the husband, a woman risks to lose her land and housing, because the couple's property is usually solely registered in the name of the husband, even if the wife has financially contributed to its purchase.

You can download the report (EN) at: <https://arabstates.glt.n.net/download/publication-release-land-women-empowerment-and-socioeconomic-development-in-the-arab-region-evidence-based-perspectives/>

Fewer women purchase land compared to men.

- Women in Arab societies have **limited access to resources** or control over income that grants them purchasing power.
- Poverty rates are disproportionate across gender: a **greater number of women are living in poverty** or deep poverty.
- Women's **employment rates are lower** than men's, and they have limited access to finance and credit opportunities.

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HOW TO PROTECT WOMEN'S HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS?

RECOMMENDATIONS

AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY

- Increase awareness on the importance of gender equality and land tenure security
- Simplify, translate and popularize laws, administrative regulations and legal documents
- Enhance the understanding of key stakeholders about land-related national, regional and international legal frameworks, religious and customary laws

RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE AND DATA

- Continue undertaking field assessments on gender and land issues, monitor progress
- Disaggregate data by sex, age and by socio-economic indicators
- Analyse the nexus between tenure insecurity and the various phases of conflict and monitor the housing, land and property rights violations
- Promote the role of civil society organizations as mediators between institutions and communities

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

- Promote knowledge-sharing among entry-level female entrepreneurs seeking to use their land for income generation
- Capacitate women's associations to deal with housing, land and property rights and other land-related issues
- Promote and increase women's employment in the different land-related professions

RECOMMENDATIONS

GENDER-RESPONSIVE REFORMS

- Reform and align national policies and regulations with international human rights frameworks and amend the discriminatory laws
- In countries with legal pluralism, harmonize the provisions on women's rights to land
- Reform land registration and administration systems to be more gender responsive
- Remove practical barriers limiting women's access to land administration services
- Provide practical support for women at the grassroots

INHERITANCE AND MARITAL PROPERTY

- Regulate and combat inheritance renunciation practices
- Encourage a holistic approach to estate planning to complement inheritance, particularly for Muslim women, such as the use of wills, gifts or donations, dower, etc.
- Promote the use of written marital contracts and promote joint property arrangements.
- Develop the capacity of religious registrars and other key actors involved in the process of contracting marriage and raise the awareness of women and men to transform the marital contract in a tool to access and secure women's land and property rights.
- Provide access to non-confrontational land disputes resolution mechanisms for women and provide legal support, shelter and protection for women and children under threat of violence when claiming their rights.

Women and Land in the Arab region

How to increase women's participation in land-related processes?

To increase women's empowerment and participation in decision making...

Raise women's awareness and understanding of housing, land and property rights, so that they are better able to claim them and engage in land and HLP-related processes.

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How to increase women's participation in land-related processes?

To increase women's empowerment and participation in decision making...

Promote, strengthen and develop the capacities of women and women's associations to participate in land-related processes such as management of land and land-related resources, land dispute resolution, land policy reform processes, etc.

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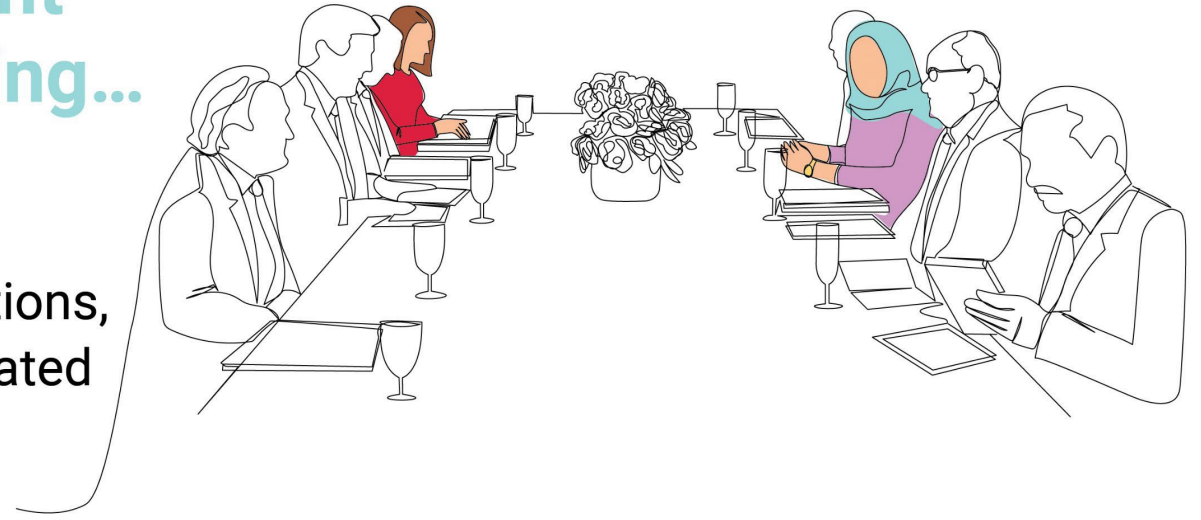
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Guarantee women's participation in peace negotiations, land conflicts resolution mechanisms, and land-related commissions to ensure women's grievances and needs are addressed during the negotiations.

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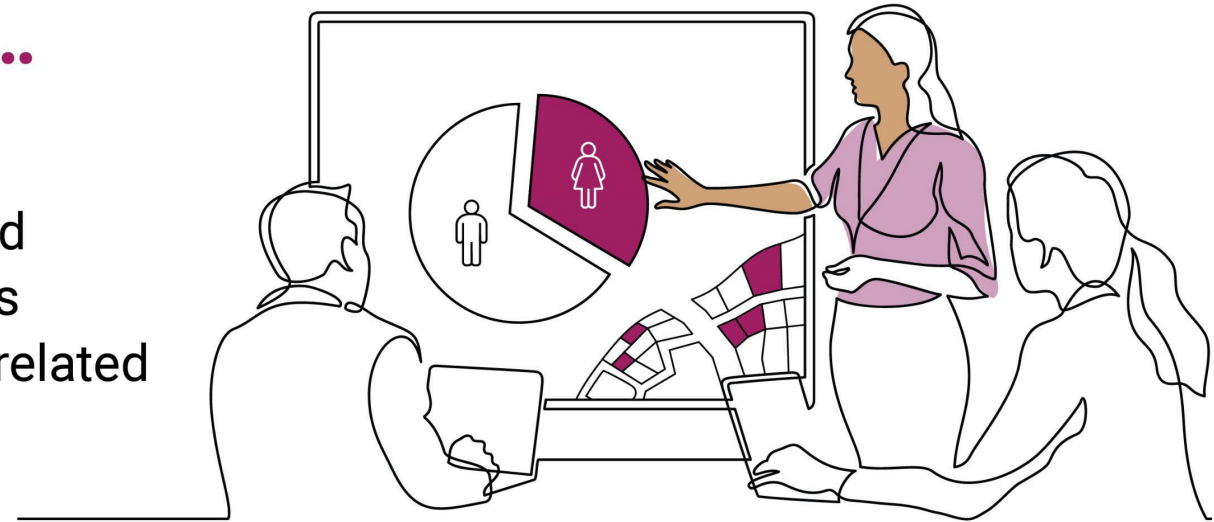
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Collect and analyse sex-disaggregated data on land administration processes, land use patterns, issues faced by women in accessing land and other land-related dynamics to guide reforms and decision making.

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AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY



- Launched on 18 February 2021 in partnership with **Stand4HerLand Campaign**
- Campaign Ended on 14 July 2022

All the Campaign information and material is available for download on the Arab Land Initiative website: arabstates.glt.net

The campaign can be tracked through the hashtag **#womenandland** and by following social media platforms:

- GLTN: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)
- Arab Land Initiative: [LinkedIn](#)
- UN-Habitat: [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)
- UN-Habitat Regional Office for the Arab States: [Twitter](#)

62 campaign cards disseminated (AR/EN)
83,438 people reached on digital media in the region
41,398 people engaged through likes, comments and shares

WOMEN AND LAND CAMPAIGN - NATIONAL

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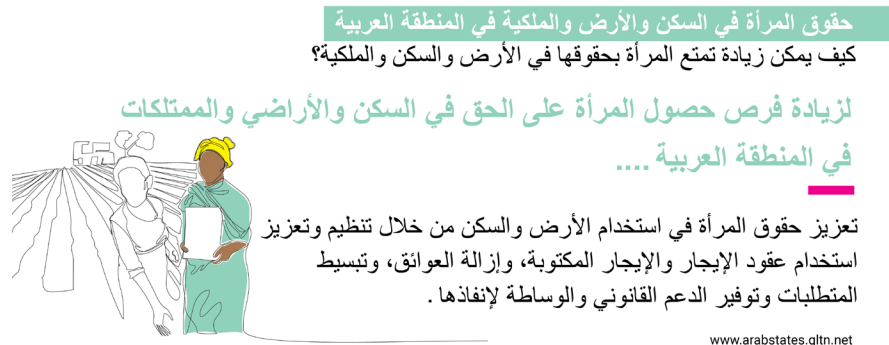
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WOMEN AND LAND CAMPAIGN - NATIONAL



The campaign is now being implemented at the national level by UN-Habitat Lebanon and Tunisia country offices in:

- 📍 Lebanon
- 📍 Tunisia
- 📍 Libya



- Raising **awareness and knowledge**
- Initiate a **multi-level dialogue** about women's HLP rights
- **Identify discriminatory laws** and policies hindering women's access to land
- **Empower women** to claim their rights

WOMEN AND LAND CAMPAIGN - LEBANON

COUNTRY FOCUS: LEBANON

in partnership with National Commission For Lebanese Women

- **Roundtable** (Beirut, December 2022)
with over 80 participants
- **Social media campaign** (December 2022 – ongoing)
- **Testimonials from women in Lebanon**
- **Videos:**
 - What are HLP rights?
 - Lebanon's legal framework related to HLP rights for women
 - Testimonials/Human interest stories



15 campaign cards

disseminated (AR/EN)

3.5 mil people reached on

digital media in the region

33,105 people engaged

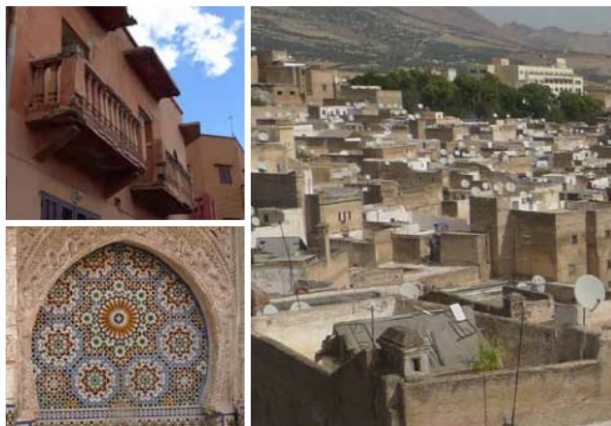
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*numbers above refer to January 2023

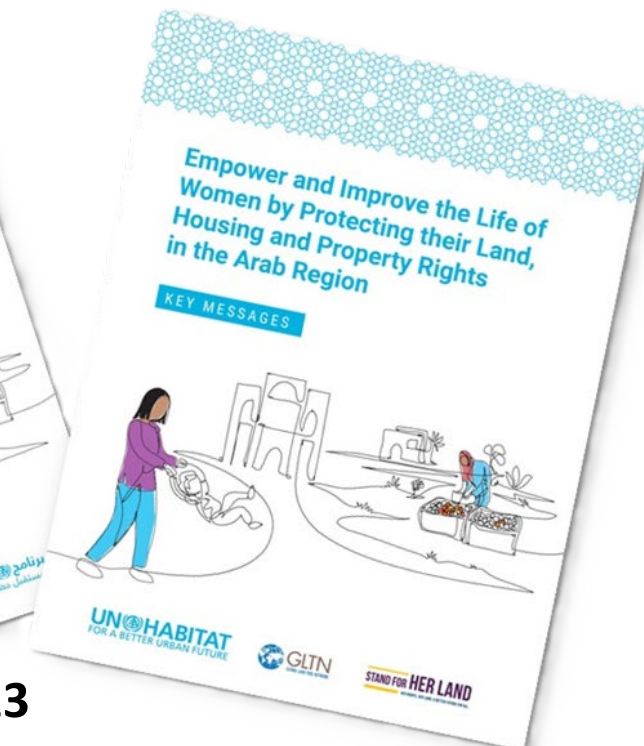
RESOURCES

WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS: GLTN & the Arab Land

ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES AND LAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT



2018



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TRAINING GUIDE

WOMEN, LAND AND PEACE. TRAINING GUIDE TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S HLP RIGHTS IN FRAGILE CONTEXTS

Developed in response to the increasing demand for **knowledge and capacity to secure women's land and property rights in fragile contexts**.

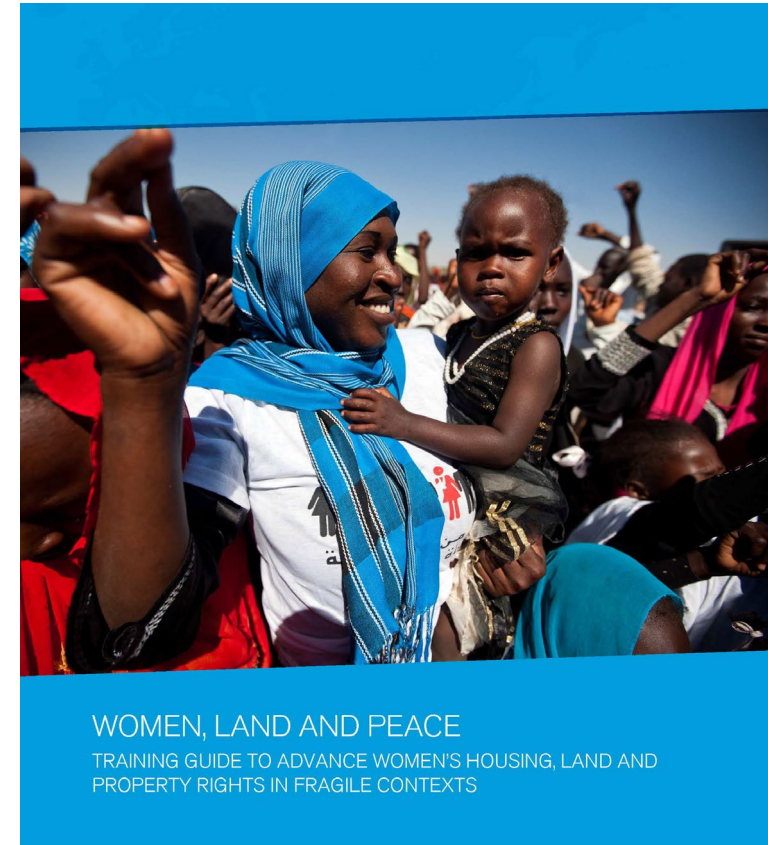
The guide **targets** a broad group of stakeholders:

- government representatives
- community members
- women's groups
- elders and religious leaders
- other relevant actors

The guide includes:

- **five training modules**
- **information** for facilitators and training organizers
- **tools** for supporting training events.

You can download the training guide (EN) at: <https://unhabitat.org/women-land-and-peace-training-guide-to-advance-womens-housing-land-and-property-rights-in-fragile-contexts>

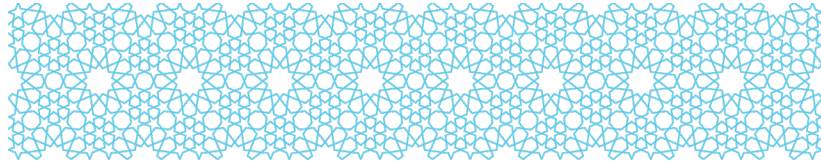


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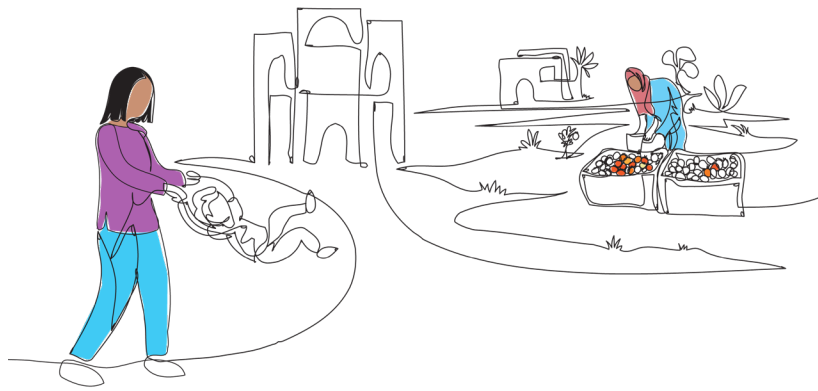
AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY

KEY MESSAGES ON WOMEN AND LAND IN THE ARAB REGION



Empower and Improve the Life of Women by Protecting their Land, Housing and Property Rights in the Arab Region

KEY MESSAGES



➤ **Based on the field experience** of UN-Habitat and the Global Land Tool Network's partners in the Arab region.

1. Why women's HLP rights matter
2. How to increase women's access to HLP rights in the Arab region
3. How to increase access to HLP rights for women in displacement and crises-affected contexts
4. How to promote women's empowerment and participation in decision making
5. What Islamic law says on women's housing, land and property rights

You can download the messages (EN/AR) at:

<https://arabstates.glttn.net/women-and-land/>

KEY MESSAGES ON WOMEN, LAND AND PEACE

The key messages are **based on field experience** in fragile and crisis affected contexts of UN-Habitat and the partners of the Global Land Tool Network and the HLP Area of Responsibility of the Global Protection Cluster.

They provide:

- Summary of knowledge
- Useful references
- Advocacy arguments
- Inputs for the development of programmes for mainstreaming women's HLP issues into broader interventions



WOMEN, LAND AND PEACE

Sustaining peace through women's empowerment and increased access to land and property rights in fragile and conflict-affected contexts



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الموضوعات الأساسية المتعلقة بتعزيز استمرار السلام من خلال تمكين المرأة وتعزيز إمكانية الوصول إلى حقوق الأراضي والملكية في الأوضاع الهشة والمتأثرة بالصراع

You can download the messages (EN/AR) at: <https://gltn.net/2021/12/10/key-messages-on-women-land-and-peace/>



KEY MESSAGES



Based on the key messages, UN-Habitat, GLTN and the HLP AoR have developed two animations

- [Advocacy video](#)
- [Training video](#)

Available in EN, AR, FR

The training videos provide advocacy arguments and a summary of key actions that proved to be effective in protecting women's HLP rights

- During conflicts and displacement
- Upon return
- For conflict prevention and in the recovery phase



Open Discussion



THANK YOU!

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