IMPROVING WOMEN’S ACCESS TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Summary of the work advanced by the UFGE and further country reforms

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HISTORY OF WORK ON WOMEN’S LAND RIGHTS UNDER UFGE

Two grants for inclusive land administration reform in the Western Balkans.

- Land and Leadership in the Western Balkans - US$ 120,000 for client training.
- Land and Gender: Improving Data Availability in the Western Balkans - US$ 40,000 for TA to build gender-disaggregated property ownership data in the Western Balkans.

The task brought in the WB and FAO land experts.

Timeline: 2013-2014
MAIN ACTIVITIES

Conferences:
• June 2013 in Budva, Montenegro – generated 11-month action plans
• May 2014 in Durrës, Albania -- discuss the key results, challenges, and lessons learned

TA for the use of IT systems to gather gender-disaggregated data.
• The FAO expert liaised with the IT representative in land agencies to gather gender-disaggregated ownership data by using the existing IT systems.
MAIN PRODUCTS

- Land and Gender Paper
- Land and Gender Statistical Report
- Communication tools: video and leaflet
In addition to FAO, the team worked with GIZ to learn about their “Legal Assessment Tools”, which identify legal and implementation gaps in detail.
Albania
- Publication of the UNFAO Voluntary Guidelines and the Technical guide “Governing Land for Women and Men” (UN Women)

Bosnia and Herzegovina (Federation)
- Increased amount of cadastral data in the municipality of Breza by 30%

Kosovo
- Fee exemption campaign (with outreach) for couples who jointly register properties. Over a 2-month period, women’s applications in a local registration office increased by almost 20%

North Macedonia
- Survey on women’s land and property ownership in collaboration with three pilot municipalities

Montenegro
- Training to land administration officers and civil society on registering property under the name of women in the pilot municipalities of Pljevlja and Bar-Ostros

Serbia
- Registration services more accessible to people with disabilities in the municipality of Nis
- Secured SIDA funds for training
ALBANIA REFORMS IN DPO

- Notary Law
- Cadaster Agency
- Legal Aid
Improving Women’s Access to Assets (prior actions 1-3)

Partners: GIZ; EU Acquis: Chapter 23; Counterparts: Justice

Increased access to assets

Increasing the accuracy of immovable property registration procedures

Increasing records of property titles

Providing affordable legal solutions to correct property titles

Improving awareness about gender-equal worker treatment among employers

Improving the quality and extent of education services for children

Increasing tailored employment services for vulnerable women

Improving monitoring of gender-responsive budget results

Monitoring gender equality progress

Leveling the Playing Field to Enhance Labor Market Opportunities for Women (prior actions 4-6)

Partners: USAID, UNICEF, UN WOMEN; EU Acquis: Chapter 19; Counterparts: Finance; Education

Increased employability of women

Increasing opportunities for women

Strengthening Institutional Arrangements for gender (prior actions 7, 8)

Partners: UN WOMEN, EU; EU Acquis: Chapter 19; Counterparts: Finance; INSTAT

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Institutions (monitoring)

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Increased gender equality in access to economic opportunities

Impact

Medium term results

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Short term results

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• Awareness among large employers about gender-equal provisions in the law; reduced barriers for mothers who desire to work
• Improved gender-gaps monitoring systems for public policy

Prior actions

Pillars

Short term results

Synergies

Framework

Assets (immovable property)

Opportunities (labor market)

Institutions (monitoring)

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