

LANDESA IN INDIA



In India, landlessness is a better predictor of poverty than either illiteracy or membership in a Scheduled Caste.

Since 2000, Landesa has engaged in catalytic work to ensure all women and men living in India's rural areas have **secure rights to the land they depend on.**

Rights that

- enable families to invest in their land and plan for the future.
- offer shelter and resilience against shocks.
- help advance gender equity.

SECURE LAND RIGHTS HAVE THE POWER TO IMPROVE...



Women's empowerment



Economic development



Food security



Environmental conservation



In rural India, 85% of women work in farming. 13% of women own land.

Landesa drives progress on land rights at multiple levels, catalyzing systems change that impacts millions.

At the **national level**

Landesa works closely with policy makers to systematically strengthen the land rights of families living in rural areas—through research, policy recommendations, and implementation support.

At the **state level**

Landesa conducts research, offers policy guidance, and builds the capacity of land administration officials for more equitable processes, such as adding women's names to land titles held jointly with their husbands.

Within **communities**

Landesa partners with civil society organizations to improve rural women's understanding of how to claim their rights to land.

OUR IMPACT IN INDIA OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS



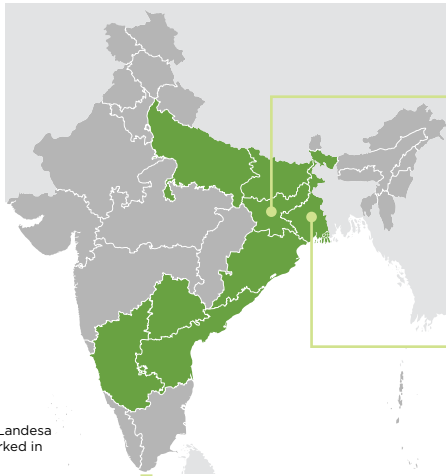
39.8 million women and men in India saw strengthened land rights from **5 policy changes** due in significant part to Landesa's influence.



16 thousand government officials and other service providers received land rights training from Landesa.



89 thousand women and men in India received formal land rights from government programs influenced by Landesa.



Jharkhand

- Landesa published a grim **assessment of the land and inheritance rights of women living in Scheduled Tribe communities** and is improving **land governance and community legal awareness** to dismantle systems of oppression and gender discrimination.

West Bengal

- Landesa partners with the state government to promote **land literacy** through a network of **women's self-help groups**, reaching 2.2 million women since 2017 with information and services they can use to exercise and protect land rights, build economic independence, and challenge gender discrimination.
- Landesa supports the state government to launch **women-led facilitation centers** that offer rural communities cost-efficient services to update land records via the government online platform, with 101 centers currently operational.
- Landesa's regional **Coastal Livelihoods and Mangroves Project** addresses laws and policies regarding forest tenure, land use planning, and climate mitigation and adaptation to protect the contiguous 4.6 million hectares of mangrove forests in the coastal region of the Bay of Bengal and Southeast Asia.
- Landesa reached more than 670 thousand girls in more than six thousand villages through the **Security for Girls Through Land Project** with community-led education on girls' land-related rights, assets, and livelihoods.

National

- Landesa conducted research on **land use and renewable energy expansion** to help understand the impacts on and adaptive capacity of local communities and women as India moves towards 50% of its electricity from renewables by 2030.
- Landesa partnered with India's national and state government leaders to draft the 2016 **Model Agricultural Land Leasing Act**, to remove barriers to agricultural productivity and increase land access and long-term security for people living in poverty in rural areas as India rapidly urbanizes.



LANDESA is an international non-governmental organization that fights rural poverty and provides opportunity and security for women and men through the power of land rights.



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