

A POWERFUL TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Small farmers with secure rights to land
are better environmental stewards.
The evidence is global:



THEY PREVENT SOIL EROSION

•In Ethiopia, small farmers with secure rights were 60% more likely to invest in soil erosion prevention

THEY PLANT MORE TREES

•In Ghana, small farmers with stronger land rights were 39% more likely to plant trees

THEY PRESERVE FORESTS

•Cross national studies found that countries with stronger land rights have lower rates of deforestation

SMALL FARMERS AND COMMUNITIES CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT

80% of farmland managed by small farmers, communities in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia

Almost 70 percent of employed women in South Asia and more than 60 percent of employed women in sub-Saharan Africa work in agriculture

YET, A CRITICAL FACTOR IS MISSING:

Nearly one billion people worldwide lack secure rights to the land they rely on. Women, especially, lack secure rights.

Nations willing to enact reforms to support land rights for women, men, and communities can strengthen progress toward a sustainable planet

