

THE WORLD'S POOREST FAMILIES TODAY

2.7 BILLION PEOPLE LIVE ON LESS THAN \$2 PER DAY.¹

50,000 people die each day due to poverty.²

AT LEAST 1 BILLION OF THEM LIVE IN RURAL AREAS AND LACK SECURE RIGHTS TO LAND.³

We can help them get legal control over their land and improve their lives.



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A BETTER TOMORROW

SECURE LAND RIGHTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE WORLD'S POOREST FAMILIES

Agricultural production
increased by 60%¹



Annual family income
increased by 150%⁴



Investment in property
improvements **doubled**²



High school graduation
rates **doubled**⁵



Number of hours worked
increased by 17%³



Teen pregnancy
reduced by half⁶



Evidence is growing. Results vary by context.

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