Housing and Land Rights Network

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Learning Workshop on Women, Land and Housing Rights:
Assessing the impacts of dispossession
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HICompetences

• Gender Equality
• Production (Social Production of Habitat)
• Safe, Healthy & Sustainable Environment
• Human Rights (to Adequate Housing and Land)
Taking Action

- Ivory Coast: 700,000 undergoing forced eviction
- China: Release Tibetan Land Defenders!
- Zimbabwe: Rural Forced Evictions
- Argentina: Rampant Forced Evictions in BA
- Nigeria: 30K Forcibly Evicted, 300K at Risk
- TNC Land Grab in Sierra Leone
- Turkey: Mass Dispossession in Diyarbakir
- Cameroon: Hundreds of families risk eviction
- Cameroon: > 2,000 people facing eviction
- Cameroon: Demolition Threatens 3K Families

Occupied Kashmir: “India learned from Israel”

Housing and Land Rights Violation Database
Mapping Eviction, Dispossession, Destruction and Privatization-related Cases

www.hlrn.org
Defending the Human Right to Adequate Housing

Research and publication
Monitoring tools & techniques
Training & capacity development
Advocacy

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Housing and Land Rights: Remedial & Preventive Tools

"Juego de Herramientas" para los Derechos por la Vivienda y la Tierra

Housing and Land Rights "Toolkit"
Gender Justice

The Alexandria Consultation
Women’s Right to Adequate Housing and Land
Middle East/North Africa

Habitat International Coalition
Housing and Land Rights Network
United Nations
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Violation Database:

- Forced eviction
- Dispossession
- Destruction
- Privatization
Urgent Action

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Cameroon: Demolition Threatens 3K Families
Cameroon: Yaounde, >250 Families Homeless
Cameroon: 397 Douala Families in Distress
Palestine: 10 Years after the Wall Opinion - Time for Concrete Action
India: Bangalore Demolition, 5K Homeless
Nigeria: More Forced Evictions in Port Harcourt
Angola: Demolitions, Forced Eviction in Lubango City
Cambodia: Rights Defenders Jailed, Boeung Kak Lake
“Assessing Impacts of Women’s Dispossession from Land and Home”
Counting real costs

A project of
Habitat International Coalition - Housing and Land Rights Network
India – Kenya – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Outcome 1: More specialized local civil society organizations and constituent communities empowered to apply HLRN quantification tools in cases of women’s potential and actual deprivation of land.

Outcome 2: HLRN monitoring and quantification methods in each country involving a violation of women’s land rights, including at least one via inequitable inheritance practices.

Outcome 3: UN Human Rights monitoring bodies better able to assess the performance of states’ human rights obligations vis-à-vis women.

Outcome 4: Analytical project data considered in the review of states’ performance of commitments under the Paris Agreement, 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.
Implementing Partners:

India: Housing and Land Rights Network-India

Uganda: Shelter and Settlements Alternatives / Uganda Human Settlements Network (SSA:UHSNET)

Kenya: Mazingira Institute and Pamoja Trust

Zambia: Civic Forum for Housing and Habitat

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe People’s Land Rights Movement
Terms:

- Monitoring
- Follow-up
- Review
- Norms (law and practice)
- Commitment
- Obligation
- Assessment (before, during and after)
- Quantification (values)
- Evaluation
Human Rights Habitat Observatory

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FIRST NAIROBI CIVIC ASSEMBLY
Organized by
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RPP,NYM, YAA, NCEC, CLARION, MUUNGANO WA WANAVIJJI, 4Cs
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