Learning Workshop on Women, Land and Housing Rights: Assessing the impacts of dispossession
30 September–2 October 2020
Lusaka, Zambia
Assessing the impacts of dispossession

Zambia Cases and Typology

Habitat International Coalition - Housing and Land Rights Network
Violation Database
Search results for all types of violation
8,178 affected PAX

between 01 January 2000 and 26 August 2020
Steps

- Context of violation
- Specific incident/case
- Type of violation
- Phase of interventions
- Redress sought
CONTEXTS

- Activities of national investors
- Activities of transnational corporations
- Armed conflict and post-conflict
- Commercialization of traditional lands
- Development or infrastructure project
- Disaster (natural or human-made)
- Early marriage (due to land scarcity)
- Gentrification (urban)
- Inheritance: (generational, widowhood)
- Land grab
- Land reform issues
- Mega-event
- Military occupation, punitive
- Political corruption
- Political violence
- Preying on women per se
- Punitive
- Urban land tenure insecurity in informal settlements
- Combinations of the above
Specific Incidents/Cases

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Type(s) of Violation

- Forced eviction
- Dispossession
- Damage, destruction
- Lost/inequitable inheritance
- Other
- Any combination
Phase

- Pre-violation
- During violation
- Post-violation
Redress Sought

- Administrative
- Charity assistance & relief
- Customary / traditional resolution
- Hybrid / policy-coherence approach
- Juridical (domestic, regional or internat’l)
- Alternative Justice Systems (AJS/ADR)
- Transitional justice processes
- Combination
- Other
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Categories of Women Affected

- Part of afflicted social group or community
- Widows not allowed to stay in their matrimonial land/home
- Divorcées unable to claim rights to marital land/home or to natal family land/home
- Common-law wives or unmarried women with no claims to land/home
Categories of Women Affected (cont’d.)

- Women who tried to register their land/home, but faced barriers and were unable
- Women who did not inherit land/home from parents, or inherited less than their brothers
- Women who lost their right to stay on/use land/home when clan land/homes sold (by husband or other family or clan member) to a buyer outside of the clan
• With a statutory claim to land/home, but local leaders dismiss statutory law and rely on customary law or practice, resulting in loss

• Widows in polygamous marriages, now competing with other wives in their claim to husband's land/home
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“Assessing Impacts of Women’s Dispossession of Land and Home”

Counting real costs

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