



# Land policy & tenure at the World Bank

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## Why are we dealing with land & how?

### Importance long recognized

1975 “Land Reform Policy Paper”  
2003 Policy Report, broad process  
Price appreciation poses new challenges

### Key to solving ‘food crisis’

Short term responses justified  
But long-term: Address structural factors  
Smallholder access & investment

### Technical & financial support

Links to sustainable poverty reduction  
Long-term support, with partners  
More than \$ 1 bn in ongoing projects  
Large pool of technical expertise



## Some best practices

### Vietnam

Legal reforms: Huge productivity impact  
Mandated joint certificate in 2003  
Now rolling out modern system

### Ethiopia

More than 20 mn plots registered in 3 years  
Gender-empowerment & investment  
Cost less than \$ 1 per parcel

### Mexico

1992 constitutional reform  
Freed up land markets w sig't benefits  
Procedures to register communal land  
Scope to make transition to private rights



## More best practices

### India

PPP Computerization of registries & records  
Reduced corruption (\$ 700 mn/year est.)  
Quadrupled tax revenue  
Facilitated credit access

### Tanzania

Path-breaking legislation (Village Land Act)  
> 8,000 villages surveyed/demarcated  
Urban governments take initiative  
Systematic adjudication in process

### Brazil

Decentralized land reform redress inequities  
More than doubling of beneficiary income  
Relieves pressure on frontier areas  
Scope for clarifying rights in Amazon



# Where do we need to push the frontier?

## Impact evaluation

Demonstrate impact on MDGs  
Quantify, compare to alternatives  
Inform & de-politicize country dialogue

## Diagnostic Tools

Link short term-issues to structural factors  
Prioritize & sequence areas for intervention  
Coordinate actors around a shared vision

## Indicators

Compare among countries and over time  
Link to admin. data for reliability/ownership  
Piloting in 5 ctries (KYR, PER, IND, TZN, BFA)

Hope to be able to mainstream in 2009

