



# LAND-at-scale Zimbabwe

Crafting, validating and testing out a fit for purpose land administration and governance system for Zimbabwe with special emphasis on communal and old resettlement areas

Pressure on land in Zimbabwe is increasing with growing multiple demands for land (e.g. agriculture, urbanization, infrastructure, extractive industries, as well as special areas for preservation of natural habitats), against a background of a growing population. Accessing land and securing existing land rights is a major challenge given Zimbabwe's complex, overlapping and fragmented land governance structures and administration systems and processes.

In communal areas particularly, land conflicts are increasing. The most vulnerable people are the ones facing most negative consequences of these developments.

## Project objective

The project aims to increase land tenure security for the Zimbabwean population, including women, by creating clarity on the duality between the statutory and customary land governance systems, to contribute to one modern land administration and governance system and apply legal frameworks more effectively, fairly, effectively, accountably, and in better coordination.

## Project strategies

- ◆ Building a new system: Generating practice-based evidence for the new land policy (and system) in which both customary and statutory systems have and play their role and take their responsibilities.
- ◆ Alignment and support: Gain experience to align customary and statutory leaders to improve governance processes and mandates in a participatory manner.
- ◆ Capacity building: Organize capacity building for customary and statutory leaders to apply a fit for purpose approach in pilot areas in communal and old resettlement areas, while aligning statutory and customary systems.
- ◆ Piloting: Organize and implement a fit for purpose approach in 2 pilot areas in communal and old resettlement areas.
- ◆ Learning and communicating: Analyze bottlenecks and best practices in the chosen pilot areas, to be shared with national level policy development and to be used to scale up in other areas.



### Project duration

2020 - 2024

### Project budget

€ 1.8 million

### Implementing partner(s)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Barefoot Education Afrika Trust (BEAT)

### Project website

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