

# Land Governance II

## From fragmentation to future: empowering communities, transforming agriculture & improving governance

### Challenge

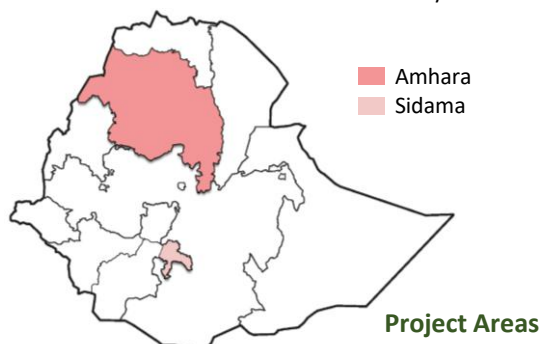
Around 65 % of the Ethiopian population depends on agriculture, which generates about 38 % of the gross national product. In the Amhara region the average land plot size is only 0.4 hectares, often spread out, requiring up to half an hour's walk from farmers' homes. Moreover, numerous smallholder farmers manage up to 15 parcels .

This extensive land fragmentation and lack of infrastructure hinders efforts to increase agricultural productivity and adopt modern technologies. It leads to added labour, travel, and transaction costs, in an already labour-intensive traditional agriculture practises. Moreover, it impedes the involvement of women smallholder farmers in agriculture, given the added challenges of cultivating and monitoring scattered and irregular parcels. Furthermore, land fragmentation disrupts the creation of continuous natural habitats and ecosystems, making it challenging to sustain a diverse range of plant and animal species.

Acknowledging these challenges, the Ethiopian government, in its Agriculture and Rural Development policy, has identified land consolidation as a key land management tool to address land fragmentation. Furthermore, efforts are underway to improve land administration systems to strengthen land tenure security and safeguard women and vulnerable groups access to and benefit from natural resources. This involves establishing a robust land administration system, by expanding the cadastral network based on the National Rural Land Administration Information System (NRLAIS), especially in newly formed regions.

### Objective

To establish land consolidation as a land management tool and enable a functional land administration system.



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### Approach

In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Amhara Bureau of Land (BoL), and Sidama Land Administrations and Use Directorate (LAUD), the LaGo II project addresses land fragmentation by implementing land policy tools, including land consolidation, enhancing land administrative processes, legal frameworks and capacitating land administrative experts.

**Our approach comprises the below three focus:**

**Piloting Land Consolidation (LC):** Insights from the initial Land Governance project phase, local knowledge & socio-economic factors will inform policy development, capacity building strategies and the development of a climate and gender-sensitive strategy and measures to tackle land fragmentation.

**Anchoring Sustainable Land Governance in the Agricultural Process:** To improve agricultural services and conditions, small-scale rural infrastructure measures, such as the construction of drainage and irrigation systems, will be implemented. Additionally, alternative livelihood mechanisms and platforms connecting smallholder farmers with markets and government institutions will be established.

**Institutional and Organisational Development:** Land administration bureaus will acquire skills and expertise to utilise NRLAIS, reinforcing land tenure security. Furthermore, policies and directives regulating the rural land administration process will be formulated and integrated into agricultural and rural development strategies.



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## Outputs and Activities



### Implementing Majority - Based Land Consolidation

- Updating the legal framework for land consolidation.
- Advising on the development of a national land consolidation strategy and programme
- Develop manuals & guidelines to streamline land consolidation.
- Enhancing the capacities of land administration experts participating in the pilot implementation of LC.



### Strengthening Institutional and Legal Framework

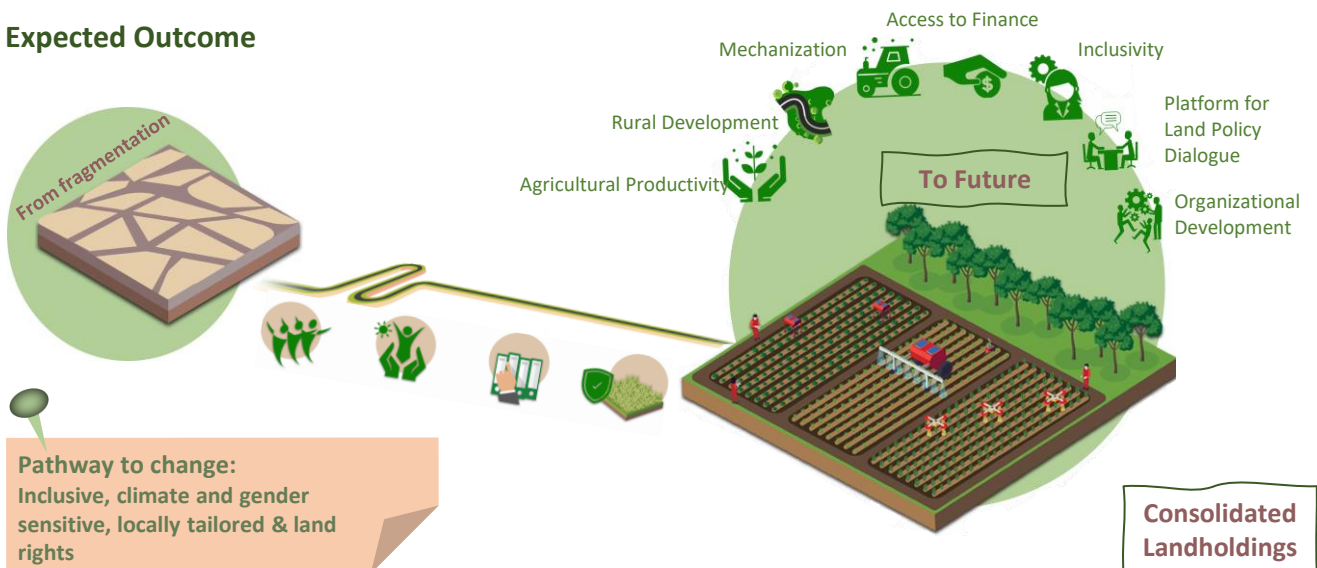
- Support an organizational development process towards a fit-for-purpose land administration.
- Build up a capacity development mechanism (Centre of Excellence) for land administration
- Expand the cadastral networking based on the existing National Rural Land Administration Information System (NRLAIS)
- Develop a complaint mechanism concept to address LC- related land conflicts and build community trust.



### Developing an Integrated Approach to Tackle Land Fragmentation

- Strengthen the capabilities and awareness of federal and regional institutions to streamline agricultural services in consolidated areas.
- Promote mechanization, including small-scale operations, irrigation, and input support.
- Facilitate land policy reform dialogues.
- Advice on strategic utilization of different land policy instrument to tackle fragmentation

## Expected Outcome



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