

Women's land tenure security project (WOLTS)



Mokoro's WOLTS project is a multi-country practical action-oriented strategic research project. WOLTS addresses itself to the central question of how to protect and support the land rights of women and vulnerable groups in efforts to secure community land rights and engage with investors to improve outcomes from large-scale land acquisitions (LSLAs). Global attention to LSLAs has a bias towards agricultural investments, with a gap in research on mining and pastoral livelihoods. WOLTS aims to redress this imbalance. We are piloting the overall WOLTS methodology of participatory research and continuing community engagement in Mongolia and Tanzania, with an initial focus on the intersection of gender and land relations in four pastoralist communities in areas threatened by mining investments.

The WOLTS approach

Our research is carefully designed to assess possible means to secure women's land rights within communities and to support communities as a whole to protect their land. WOLTS seeks solutions that are grounded in our participatory fieldwork and include developing the capacity of local people, partner organisations and land tenure institutions to secure the land rights of all vulnerable people.

The WOLTS project has three long-term goals:

1. To establish a stronger evidence base on the internal and external threats to women's land tenure security, especially in the context of LSLAs.
2. To strengthen the capacity of communities, NGOs/CSOs and local governments to improve gender equity in local land tenure governance and land rights protection efforts.
3. To see real improvements in women's land tenure security, and the wider sharing and dissemination of lessons learned and tools developed through the project.



WOLTS partners

Mokoro's local partners are vital to the success of WOLTS. They provide a deep contextual understanding of local socio-cultural norms and attitudes towards gender roles, responsibilities, rights and relations. They work with us closely in selecting and engaging with project communities, carrying out all our fieldwork, and connecting with in-country stakeholders.



People Centered Conservation

In Mongolia, Mokoro is partnered with People Centered Conservation (PCC). PCC is based in Ulaanbaatar and works to promote the protection of natural resources through support to the activities of local residents and civil society and vulnerable groups. PCC consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to addressing issues for gender equality and vulnerable groups.



Haki Madini

In Tanzania, Mokoro's partner is Haki Madini, a rights-based not-for-profit organisation working in the mining sector. Haki Madini works at the local, regional and national level to connect stakeholders for collective engagement to protect and support the rights of small-scale miners. Their Gender and Mining Program addresses issues affecting women in the mining sector through women's leadership and capacity development work.



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Mokoro's work in the land sector

Mokoro provides technical advice on all aspects of land and natural resource governance, access to justice and legal empowerment, livelihoods, and related agricultural, environmental and climate change issues. Our expertise includes land policy, management and administration; land tenure governance; gender and land; LSLAs; and monitoring and evaluation of land programmes.

