

Contributing to better access to land rights for women, including indigenous women, in the Democratic Republic of Congo



Project summary

CFLEDD is an organisation that aims to increase female participation in the sustainable management of natural resources. Because of lack of official documentation and women’s names on official documentation it is difficult to prove they are landowners. CFLEDD advocates at a regional and national level to change this and make people aware of this problem. For this project, they conducted **mapping exercises** to secure **land titles** for women in Mongala province.

Mama Chantal

President of Association of Women and Territories in Solidarity

“ We thank the CFLEDD with its Partner for having thought of us. For the training and for the securing of our land spaces until we obtain the acts of customary ownership. The CFLEDD does not limit itself only to the acts of recognition, but the other legal acts set up by the new laws to reinforce their recognition. ”

Achievements



CFLEDD had a meeting with community members. Another meeting was also organised with local administrative authorities to present the project. This enabled a more collaborative spirit between the community members and local authorities. **40 people** attended this meeting.



After a review of documents and other proof and in collaboration with landowners, neighbours and other inhabitants of the relevant areas, a team of **cartographers** drew up sketches of land owned by **each landowner**.



Part of this process was **training local cartographers** who would be going on the ground and collecting GPS data to create the maps. **5 participants** were selected to receive training on GPS and other tools and techniques for mapping.



Customary **land titles** were delivered to the **9 women** whose land had been properly mapped in the process and who had the correct documentation.



Through several meetings with local authorities, customary leaders and local communities that took place throughout this process, about **100 people** were sensitised to the issue of **women’s access to land tenure**.