

⌘ CADASTA Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment



Strengthening Women's Land Rights

A wealth of global research demonstrates that women's land rights are critical to the success of a host of development goals, including poverty alleviation, education, and conservation—not to mention women's economic empowerment.

Partners using Cadasta's suite of tools have an unparalleled opportunity to document and strengthen women's land rights, further many key development goals, and reinforce the idea that women are equal partners in building their family's and community's future.

Cadasta works to strengthen women's land and resource rights in all of our projects and partnerships. When women are named on land documents, either informal or formal, it is a critical step toward increased decision-making and improved income, health, and educational outcomes.

With Cadasta's Technology, Tools, and Services



Women can map, document, and manage their own claims to land, property, and housing and can use these data to advocate for strengthened rights.

Communities and NGOs can leverage Cadasta's tools to ensure that community leaders, tribal elders, chiefs, and local government officials include women in the process of land rights documentation.

Governments can use Cadasta's tools to ensure that women are informed of their rights and have equally documented rights to their homes and property.

Cadasta's Women's Empowerment Work in the Field



Uganda | Rising Tide Foundation

In Uganda, Cadasta collaborated with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD), the Ujamaa Foundation, and the Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children's Welfare (UCOBAC) to document and formalize customary land rights. Through this partnership, 5,550 Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs) were issued, securing land for over 45,000 individuals, including 18,670 women. By leveraging geospatial technology and community-driven data collection, the project reduced land disputes, improved economic opportunities—especially for women—and encouraged greater investment in climate-smart agriculture.



Brazil | Espaço Feminista

In Brazil, Cadasta partnered with Espaço Feminista, a women-led organization based in Bonito, to document and secure land rights for over 1,400 families living on informal urban lots. Using Cadasta's digital tools, the project mapped properties, trained local leaders, and worked with authorities to formalize land tenure. With 85% of titles including women as individual or joint owners, the project not only strengthened land security but also advanced gender equity and access to public services.



Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá

In Colombia's Andean-Amazonian foothills, Awá women are taking on powerful new roles to protect their ancestral lands from encroachment, supported by Cadasta and the Indigenous organization UNIPA (Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá). Once excluded from leadership, 95 Awá women are now serving as GIS trainers, project coordinators, Indigenous Guardia leaders, and community liaisons, using their ancestral knowledge and technical skills to map territories, secure land rights, and inspire the next generation. Their leadership is not only transforming gender norms but also strengthening community resilience, environmental protection, and cultural preservation.

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