

# STAND FOR HER LAND

HER RIGHTS. HER LAND. A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL.



**Stand4HerLand**  
Campaign in  
Uganda

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## What's the Problem?

Women's Land Rights are fundamental human rights, foundational to gender equality and women's dignity, improving food security, effective climate action, poverty eradication, and sustainable economic growth. The Government of Uganda like many states across the globe recognizes the importance of secure women's land rights and has put in place gender responsive legislative frameworks to advance WLR. However, these largely remain in blue print yet to be fulfilled and implemented to transform women and girls' lives.



## What's it about?

The Stand for Her Land (S4HL) campaign is a call to action to close the glaring implementation gap between the laws on land and experiences by women while pursuing their land rights. This global campaign offers a collaborative solution to advance secure and equitable land rights by providing a platform for collective advocacy to break social and structural barriers that prevent women from enjoying their land rights and ensure that land governance equitably includes and benefits women.



The S4HL Campaign was officially launched in Uganda on August 2022 by the Minister of State for Housing - Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.



## What's the Vision?

Women and girls in Uganda fully enjoying their land rights.



## What's unique?

- 1 We build the momentum for collective advocacy bringing together both women's land rights and partners that work on in related sectors such as food security, climate change and investments.
- 2 It's a multifaceted campaign that recognizes the broad continuum of land rights in relation to WLRs (access, use, control and ownership).
- 3 We position grassroots women at the center of the campaign by strengthening their participation, voice, agency and self-efficacy in land governance in Uganda.



## Key strategic advocacy priority issues

1

**Transformation of discriminatory social norm and cultural practices preventing women from accessing, owning and controlling land.**



We interrogate, explore and facilitate conversations within communities, political spheres and institutional structures with the intention of transforming inequitable social norms in relation with gender equality and women's land rights. We deliberately champion male involvement and strengthen the capacity of traditional/cultural leaders to provide gender responsive land administration.

2

**Increased funding and capacity for land management and administration institutions to support WLRs.**

WLRs actions are often limited by the absence of political will manifesting in form of chronic lack of adequate operational resources in land management and administrative institutions at all levels. We come together to advocate for adequate gender sensitive financial, numerical, technological and technical capacity resourcing of all land administrative structures.

3

**Enhance legal literacy in the legal and regulatory frameworks on women's land rights by rights holders, duty bearers and community members.**

The limited knowledge of the existing laws that protect women disenfranchises women more and heightens their vulnerability to land conflicts. We explore the available opportunities to roll out legal awareness and education initiatives directed towards the public for them to ably influence policy and legal processes as well as advocate for women's land rights.

4

**Enhance access to land justice for women.**

The dual legal system that entails formal and informal mechanisms designed to support access to land justice often subjects citizens to numerous structural challenges. We champion interventions aimed at reversing the current issues related to justice in the context of WLRs. At the heart of our interventions lies policy review and enactment, research and multi stakeholder dialogues to promote women's access to land justice.

5

**Strengthen participation, voice and agency of grassroots women in land governance.**

Affirmative action position quotas have neither translated into social or political capital to champion the cause of WLRs or increase political will on WLRs. The S4HL campaign desires to elevate grassroots women self-efficacy, legal literacy, voice and social freedom to meaningfully participate and influence actions to promote WLRs.

## > How we organize

### GLOBAL LEVEL

Global steering committee



### NATIONAL LEVEL

Hosted by



**National Land Coalition – Uganda (NLC)** – a multi stakeholder platform which advances pro-people land laws and policies towards the realization of people-centered land and natural resource governance in Uganda.

Coordinated by



**Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare (UCOBAC)** whose mission is to promote human rights and improve welfare of women and children in Uganda using community-based initiatives and chairs the NLC in Uganda.

We are

Civil society organizations at;

- Grassroots level
- Sub-National level
- National level

In partnership with

- Government
- International NGOs
- Multilateral and bilateral partners and institutions
- Academia
- Media
- Traditional/cultural institutions

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