



# Promoting Land Rights of Women & counteracting corruption using Participatory Video

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- ▶ Why land project? – The problem
- ▶ Why Corruption matters in the Land Discourse
- ▶ Challenges of local investment and land governance
- ▶ Key interventions by GII
- ▶ Way forward
- ▶ Short Video

# Ghana Integrity Initiative

## TI-Ghana

- ▶ National chapter of Transparency International – Est. in 1999 as an NGO
- ▶ **Vision:** “a corruption-free society where all people and institutions act accountably, transparently and with integrity”
- ▶ **Mission:** “to fight corruption and promote good governance in the daily lives of people and institutions”
- ▶ Program areas: Land, Climate Change, People engagement, Social Accountability, ALAC, Law reform etc.
- ▶ Funders: DANIDA, USAID, DFID, CIDA, TI & Friends, GIZ etc.

# Why land project: The problem

- ▶ Ghana is predominantly agrarian
- ▶ Land is an indispensable asset
- ▶ It is a main source of livelihood and social identity
- ▶ Rural women constitute a critical source of labor and food basket
- ▶ **Unfortunately, there are gender differentiated biases in land with women worse affected** *[particularly with some customary tenure systems]*

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## WOMEN...

- ▶ Choice of crops – women should produce food crops
- ▶ More likely to use marginal lands
- ▶ Less likely to be involved in decision making
- ▶ **Risk being displaced upon the death of their husbands**
- ▶ Less likely to be involved in corrupt practices in land matters
- ▶ However, women are more susceptible to the harsh outcomes

*upcoming video will help illustrate better*

# Why corruption matters in Land Discourse

## CORRUPTION...

- ▶ **weakens land tenure security** and exposes land users to increased likelihood of arbitrary displacement often without no or incommensurate compensation
- ▶ **raises transaction cost** - documenting one's land rights
- ▶ **suppresses the voice of people** in land decision making
- ▶ **skews benefits** accruing from land in favor of a few

# Challenges - local investment & land governance

- ▶ Inadequate consultations
- ▶ Free Prior Informed Consent
- ▶ Compensation payments – improper negotiation and valuation processes
- ▶ Displacement
- ▶ Food insecurity
- ▶ Women being the most vulnerable



# GI's Key Interventions...



**Widows empowered through Participatory video**



# Paralegal training



# Community Capacity building





**Engagement with Traditional/Paramount chiefs**

# Continuing our Work...

- ▶ Legal Empowerment of Communities through the Paralegal
- ▶ Work closely with traditional, CBOs and religious bodies
- ▶ Build capacity and ensure sustainability of gains (trainer of trainers concept)
- ▶ Initiate Land Administration Clinics/**ALAC** to provide outlets through which affected people can receive support
- ▶ Improved monitoring by public sector agencies
- ▶ Improved Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues
- ▶ Document and publish results