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SUPPORTING PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA



A steeplechase to land transformation: Identifying obstacles from a gender perspective

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- Women play a crucial role in land management and food production, but often lack equal access to resources, decision-making power and opportunities.
- Therefore, it is important to integrate a gender perspective into efforts to reduce land degradation and promote sustainable practices.
- However, knowledge is still insufficient regarding the linkages between gendered power structures, control over resources and the adoption of more sustainable land management practices. We address this within our project INTERFACES.

Our research activities

Our research in Northern Ghana is based around three hypotheses, aiming to identify feasible solutions for change:

01.

Gender-based violence in households and communities reduces or inhibits the adoption of more sustainable agricultural practices.

02.

Current land tenure arrangements discriminate against women within smallholder families and prevent sustainable agriculture practices.

03.

Climate change and resource degradation lead to more gender-based violence within communities.

Mainstreaming gender in INTERFACES & its four regional projects

- Inclusion of a gender perspective in all research and implementation activities
- Trainings and capacity building / sharing
- Monthly 'Gender & Land Coffee talks' and establishing an African-German Gender & Land Research Network
- Awareness raising and advocacy
- Providing advise to other research projects on integrating gender



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