



Evaluation Brief

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# Evaluation of the Global Programme to Support the Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests

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## Why an evaluation of VGGTs?

Supporting Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGTs) is a programme that provides countries with a framework for best practices in tenure-related policies, laws, regulations, strategies and practices. Its Phase 1 was implemented from October 2012 to June 2016 as a multi-donor programme overseen by a steering committee and managed by the VG-Tenure Secretariat hosted by FAO. The programme covered 13 projects and was financed through trust fund contributions by Belgium, Denmark, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. From July 2016, a new umbrella programme was approved, which will be operational until June 2020.

Since the beginning of programme implementation, activities have been carried out both at global and country level. At global level, FAO aimed at raising global awareness, by developing a suite of technical, capacity development and communication materials, participating in the global dialogue and developing partnerships on VGGT implementation. These developments at the global level have fed into country level activities.

At country level, activities were carried out in a number of countries including: Mongolia, Guatemala, Columbia, Liberia, Nepal, Malawi, Niger, Myanmar, Sierra Leone, Senegal, South Africa, and Uganda. Targeted support at the country level involves all VGGT Programme components mentioned above, including awareness raising, capacity building, partnerships, and monitoring. In select countries, programming also involves a deeper level of engagement through implementation of pilot projects, each funded by a different donor. This targeted support takes several forms, depending on the country context and specific needs.

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is currently undertaking an evaluation of the Global Programme supporting the implementation of the VGGTs, with a focus on the umbrella programme for Phase 1. Findings from this evaluation will contribute to improving the design of projects under Phase 2.

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## Tentative evaluation calendar

Timeframe: *August 2016–April 2017*

Preparation: *September–October 2016*

1. Drafting of evaluation terms of reference
2. Desk review
3. Briefing mission to FAO headquarters in Rome (October 2016)

Main evaluation phase:

*November–December 2016*

1. In-depth studies
2. Country missions to Mongolia, Myanmar, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Uganda

Report writing and dissemination:

*January–May 2017*

1. Debriefing mission to Rome (January 2017)
2. Draft report (April 2017)
3. Final report (May 2017)
4. Report dissemination and management response

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## What will this evaluation cover?

This evaluation will assess processes, results and impacts at the global and country levels.

The evaluation will assess contributions by the programme to the achievement of its objective: "Improve governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests contributing to the eradication of hunger and poverty, to sustainable development and to the sustainable use of the environment." It will examine the results achieved under each of the five programme components:

**Component 1:** Awareness-raising and dissemination

**Component 2:** Capacity development tools and approaches

**Component 3:** Targeted support to countries

**Component 4:** Partnerships

**Component 5:** Monitoring

## How will this evaluation be conducted?

The evaluation will use an inclusive approach to engage all relevant stakeholders, including governments, FAO, bilateral and multilateral development partners, non-government and civil society organizations, communities and representatives of other partners. It will be conducted from September 2016 to April 2017. FAO staff, partners and programme stakeholders will be invited to participate in meetings and workshops organized by the evaluation team during the period.

The evaluation team will comprise two evaluation officers from OED and two international consultant experts in land tenure and evaluation. The team will meet in FAO headquarters in Rome in October 2016 to review the methodology and tools for the evaluation and interview relevant FAO headquarters staff.

Following this meeting, they will visit five focus countries during November and December 2016 (Mongolia, Myanmar, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Uganda) to gather evaluative evidence that will form a strong analytical basis for the main evaluation report. Extensive consultations with a variety of stakeholders are planned during this period to obtain feedback from them on the programme. Online surveys will be used to assess the contributions to awareness-raising of the VGGTs.

Data analysis and report writing will take place in early 2017 and the draft report will be circulated for comments in April. The final report will be ready for publication in May 2017.