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Fit for Purpose Land Administration in Conflict Sensitive Areas

background studies and implementation, and recommendations in the North Africa and Middle East region.

**ADAPTING, ADOPTING AND EVOLVING APPROACHES TO LAND ADMINISTRATION;
TOWARDS EFFECTIVE UPSCALING OF FFP APPROACHES**

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MENA Context

- The region of the Middle East and North Africa has faced significant social and political changes in recent years.
- Increase in displacement and migration, particularly in countries like Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, and Sudan.
- Natural disasters such as floods, climate change, and droughts, have heightened the challenges faced by communities, endangering food security and affecting vulnerable groups.



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Conflict and displacement in MENA, 23 Million of IDP's

Country	Date of conflict	Number if IDP's	Refugees
Sudan	2003+2023	11 million	Egypt, Chad, Uganda, Ethiopia, S. Sudan
Syria	2011	6 million	Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq, EU
Iraq	2003	1.4 million	Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan
Yemen	2014	4 million	Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Djibouti
Libya	2011	250,000	Egypt, Tunisia, EU



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The commonalities on land administration in the region

- Almost 75% of the population is tenure insecure
- The functioning cadastral system is paper-based
- Conflict resulting in the near-complete stoppage of land administration activity
- Many people lost their tenure documents following displacement.



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Land: Conflicts and Opportunities

- Land is crucial for development and food security while also being a trigger for conflict.
- Effective land management will support reducing poverty, creating livelihood opportunities, and providing refuge for IDPs.



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Conventional land management methods and FFP

- Involved complex procedures and high costs.
- “Fit For Purpose” approach emerges as a promising solution, empowering communities to secure land rights and implement practical land management strategies.



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GLTN and its Partners in MENA for FFP

- GLTN and partner organisations have been at the forefront of promoting the “Fit For Purpose” approach across various contexts in the Middle East and North Africa region.
- Addressing issues like displacement, poverty, food insecurity, and conflict, FFP promises to support sustainable development and resilience in the region.

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Opportunities of FFPLA in the Middle East and North Africa

Mainstreaming the FFPLA approach as an alternative to the conventional approach and effective upscaling.

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GLTN Arab Land initiative contribution in FFP, Examples

- Land governance, natural resources, and climate change in the Arab region.
- Gender, Land Rights and Socioeconomic Development of Women in Palestine.
- From Charity to Development' Land governance toward durable solutions for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Sudan (Twinning).
- National Implementation of the Women and Land Campaign in Tunisia and Libya.
- Developing land governance capacities in the Arab region.
- Land Professionals in the Arab region: Roles, capacities and contribution to land governance.

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Networking in the region



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Implementation: Community Mapping



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Implementation: IDPs in Darfur Implementation of FFP and STDM



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Implementation: Country cases

- Land use planning in conflict affected communities in Eastern Sudan, 50 illages





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Women inclusivity



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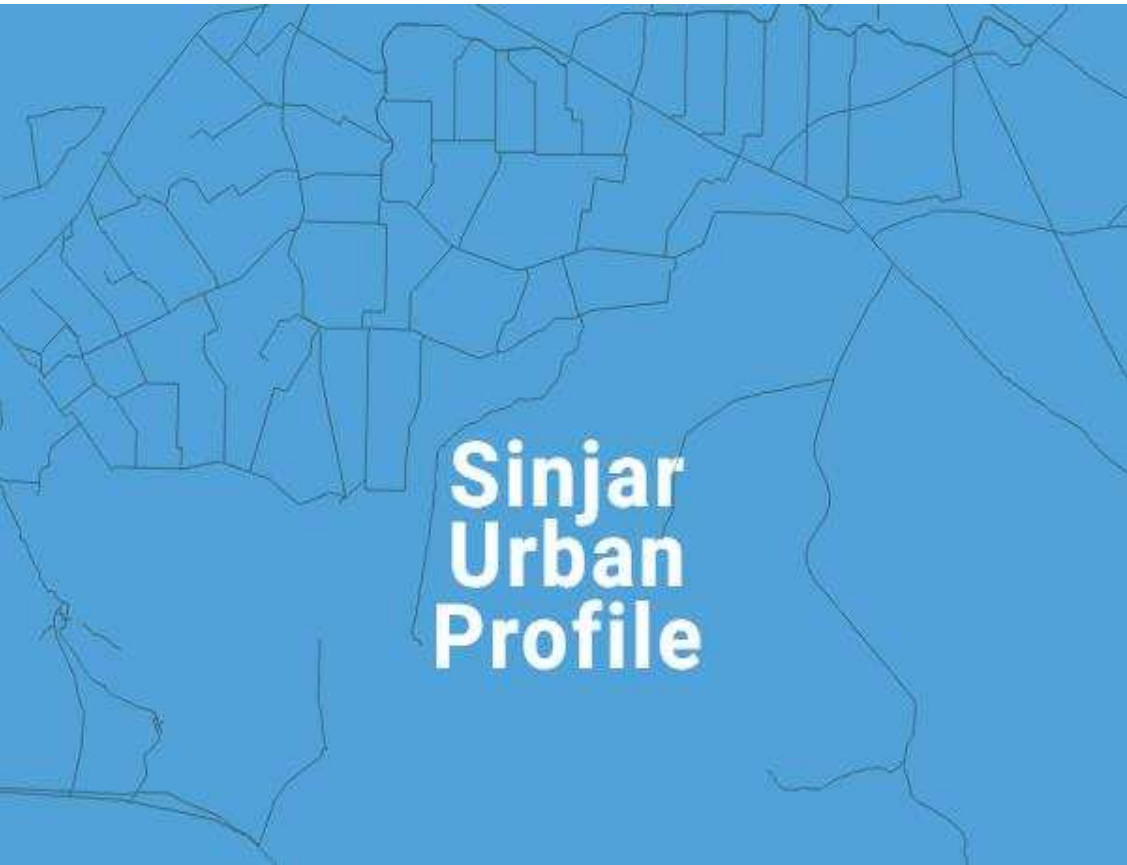
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Stakeholders consultation



Mapping and Planning Abyei, Sudan



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The Iraqi authorities officially recognize the Housing, Land and Property rights of the Yazidi minority

- (STDM) used by UN-Habitat, and (GLTN), for promoting sustainable and safe return for displaced Yazidis. Since 2018, approximately 14,500 claims for housing, land, and property (HLP) have been registered using STDM. Occupancy certificates, issued as a result





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General Recommendations

- The legal framework will require revision.
- Introducing of fit-for-purpose land administration in MENA region.
- Land administration solutions should be assessed against the “do no harm” principle;
- Social reconciliation peacebuilding should be incorporated,
- Capacities must be developed within the sector.
- The land and property registration system should embrace the continuum of land rights.

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Specific Recommendations: Spatial framework

- Reconstitution of lost or damaged cadastral documents
- Land information should provide transparency and accountability for land administration institutions.
- Regulations mandating high accuracy surveys need revision.
- Innovative solutions should be introduced, specially the open source alternatives.
- PPP should be introduced in the mapping stages

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Specific Recommendations: Legal framework

- Using transitional justice tools to complement the current dispute resolution system.
- Recognise the customary right.
- Introduced the continuum of land rights.

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Specific Recommendations: institutional framework

- Coordinated and integrated Institutions.
- Develop Conflict-Sensitive National Land Strategies.
- Change in behavior and culture of the key land sector stakeholders.
- Community-based participatory approaches should be undertaken.
- Introduce measures to protect women's land rights and promote gender equality.

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How do you engage with local communities and stakeholders to ensure that FFPLA approaches are inclusive and responsive to their needs when upscaling?

- Start by understanding the context, including culture, history, and background information.
- Identify all Stakeholders, and the appropriate entry.
- Build trust through active listening, respect, and ongoing engagement.
- Continuous consultation and participation of stakeholders.
- Make it simple and be simple in communication, use the current channels
- Build the community Capacity .

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Listen to their concerns



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How do you engage with local communities and stakeholders to ensure that FFPLA approaches are inclusive and responsive to their needs when upscaling?

- Address concerns and seek feedback.
- Promote Encourage Collaboration among stakeholders.
- Monitor and Evaluate continuously.

Be simple, build on the existing good practices and improve them

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