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Narrative Report









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General Information:

- i) Categories addressed:
 - a) IANRA National Network Capacity Building
 - b) Land Rights
 - c) Institutionalising Action Research and Participatory Research
- ii) Location: Angolan national geographic scope
- iii) Time Frame: 6 months from November 2011
- iv) IANRA Partners:

Development Workshop Angola – (lead implementing partner)
ADRA

Provide a short description per activity. What was the output and outcome?

The project's planned outcome was the enhancement of national capacity through the partner organisations in monitoring larges caleland acquisitions in Angola that potentially come into conflict with community and individual local family land daims.

- 1. To build research capacity in the partner organisations on the investigation of large commercial land acquisition in Angola. To access the impact on local communities' due to loss or expropriation of their lands.
- 2. To create a land monitoring information system using public, private and community media sources. To compile an information data base of land information covering the last three years sinceland legislation was published. Mount a "web-based" land information monitoring system using the above as a base-line that will be maintained by Development Workshop's documentation centre CEDOC and GIS Geographic Information System during future years.
- 3. Build a dissemination system on land accumulation, transfer and conflict that provides a timely alert system for Angolan civil society partners, a cademic researchers.

In order to build research capacities a series of meetings was held between IANRA and civil society partners during the months between March and July 2012.

Our first meeting was with members of the Givil Society, university students, NGOs such as the Centre for Development and Partnership of Angola (CDPA), Mosaiko, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and other partners who deal directly withissues of commercial-scale land acquisition (cola) such as: Action for Rural Development and Environment (ADRA), Forum Terra Kwanza-Sul (FTK) and Advocates Mãos Livres. Together we identified the places most affect by this phenomenon, some local partners and defined strategies to tackle the issue.

Commercial-scale land acquisition – Outcome

Activity 1:

I Identification of critical areas affected by commercial-scale land acquisition

- Lo calization of different geographicareas where land a cquisition has greatest impact;
- Identification and engagement with partners and local communities on the field;
- Creation of a database containing some major cases of cola for public sharing in future;

II Planning of a National Workshop

- Definition of a data and place for a national workshop involving where the economic, environmental, social and cultural impacts of cola is questioned;
- Invitation of special guests and organizations coming from a reas significantly affected by cola;
- o Creation of a research capacity in the partner organisations on the investigation of large commercial land acquisition in Angola.

III Focused areas

Knowing the diverse nature of the phenomena of large-scale land acquisition in Angola, we divided it into two main categories: land acquisition carried out by big multinational companies occupying huge extension of land for agriculture or mining purposes and land

acquisition exerted by small firms and/or individuals whose impacts on local communities and environment are also significant. In all of them we seek the economic, environmental, social and cultural impacts of land acquisition on local communities on the country.

National Forum of Commercial-scale land acquisition – Outcome

Besides the participants of the previous meeting, on our second meeting we had six case study presenters coming from different provinces where land acquisition has greatly affect the local communities. At the IANRA public forum we discussed the issue of land acquisition from a national perspective with specific case studies presented by our partners who work on those areas and residents of the affected region to describe their own experiences. At the end, recommendations were proposed:

- o A law that unambiguously protects the locals from those economically stronger;
- o More dialogue between the locals and the authorities who concede the land;
- More information about the companies' project, including its impact to the locals;
- o More understanding and respect for the culture of the residents;
- o Greater inclusion of the locals in the project;
- o Intensified defence of the environment bylaw and monitoring.

Output of Workshops

Workshop 1:

On this meeting we presented IANRA and DW intents to our partners. We addressed the phenomenon of cola and together defined strategies on how to better reflect the voices of the people affected by this issue in a wider forum. These strategies intended to create more awareness so that those directly involved on the business as well as policy makers can hear and comprehended better the phenomenon of colain Angola.

Workshop 2

The second meeting took the form of an open forum, hosted by the Faculties of Environment and Architecture at the Methodist University in Luanda, where students, our

partners, member of Gvil Society and guest presenters coming from the Eastern, Central and Southern provinces (areas with significant cases of cola) leamed, presented and shared their views and experiences about this issue.

2. What achievements have been made by the national group during the implementation period regarding the overall goal of:

a. the individual organisations

- o Are more motivated to persue their targets relative to the cola;
- o Strengthened interoganisational relationship and sprit of teamwork;
- o Are more keen to work for a fairer cola in their areas of operation;

b. the national group

- o Increased knowledge of the real impact of cola on local comunities;
- Shared experiences about how distinctly cola has affected people on different provinces;
- o Improved knowledge of the real situation of cola in Angolaand its comparison with other Subsaharian, Portugues-Speaking PALOP and OPEP countries such as RDC, Madagas car, Brazil, and Nigeria.
- More motivated to constitute cola database and enhance the national group efforts

c. IANRA

- o Development Workshop is an active participant in IANRA's thematic working group on Land Issues and participated and presented two cases tudies in IANRA's Mombassa Workshop in 2011. In that workshop DW made the case for including urban land issues in IANRA's discussion around land.
- o IANRA gainbed a more public profile in Angolan civil society through the current program. To some extent, the program filled a gap and reestablished a public focus on land-rights issues that are of a major concern to Angolan civil society but have fallen off the public advocacy agenda due

to the inactivity of the Rede de Terra (Land Network) in the past two years. Land rights issues remain a major concern of Angolan divil society and the Workshops have created a new platform incorporating research and media monitoring as well as links to the international debates on Land Grab.

- 3. Did you participate in other networks, discussions, and platforms about Natural Resources? If you did, please shortly indicate which, how often, about what issues/ activities) and if so what were the results/benefits?
 - The current program built upon a "Land Rights Workshop" organised by ADRA the previous year where some of the same civil society organisations (including Development Workshop) participated. The previous Workshop discussed civic education around land rights and did not investigate in any deth the particular issues around commercial land acquisition and the impacts on local communities.
 - Development Workshop participated in an International Conference on Land Grab issues in Washington at the World Bank conference centre in April 2012. DW presented a paper to the conference on Angolan Land Markets that was well received. Participation at the Washington Conference provided an opportunity to meet other international and local institutions doing research and advocacy on Land Grab.
 - O Development Workshop director was invited by the Environmental Law Institute and the UN Environment Program (UNEP) to write two cases tudies that were published as chapters in their forthcoming books on Natural Resource Extraction in Post-Conflict Countries. Case studies were prepared on Land in Post Conflict Angola and on Competition and Collaboration on Water Resources in Angola. A paper on Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Angola was presented at the launch of the publications eries at Columbia University in New York in April 2012.

4. What were the main lessons learned during the project period?

- Team/Group Management: As the coordinator of a network, composed by different organizations and individuals who worked in different provinces, we developed good leadershipskills that helped us to keep the group focused on the same goal despite the fact that for most part of the project they worked physically apart;
- Presentation Skills: Be cause we needed to give dear and well elaborated guidelines about the project, good presentation skills be came vital and we improved a lot on it.
- O Better Perspective of the issue: During the project we became more open to different opinions even of those who judge colasimply by the economic results without knowing much of the social, cultural and environmental aspect of it. We understood that culture is not a static conceptand so we tried to be as indusive as possible in our studies, and even during the debates.
- Justice and Legality: We learned that, in many cases of cola, these two
 concepts do not walk together and so, our efforts were to reduce the gap
 between them.

5. What were the main challenges faced? How did you address these?

- Obtaining a ccurate data on the area occupied and the value of the investment of some cases of land a equisition was challenging. To minimise this difficulty, we matched we band newspaper information with comparative estimates drawn from known investments;
- o Getting policy makers from the public sector to the workshops proved difficult. We invited a diversified audience including public sector policy makers to participate in the workshops. Some of our invited guests from Government did not show up. We overcome this by inviting representatives of NGOs and embassies who showed keen interest in land a quisition in Angola as well as experts from countries, such as Brazil, that have some

similarities with Angolain this issue. The National Workshop was at a public forum (at a University with previous announcement and advertisements on other Universities) exactly to ensure to greater dissemination of the issue in the country.

6. What is the follow up nee ded?

- To further publicize the documentation about the topic which includes all the case studies presented at the National Forum;
- To publish the report (document) about cola in Angola in our website, with the IANRA objectives induded, and announce them to those who came on the workshop and civil society in general;
- To publish and monitor, on our website, a table that periodically updates
 the various cases of land acquisition in Angola with the help of our partners
 on the other provinces;

• For questions 1 and 2, please see the **table** below reporting on each **activity separately**. This is based on the approved Activity Plan:

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Planne d activities	Realised activities	Organisational Goal
1.1 Inception workshop to launch research	1.1 Inception workshop to launch research	We launch the project with a workshop in which we invited our partners to introduce the aim of the project the role of IANRA on it.
1.2 Quarterly strategy workshops on public policy influencing	1.2 Two strategy meetings were held during the 6 month time frame of the project.	Networking and coordination between the partners was enhance d.
2.1 Scan public, private and community media	2.1 Scan public, private and community media	2.1 and 2.2. We achieved this goal by gathering and compiling informatin from our Center of Documents (CEDOC) and other online sources
2.2 Compile data base covering 3 years	2.2 Compile data base covering 3 years	Our data actually covered cases of more than 3 years ago.
2.3 Geographic Information System	2.3 Geographic Information System	We obtained the GIS of the various location though not a l. Some, due to the dificulty of locating
3.1 Publish monthly bulletin of compiled media data	3.1. 3.1 Publish monthly bulletin of compiled media data	We updated our compiled data and intend to keep on doing that after the final document of the research is published
3.2 Identify civil society, academic and	3.2 Identify civil society, academic and public institutions and individuals	We identified and colaborated with partners from all those categories. We

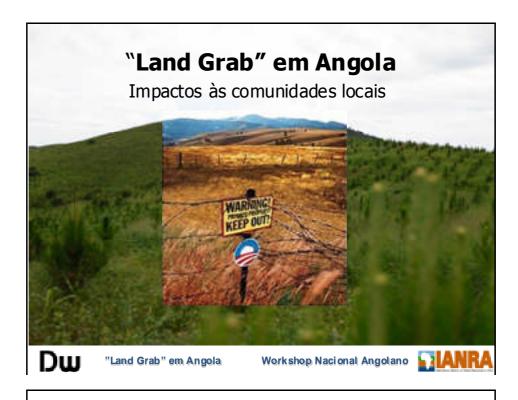
public institutions and individuals		invited and publicized our workshops on public and private Universities and our National Workshop was held at the
		auditorium of a well known and easly
		accessible private Unviersity.
3.3 Internet & Web-	3.3 Internet & Web-based distribution	We used these sources es pecially to find
based distribution		data about cola that occorred two or more years ago involving multinationals
3.4 National	3.4 National dissemination workshop	It was sucessfully planned and presented
dissemination workshop		

Annex 1

IANRA – Angola Workshop

30 May 2012





"Land Grab" em Angola - Impactos às comunidades locais

- 1. Definição
- 2. Ponto de situação em Angola
- 3. Principais "land grabbers" em Angola
- 4. Vantagens & desvantagens às comunidades locais
- 5. O efeito Chinês
- 6. Questões por Avaliar



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"Land Grab" em Angola



1. Definição

- "Land Grab" é um fenómeno, considerado por muitos como uma forma de "neocolonialismo", caracterizada pela concessão/aquisição de enormes quantidades de terra arável nos países em desenvolvimento
- Feita por investidores nacionais ou internacionais (privados ou governamentais) para garantir acesso a alimentação, combustíveis, etc.
- Land Grab em Angola data desde os primórdios da era pós-colonial até hoje. Ex.: a usurpação das fazendas da época colonial por generais e outros com poder económico e politico.
- Actualmente é mais usado para referir-se ao surto de aquisição de terras que começou devida a crise alimentar de 2007-2008



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2. Ponto de situação em Angola

- Até antes da independência (em 1975) Angola tinha autossuficiência alimentar e era um dos maiores produtores de café, cana-de-açúcar, algodão e outros produtos agrícola
- Mais de 80% dos utentes de terrenos, em todo país, não tem nenhum documento legal sobre os mesmos.
- Atualmente mais de um terço da população depende da agricultura de subsistência.
- 33% do território Angolano é propício para atividade agrícola somado a 3.21% (equivalente a 5 milhões de hectares) de solo arável
- De acordo com a lei Angolana a terra é do Estado. (lei de terras Art. 5º da lei 9/04 de 9 de Novembro de 2004 sobre a propriedade originária): "A terra constitui propriedade originária do Estado, integrada no seu domínio privado ou no seu domínio público"



"Land Grab" em Angola



3. Principais Land Grabbers em Angola

Mais de 150 mil de hectares de terra ar ável já foi adquirida, maioritariamente por multinacionais estrangeiras ou com parcerias nacionais, como:

- Eurico Ferreira: Empresa Portuguesa que opera no Zaire para produca o de energia renovável através da plantação de cana-deaçucar, numa extensão de 30 mil hectares. O investimento foi anunciado em 2008 e custará cerca de US\$200 milhões de dólares
- Biocom: consórcio entre empresas brasileiras e angolas para a produção de etanol (biocombustível). Têm licença para o cultivo de cana-de-açucar em Cacuso, Malanje.
- Lonrho Agriculture: Empresa do Reino Unido que adquiriu licen ca sobre 25 mil hectares de terra em 2009 para plantação de arroz nas províncias do Uige, Zaire e Bengo.



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Matrix de aquisição de terras em Angola

(30 de maio 2012)

Investor	Investor	Investment	Site Gocation					Specified	Hedam	Source of Info	Date	Previous	Obsi
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4. Vantagens & Desvantagens

Vantagens

- Diversificação da economia. Após a independência, petróleo tem contribuído em mais de 85% para o OGE enquanto a agricultura tem contribuído com menos de 10% quando antigamente a agricultura contribuía em mais de 90%!
- Criação de empregos. Desemprego em Angola tem se situado acima dos 20%, muito acima da média aceitável internacionalmente (que nunca deve exceder 10%!)
- Segurança e autossuficiência alimentar
- o Aumento das receitas no OGE
- Eficiente uso das potencialidades económicas do país
- Investimento em possíveis fontes de energias renováveis



Desvantagens

Económicas

- o Perca do maior património económico das famílias afetadas
- Insuficientes postos de trabalho comparado com o número gerado pelas la vras de subsistência
- Aumento da desigualdade social devido aos baixos salários dados a população local empregada nestes projetos
- Pode ser fator de fome e insegurança alimentar se os projetos restringirem-se mais na produção de biocombustíveis e negligenciarem o combate a fome.

Culturais

- o Perca do maior património cultural a terra
- o Perca de certos hábitos e valores relacionados com a terra.
- Perca da identidade cultural



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Questões por avaliar 6.

- Poderá o Land Grab ser a solução dos nossos problemas "eternos" tais como a fome e o desemprego em África?
- Segurança e autossuficiência alimentar Vs produção de **biocombus tíveis:** os dois objetivos são totalmente opostos ou podemos ter sucessos em ambos?
- **Legal Vs Moral**: O que é que as empresas envolvidas devem ser obrigadas a fazer para suprir os danos económicos e culturais que recaem sobre as comunidades locais afetadas?
- Como parte essencial da sociedade civil, que papel nós, as ONGs devemos seguir para evitar situações iguais a de Madagáscar, em 2009, (onde o governo foi deposto, em grande parte devido ao **sentimento** de revolta contra os Land Grabbers)?





"Land Grab" em Angola



Annex 2

IANRA – Angola National Workshop

28 June 2012-09-17



Annex 3

Land Acquisition Matrix

			Site Location				pu		Source of Info		Previous Land	Obs:
INV. COUNTRY Invest Invest U\$\$ millions	Invest US\$ millions	Province	Municipality	Comuna	GPS Coord	cifie d La	HECT.		Date of Transaction	use.	le conflicts	
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AFRIAGRO	PORTUGAL	30-35	Bengo	Ambriz			OIL PALM	5 (wit h pro spe ct of 20)	http://www.agroportal.pt/x/a gronoticias/2007/03/19e.htm http://wrm.org.uy/countries/ Africa/Oil Palm in Africa.pdf	2007		50-years lease.Intention to involve local farme
EURICO FERREIRA	PORTUGAL	200	Zaire				Sugar cane	30	http://www.biomass- energy.org/2012/03/23- major-foreign-bioenergy- investments-in-developing- countries/			

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GŒINOL	PORTUGAL	€4				Bio- diesel	13	http://www.thebioenergysite. com/news/2731/biodiesel- project-for-angola	2008		employs 25 peo ple
AGRI SA	S.A FRICA						14	http://farmlandgrab.org/8443	2009		
Terras do Futuro (financiam ento BDA)	ANGOLA	70	K.Sul	Cariango	Kibala	corn, soy bean, rice and beans	20	Local NGO: Forum Te rra Kwanza Sul (FTKS)		Agriculture and hunting	
Proj. PROCANA	ANGOLA	100	K. Sul e Kunene	Lonhe	Kibala, W. Kungo	Sugar cane, eletricit y,	0.6 & 43	FTKS		Living area, subsistence agriculture, hunting	

Engº. José Eduardo	Brasil		Huambo	bailund o	Luvemba , Cambala, Lupila,	Corn, (and others, in the future)	1	Local NGO: ADRA; traditional authority: soba da Ombala Mbango named Justino Tchivinda		Living área and subsistence agriculture	Conflict with 3 villages
GPL, CIS, SONOHYD RO, Chih umb u e (INEA and Seven Cunhas) CATOCA	Angola	77 (2*4.5) millions	L.Sul K.Sul	Saurimo Quitúbia & Gango	Mbango Muando nji, Cachita, Luenda	Exploit ation of mines prospe ction of Diamo nd	0.1 2*3 00	Residents of these municipalities: Francisco Sacassai and Armando Mutondeno; local NGO called Mãos Lives. Weekly Newspaper: Expansão, June 22, 2012	2012		conflict Conflict with locals
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Angosto n eEmanha, Caissca, Angolus ita na	Angda		Huila	Gambos and others	Chibemb a Macova	Explora tion of granite		Residents of these municipalities named: Fernando Tyihetekei, Caio Fabiano and Guilherme Santos; local NGO ADRA Huila.	At least since 2008		Conflict with locals