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Project Objectives

Overall Objective:

- Better natural resource governance

Specific Objectives:

- Strengthened capacity of key stakeholders
- Effective multi-stakeholder decision-making



Guidelines for Landcam Work in Cameroon

Some key issues/points that have guided LandCam Action this year

- The land law reform process is ongoing
- women access to Land
- Compensation and its process as a source of land conflict.
- Biodiversity conservation and land tenure in a context of land pressures
- Youth's access to land





Project Progress



Data collection on the field and studies on/of

- the land issues and challenges facing indigenous communities
- Capacity needs of community members
- compensation issues
- effects of an agroindustry located closed to a protected area on biodiversity,
- An assessment of current relevant legal and policy frameworks and existing proposals

Tracking mechanism put in place

- A series of questions to be monitored at the national and at the local levels identified.
- A Land Observatory launched





Project Progress



A series of Dialogues and Events organised at national and local levels :

- A parliament – Government Dialogue focusing on young people's access to land.
- A series of dialogues (3) between women and traditional leaders,
- A national dialogue on the Land rights of indigenous peoples
- A national workshop on compensation and compensation processes
- A Land Tenure week

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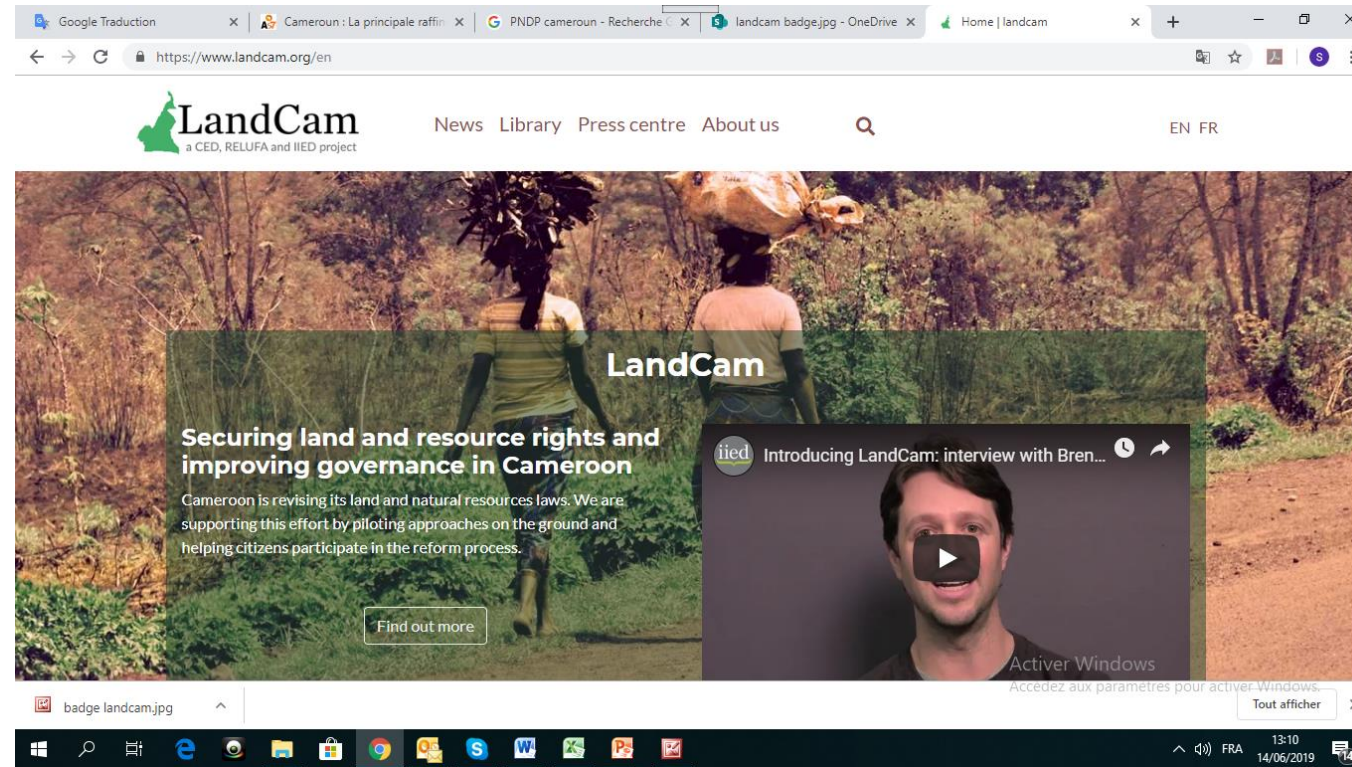


Project Progress

Landcam reach extended through a Small grant scheme

Communication

- LandCam's website (www.landcam.org) is up and running.
- A partnership was signed with a community radio station in one of the pilot site to broadcast land rights-related programmes in local languages.
- A media workshop was organised with 16 journalists (including 5 women) as part of Land Tenure Week





Capacity Development Activities

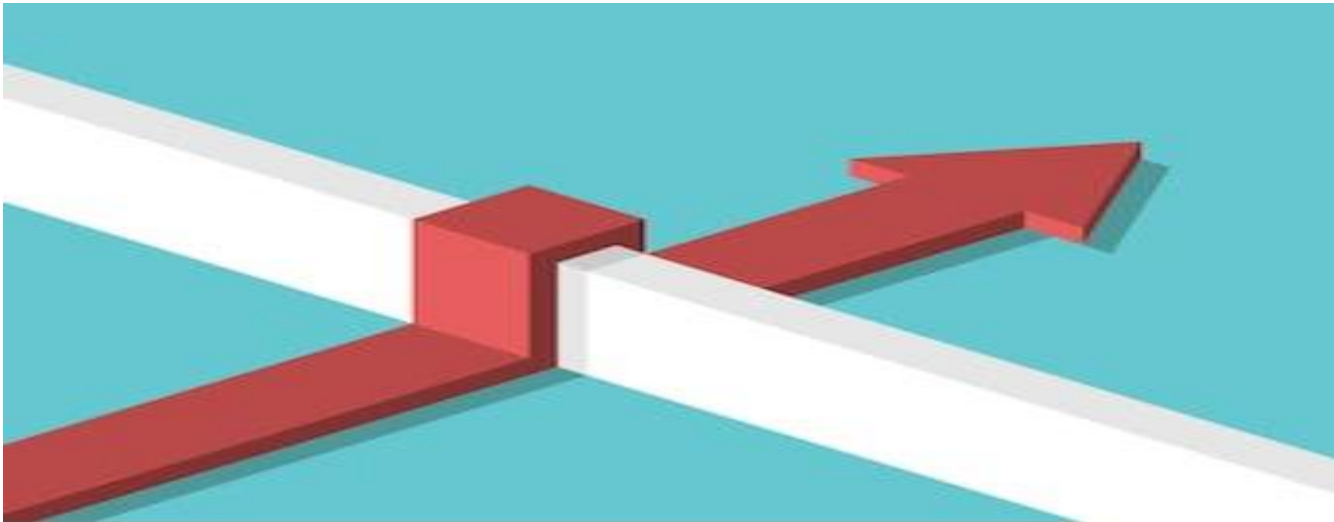
- Two capacity building and experience sharing workshops on Land use planning
- Capacity building and field exposure of 13 journalists (including 5 women) on expropriation and compensation issues facing local communities
- Development of a radio programme to support capacity building of local communities in one of the pilot site





Challenges

- Engage with the private sector
- Break with certain customary and cultural practices that discriminate against women
- Improve uptake of our recommendations by the government





Lessons Learned



- Working with associations that represent private sector interests to convince their members of the need to take community land rights into account in their operations.
- Convene a dialogue between Women and Traditional Leaders
- Involve the representatives of the government more on the project



Recommendations

- Work with the government to clarify the content and the process of land law reform
- Understand the issues and challenges faced by the different types of actors for an effective multi-stakeholder consultation framework
- Communicate more in rural areas
- Touch more people and receive more information through a small grant scheme



Next Steps



- Prepare a Manifesto presenting our vision on ideal land tenure law
- Develop approaches to improve women's access to land in a few pilot villages
- Launch the second round of the small grant scheme
- Organize exchange visits between pilot sites communities to share experience on community-investor dialogue process and lessons



Thank you!

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