

## LANDESA ENVISIONS A WORLD FREE OF POVERTY

We are committed to a future in which all women and men who depend on land have secure, legal land rights – one of the most powerful tools for lifting oneself, one's family, and one's community out of poverty.

## land rights: |land rits|

1. The rights of an individual or community to access, own, inherit, and farm the land they depend on to survive.

LANDESA IS THE WORLD'S LEADING ORGANIZATION IN POVERTY ALLEVIATION THROUGH LAND RIGHTS.



FOR 50 YEARS, Landesa has partnered with governments, communities, local non-profits, and other stakeholders in over 50 countries to help secure land rights for more than 180 million of the world's poorest families.





Moves people out of poverty





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Enhances conservation efforts

Increases educational outcomes

Reduces conflict

## **GLOBAL PRESENCE**

Landesa uses a multi-pronged approach to provide policy and implementation support at the national, state, and local levels. With a strong focus on collaboration with government and local partners, we build capacity in-country to ensure all farmers have equal rights.



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## A SINGLE PIECE OF PAPER CHANGED RATNA ROY'S LIFE.

That paper was a land title – a document Ratna received with Landesa's help.

The legal document gave Ratna something she had never had before: **opportunity.** 





Ratna and her family in West Bengal, India

With the security of legal rights to her own patch of land, Ratna applied for a low-interest loan from a bank. With the \$500 loan, she bought crop insurance, planted high-risk, high-return vegetable crops, and purchased nine ducks and two cows.

Now, Ratna's family grows their own food and sells the excess at market for a profit. And Ratna, who spent her childhood working in the fields for a few coins each day, now sends her well-fed and healthy three young children to school.

RESEARCH AROUND THE WORLD DEMONSTRATES THAT LAND RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS, ARE A SMART INVESTMENT THAT MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

