

THE COMMON MATTERS LAND RIGHTS PROJECT



Introduction

The Common Matters Land Rights project is an initiative of **Environmental Alert (EA), TRAC FM and PELUM Uganda.**

The aim of this project is, ***‘to contribute to the national data and information collection on land rights through engaging citizens in surveys.’***

But also ***raise public awareness about land rights through creating platforms for information sharing and exchange among duty bearers and rights holders.***

Background

Why this project? Rationale

a) Land is a major factor of production and engine for economic development and community livelihoods

b) Information gap in terms of knowledge and awareness about land policies, rights among the general public and community;

c) Limited access to support services for guidance/counsel on land rights and related matters – looming conflicts or disputes at different scales;

This makes the public, citizens and communities vulnerable to the perpetrators of the land rights. Thus, often the former lose their land and related properties, loss of livelihoods and related injustices

d) Generation of citizen views for consideration/feeding into ongoing Government policy process targeted at addressing various land rights issues such as fair compensation, resettlement, lawful evictions,

Scope of Issues which the project will engage!

- Land Administration
- Citizens' Awareness and Responsibility
- Resettlement and Rehabilitation
- Women's Land Rights
- Unlawful Evictions
- Commercialization of Land
- Sustainable landuse management – food security, environment management

How will the project be delivered?

- a. This project will use **10 local radio stations** across the various **sub-regions of Uganda (Central, North, Western, Eastern, ...)** .
- b. Radio stations will use the **live interactive radio talk shows** to conduct surveys and gather people's opinions and discuss issues around land rights.
- c. The responses from these surveys will be processed and presented in an **infographic format** that can *inform better planning of land service delivery, inform national level advocacy on budget allocation to the Ministry of Lands, and above all inform the various policy processes on land.*

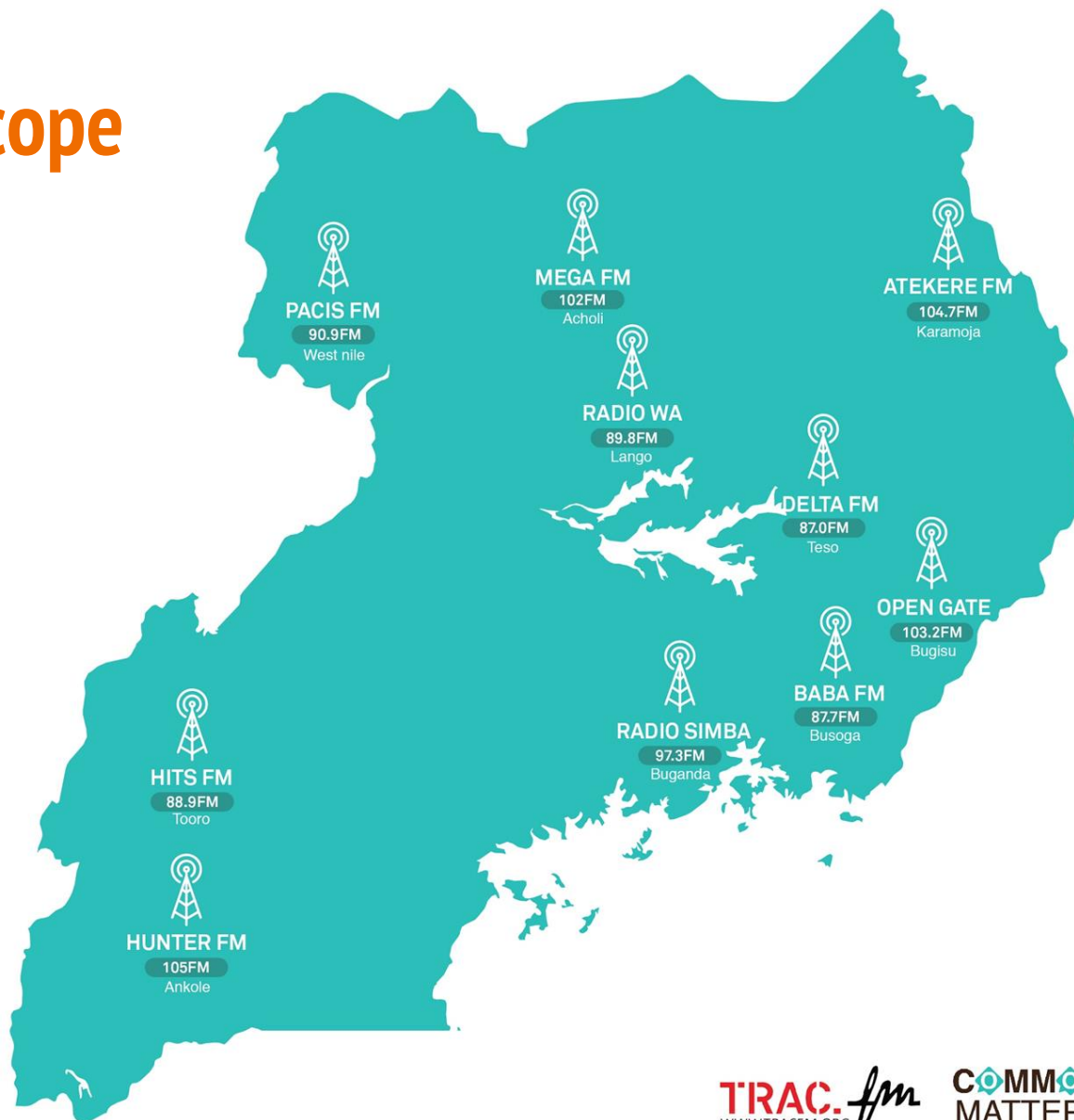


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- d. **Government, civil society, cultural & religious institutions representatives** will participate in the interactive live radio talk shows and use it as a platform to educate citizens and discuss issues that affect them.
- e. Provide **platforms** for structured engagement between **Government (MLHUD, ...)** and **Civil society** through *policy dialogues*, during which the later would provide/suggest alternative policy recommendations based on the findings/results from the project
- f. Responding to **citizens issues/questions on land rights** and related matters by setting up a **professional help-line with trained staff** to provide information, counsel and guidance;
- g. **Advancing Civil society lobby efforts** (*through the Land Actor's Platform*) through **issue and evidence based advocacy** targeted at pro-poor and fair land rights and effective land administration

Geographical Scope

- Nationwide project
- 10 Radio Stations
- Collaboration with land actors nationwide



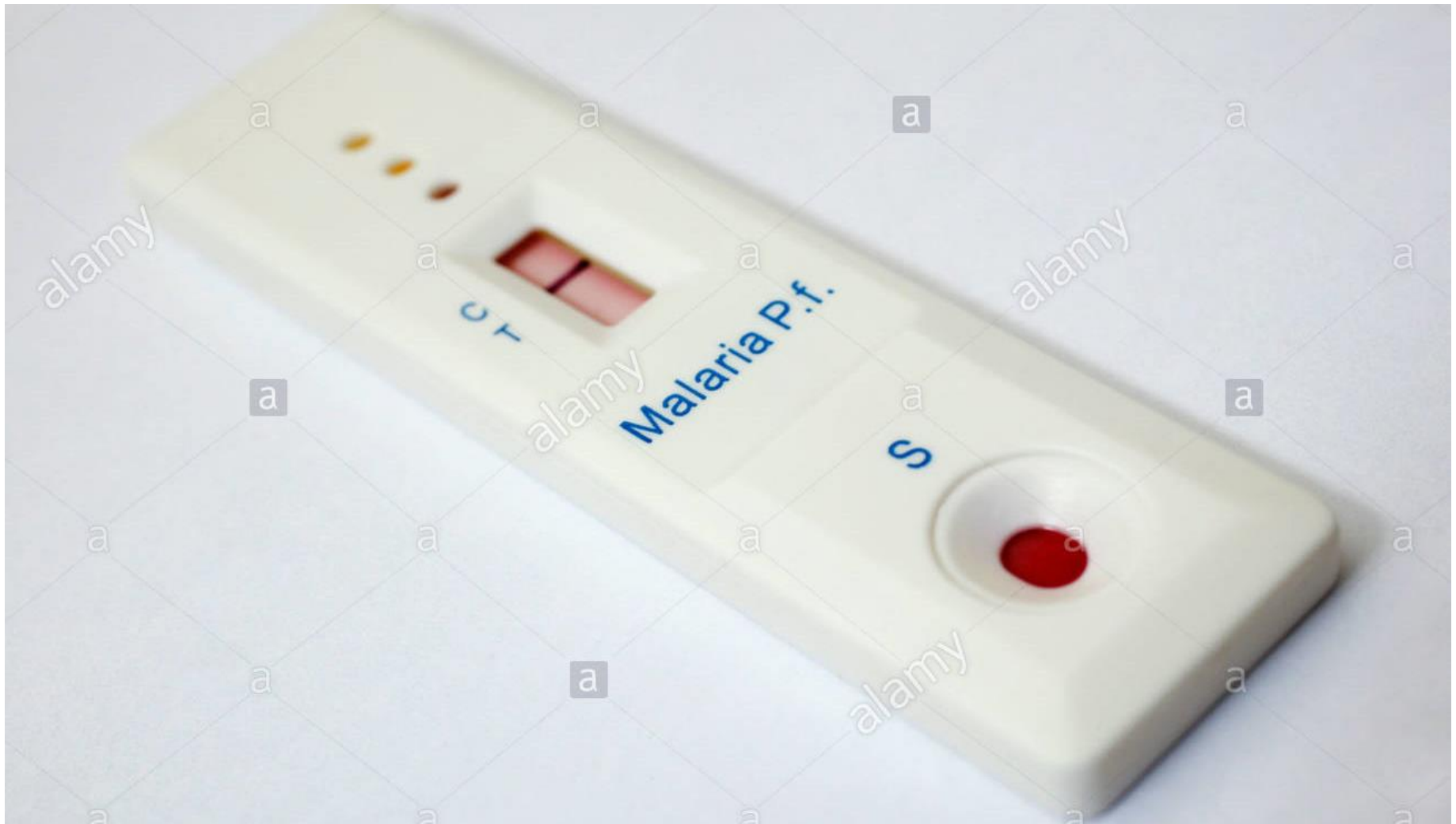
Expected results/outcomes

- A.** Get people sensitized on their land rights and responsibilities.

- B.** Citizen/public concerns/views on land rights documented, presented and discussed for consideration into ongoing policy formulation and implementation.

- C.** Improved access to land rights support services – (guidance/counsel) by citizens at different scales.

Experiences by Trac Fm on application of data driven advocacy on HEPS Malaria control Program.



HEPS Malaria Control Program

- **Malaria**
- **Rapid Diagnostic Tests**
- **Kits**

Thank for Listening!