

Formalisation means security

Standard land rental contract provides reassurance and equal opportunities

Building on the second-level land certificate (SLLC), LIFT has developed a **Standard Land Rental Contract (SLRC)** and established public and private rural land rental service provision so that **SLLC holders can access a formalised and secure** land rental market.


The Land Investment for Transformation Programme (LIFT) supports the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) to provide 14 million **Second-Level Land Certificates (SLLC)** to farmers in Oromia, Amhara, SNNPR, and Tigray.

With increased security of tenure, farmers are more willing to invest in their land in sustainable and productive ways.

LIFT supports the creation of a formal land rental market

1 
LIFT supports GoE to issue SLLC

2 
LIFT supports improvement of rural land rental legal framework and develops SLRC
SLRC includes exact land rental details: unique parcel identification number, rental period and price.


3 
LIFT supports the development of LRSPs to facilitate formal land rental transactions

Land rental service providers (LRSPs)

LRSPs are selected by the community and create awareness around the formal land rental process.


They link renters and rentees and support the completion and registration of the standard land rental contract (SLRC).


LRSPs also provide information on prices and land availability, facilitate meetings at the kebele office, and facilitate negotiations creating fairer deals for renters and rentees.

4 
A formal land rental transaction using the SLRC is registered at the kebele office

LIFT provides capacity building to land officers around new standard contract.

LIFT supports GoE to improve its **Rural Land Administration System (RLAS)** and capture all subsequent land transactions.


5 
Kebele office sends copy of SLRC to woreda office*

6 
Land rental transactions are electronically registered in RLAS at woreda office

Result: formal land rental provides security for renters and rentees, increases information around land availability and price, and increases productivity of land use. Especially vulnerable groups benefit through more security around land rental.

*Currently only land rental agreements with a length of +2 years are recorded at woreda level.

The Standard Land Rental Contract form has been approved and is being used by the regional governments of:

- Tigray
 - Amhara
 - SNNPR
 - Oromia
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Facts

Formalised land rental attracts first-time users

48% of renters and rentees are engaging in land rental for the first time. This shows that the formal contract offers new opportunities for farmers.

Formal land rental benefits women

42% of renters are women, likely from female-headed households, who cannot provide enough labour to make full use of their land. Renting-out land allows for additional income, and the formal contract offers security.

LRSPs become agents of change in their communities

Azmera, an LRSP in Embalage woreda, Tigray, supports vulnerable women in her community.

In one case, Azmera has worked closely with an elderly woman to build her awareness around the advantages of using the Standard Land Rental Contract.

Further, Azmera linked the woman to a rentee and formalised the agreement, increasing her crop share fivefold.



Formal land rental contracts provide economic access to landless youth

Urgessa in Kersa Malima woreda, Oromia, had completed school up to grade 10, but did not attain good enough grades to continue his education.

Urgessa is landless and sought out support from the kebele. Through their guidance, he entered into a one-year crop sharing land rental deal using the SLRC.

He used the land for crop production and cattle fattening, earning ETB 150,000 in profit.

Formal land rental transactions have increased in Amhara, Tigray, SNNPR and Oromia...

Benefits for rentees

- More transparent. Prevents 'double renting' and reduces risk of disputes.
- Longer and more secure rental contracts.
- Vulnerable groups have more leverage to enforce their rights.

Benefits for renters

- More information and transparency around setting prices, allowing for fairer agreements.
- Renters and rentees are matched more efficiently.
- Vulnerable groups have more leverage to enforce their rights.

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Land Rental Service Providers...

...of which

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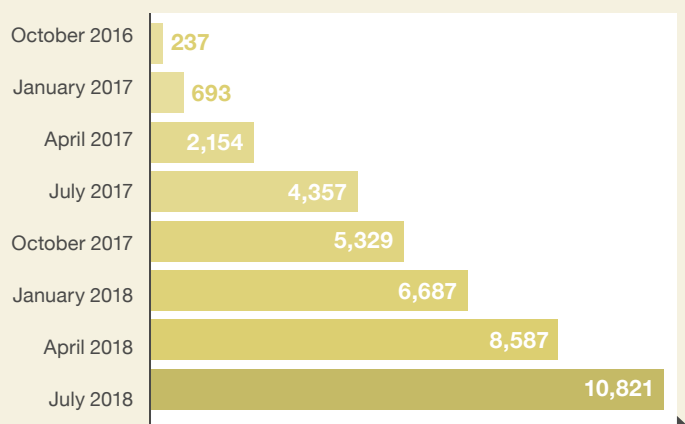
are women...

...are actively using the new Standard Land Rental Contract in

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10,821 formal land rental transactions using SLRC have been registered in LIFT's target kebeles (as of July 2018):



An estimated **18,829 renters and rentees** have benefited as a result.

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