"Geospatial Information for a Smarter Life and Environmental Resilience"
The Role of the “Fit-for-Purpose” Approach in the REILA Land Administration Project in Ethiopia

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Outline

- Introduction to NIRAS and the REILA Project
- Fit-for-purpose: Aspects of contextualization in Ethiopia?
- How does the approach scale in Ethiopia?
In 2018, more than 300 in-house staff

Offices in Europe, Asia, Oceania, Latin America and Africa

300 projects with > 1500 project staff members
2014: FIG publication

Case: Land Registration and Cadastral Mapping in Ethiopia

Over the past 13 years, Ethiopia has had much success in completing “1st level certification” of over 12 million rural households’ land holdings. This has involved registering the rights of these households and issuing books of holdings: “Green books” listing holders’ names, approximate parcel areas and neighbours’ names. However, no maps have been produced, as parcel boundaries have not been surveyed. Unit costs in this process was about 1 USD per parcel.

Trials for cadastral mapping were conducted using 40 cm resolution ortho-rectified aerial photographs captured and processed by the Ethiopian Mapping Agency (EMA). A3 size printed field map sheets at a scale of 1:2,000 were typically used. In the trial, the ‘General boundaries’ principles were applied to demarcate parcel boundaries. The surveyors marked boundaries identified on the ground onto the orthophoto image and gave the land parcel a unique parcel identification number.

During the field work, parcel boundaries were initially drawn on the orthophotos using pencils. The para-surveyor drew the boundary lines on the field map sheet after confirmation of the boundary by the owner of the subject parcel and the neighbouring holders, facilitated by the Land Administration & Use Committee member. Then a unique parcel identification number was allocated for the demarcated parcel.

As soon as the para-surveyor assigns a unique parcel identification number to the demarcated parcel, he or she communicates with the field data recorder for textual data recording. Owner and parcel details are recorded on the field form prepared for this purpose. Disputes and encumbrances, if any, are recorded by the field data recorder immediately after parcel number allocation.

Office work includes scanning, geo referencing and digitising, attribute recording and quality control. Then a public inspection is completed. After any corrections the parcel maps can be produced: “2nd level certification”. Unit costs are estimated as less than 8 USD per parcel.

Source: Zerfu Hailu (NIRAS Project) and David Harris

Boundary delineation, Ethiopia.
“Fit-for-purpose”

The Situation
- Increasing Pressure on Land (population growth, climate change, ...)
- Current Land Administration Solutions don’t scale well

FFP Principles
- Flexibility: Scale and accuracy relate to the purpose
- Basic purposes: Include all land; provide secure tenure for all
- General boundaries rather than fixed boundaries [...] especially in rural and semi-urban areas.
- Aerial imageries rather than field surveys (3-5 times cheaper than field surveys)
- Incremental Improvement: Opportunities for updating and improvement
- Cost-effective: Unit costs often range between 6 and 10 USD per parcel. Rwanda and Ethiopia are show cases of the method.

As little as possible, as much as necessary.

Source: FIG, GLTN
The REILA Project
In Ethiopia

- REILA = **Responsible & Innovative Land Administration**
- Bilaterally agreed project
- Main Government partners: Ministry of Agriculture, Mapping agency
- Timeframe: July 2011 - June 2017 (first phase) 2017 – 2021 (2nd phase)
- Budget: 12,800,000 Euro contribution by Finland
- Project area: Federal level, Benishangul-Gumuz & Amhara Regions plus trial districts in 3 additional Regions (Tigray, Oromyia and SNNP)
- The purpose of the project is to contribute towards an **improved, transparent and appropriate land administration system** in Ethiopia.
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Duration 1035 hours

FFP implementation at scale needs skilled staff
Long-term Maintenance

The National Rural Land Administration Information System (NRLAIS)

- Aggregate data, monitor and support woreda operations
- Analyses data for federal purposes and distributes data through ENSDI

The ‘heart’ of the system for land registration and maintenance of records

‘Window’ to the system, no ICT
Method development: Imagery Trials

Trial Districts (Woredas)

1 - Oromiya, Ilu Woreda
2 - SNNP, Meskan Woreda
3 - Amhara, Dembecha Woreda
4 - Tigray, Kola Temben Woreda
5 - Benishangul-Gumuz, Bambasi Woreda
6 - Benishangul-Gumuz, Bullen Woreda
7 - Benishangul-Gumuz, Kamashi Woreda
Contextualisation of the Approach

Different topography, land use patterns, land cover, legislation ...
Contextualisation of the Approach II

Top: Postmarking in rural areas without man-made structures

Left: Comparison between precision GPS and boundaries drawn on the orthophoto

Top: The same area in Belo Jiganfoye, Benishangul-Gumuz on 3rd April (top) and 7th Sept (bottom) 2013.
Public Information and Awareness

Higher level officials

Land holders

Region-, zone-, woreda-, kebele staff

Land administration committee
The Legal Framework

- Federal constitution
- Federal proclamation No. 456
- AM - Regional constitution
- AM - Land administration & Use policy and strategy
- AM – Proclamation No 133/2005
- AM- Land administration and use regulation
- AM–Land administration and use directives
- BG - Regional constitution
- BG - Land administration & Use policy and strategy
- BG - Land administration proclamation
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⇒ Alignment with existing legal framework
⇒ Contributions to federal communication and outreach strategy
Training of “para-surveyors”
For 2 weeks in the office (GIS training) and in the field (data collection)
The Field Team

- Surveyor (drawing the parcel borders in the image)
- Field data recorder (registering all parcel information)
- Team leader (supervision, reporting and quality control)
- Kebele Land Administration Committee member (legal representative)
Farmers participate in parcel boundary identification.
Results → Issued Parcel Maps
2nd Level Certification
Supported by REILA (2 Regions)

Holding Certificates Issued (30th May 2017)

- 20,991 (30 June 2016)
- 23,724 (30 Sep 16)
- 30,339 (30 Dec. 2016)
- 109,972 (30 March 2017)
- 153,155 (30 May 2017)
2nd Level Certification implemented at Scale (GoE, WB, DFID, Finland ...)

> 14,000,000

land certificates issued to farmers
Conclusions

- Contextualisation or adaptation of the FFP approach is important and takes time.
- The FFP approach works and scales well in Ethiopia.
- It played and plays a big role in bringing actors together, agreeing on a joint approach and actually having a chance to complete systematic titling of rural land in a populous, large country like Ethiopia.
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Thank you
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Vielen Dank