



Unlocking land potential: Enhancing agricultural land market development



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Abandonment or un-utilization of agricultural land is a common problem in many countries. Land abandonment undermines food security, results in lost economic opportunities, and has a range of other negative socio-economic and environmental impacts.

The root causes of land abandonment are often multiple and intertwined. The most important factor underlying land abandonment in many countries is **unviable farm structures with small average farm sizes and excessive land fragmentation**, making agricultural activities uneconomical.

Azerbaijan Türkiye and Uzbekistan have different land tenure systems and agricultural policies but share a common objective: **to ensure the efficient and sustainable use of agricultural land.**

To address these regional challenges, this project, implemented under the FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programme (FTPP), advances the legal, institutional, and technical capacities of Azerbaijan, Türkiye, and Uzbekistan. The project focuses on developing and piloting **modern land management tools—including land banking models and improved land consolidation procedures**—to foster more inclusive, efficient, and effective land governance systems.



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Project snapshot

Title

Enhancing agricultural land market development to address land abandonment and improve land consolidation procedures

Beneficiary Countries

Azerbaijan, Türkiye, Uzbekistan

Donor

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye

Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan

Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan

Budget

USD 710 000

Duration

February 2022 – July 2025

Beneficiaries

Government staff, land administration and land consolidation experts, and national policy-makers. It also delivers value to rural communities and agricultural landowners, with particular attention given to ensuring the engagement and inclusion of youth and women stakeholders.

Key achievements in numbers

3 Pilot sites selected in Türkiye to test and assess innovative land banking models and land management instrument

6 Major policy and technical documents delivered to guide national reforms

11 Training sessions and international study tours organized to exchange knowledge on sustainable land management

350+ People participated in training and study tours

100+ Government staff and national experts trained, enhancing institutional capacity through targeted seminars and workshops

Advancing policy and regional collaboration

Fortified legal and policy frameworks

In Azerbaijan: Facilitated the drafting of a comprehensive national strategy for land consolidation and land banking, outlining clear legal and institutional reforms.

In Türkiye: Completed three major technical reports and a discussion paper on advancing land banking to support land consolidation.

In Uzbekistan: Delivered a technical report assessing the feasibility of market-based tenure reforms and recommending key improvements to tenure security.

Fostered regional exchange

The project facilitated high-level regional knowledge exchange through the organization of LANDNET workshops, fostering collaboration among the **three beneficiary countries** on shared land management challenges.

Improved stakeholder engagement

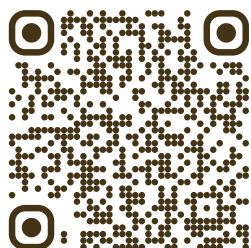
Participatory consultations, gender-sensitive outreach, and multilingual communication materials successfully raised awareness and **ensured stakeholder buy-in**.

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This project provides direct and actionable contributions to the 2030 Agenda by fostering inclusive, efficient, and sustainable land use systems.



Project flyer



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