

A STORY OF COLLECTIVE JOURNEY TOWARDS
WOMEN'S LAND OWNERSHIP
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Women's land ownership: What do the stories reflect? Livelihood security and empowerment

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Struggle to own land	Land ownership: base for livelihood security and empowerment	Land ownership and land sale?
Pennaben driven out of her house	Rekha: daughter with husband in parents' place – harassed by cousins	
Struggled to get land to cultivate	Purchased vegetables and sold in villages	Tejuben – has name in records along with husband
No incentive to invest – what if she is driven out?	Came to know from awareness campaigns in village – got land in her name	Case of Land fraud and sales
Can not access govt schemes as she doesn't own land	Has developed land: got vegetable creeper scheme from govt – KVK trg - drip	Stopped land being sold off
What do the stories show?		
Women do aspire to have land : needed for	Need guidance and support: to own land, to invest on land	Land grabbing and acquisition on huge scale,

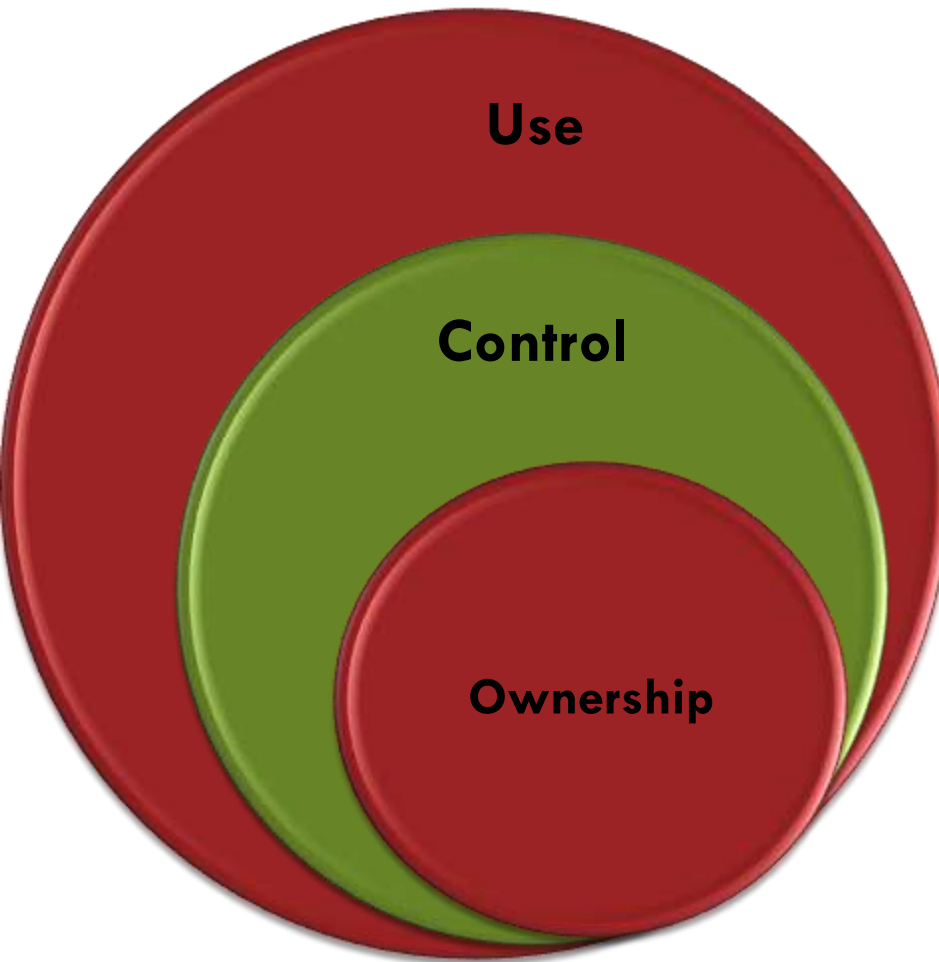
What the stories reflect.....

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- Problem for daughters, widows to exercise their legal rights to land
 - Administration also has patriarchal lenses!
- Land grabbing and acquisition on huge scale, women not aware

Women and land rights: What do they entail?

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Private Land ownership for women

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Inheritance : 86% of cultivable land in India

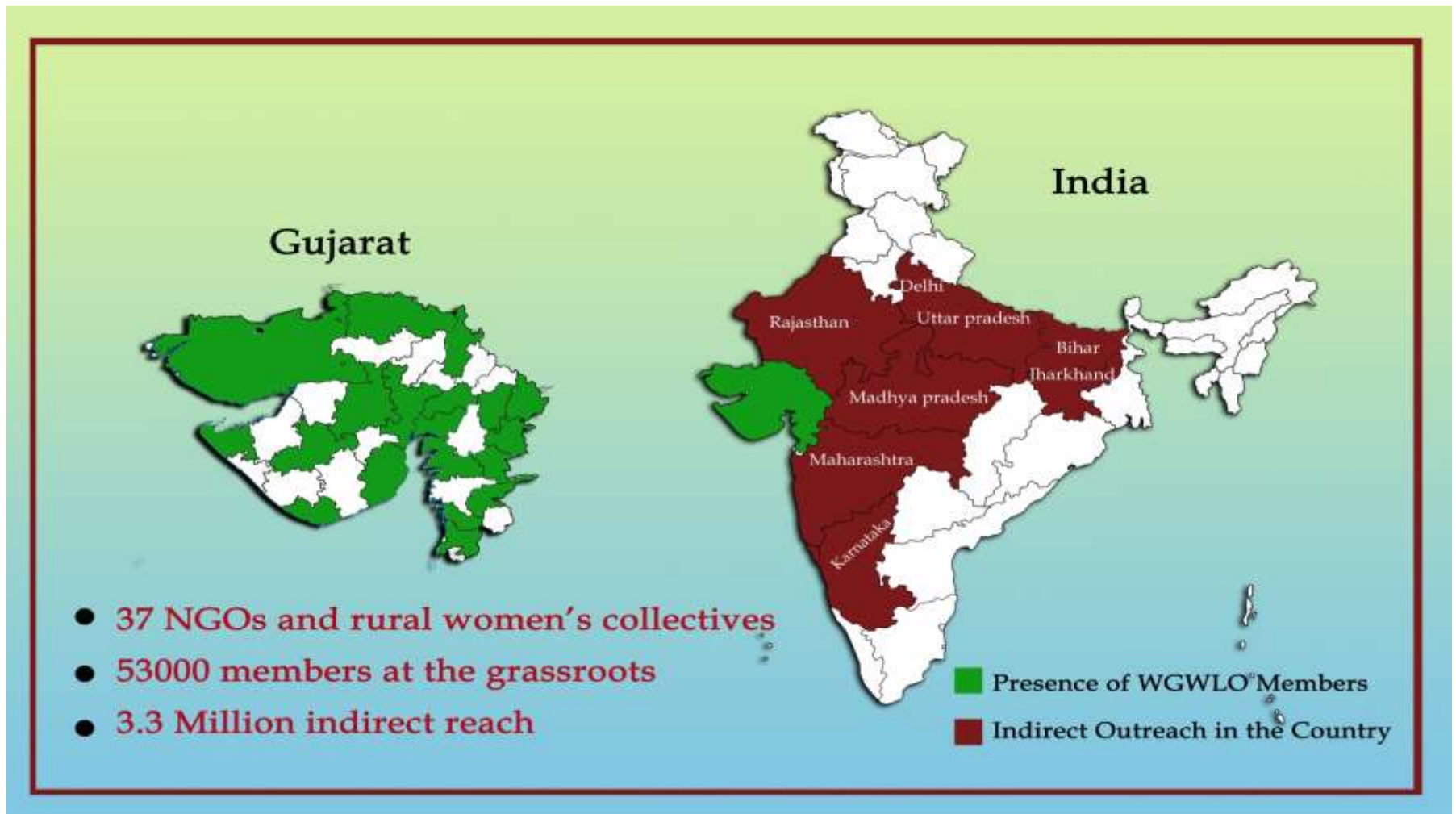
Market

Redistribution by government

Geographical Presence & Outreach:

State level network of 41 NGOs and CBOs as members

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Broad interventions of WGWLO...

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**From regional to
village awareness
Campaigns ...**



Awareness leading to action: legal literacy to women



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- Community based Para Legal Workers (PLWs)
Equipped on land laws and procedures; social skills
to counsel family
- 90% of the Para Legal Workers are grassroots
based, women from Sangathans/community



Village land revenue officers: 93 Trainings of 3240 revenue officers

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Outcomes

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**Have supported
more than 9000 to own land!**

Women's' land ownership is essential.. Together we can make it possible too!!

