



# Transformative Land Investment

Building trust, reducing risk, and creating shared value

Land based investments often intersect with vulnerable communities and fragile landscapes. In these contexts, trade-offs and unintended effects are common. The Transformative Land Investment (TLI) programme's approach focuses on **facilitating continuous engagement, evidence-based decision support, and co-creation processes to align investor business models with sustainable food system principles**. This embeds social inclusion, environmental stewardship, governance, and societal concerns into core practice.

By bringing together **companies, communities, and governments**, TLI identifies shared priorities – the innovation space where divergent interests converge into practical, win-win solutions.







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***In a space too often marked by social conflict, environmental degradation, and unmet development priorities, TLI offers a working alternative built on collaboration and focused on impact.***

We help countries and companies move beyond “responsible” safeguards to business models that actively

- protect land rights and ecosystems,
- strengthen food security and resilience, and
- reduce reputational risk.

***TLI makes land-based investment a driver of fair, green and inclusive development.***

## **TLI offers an alternative approach**



**Brings together businesses, governments, and communities** to build trust and establish stronger, more lasting partnerships.



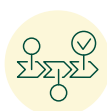
**Demonstrates best practices** for sustainable and inclusive land-based investment.



**Ensures fair benefit-sharing.**

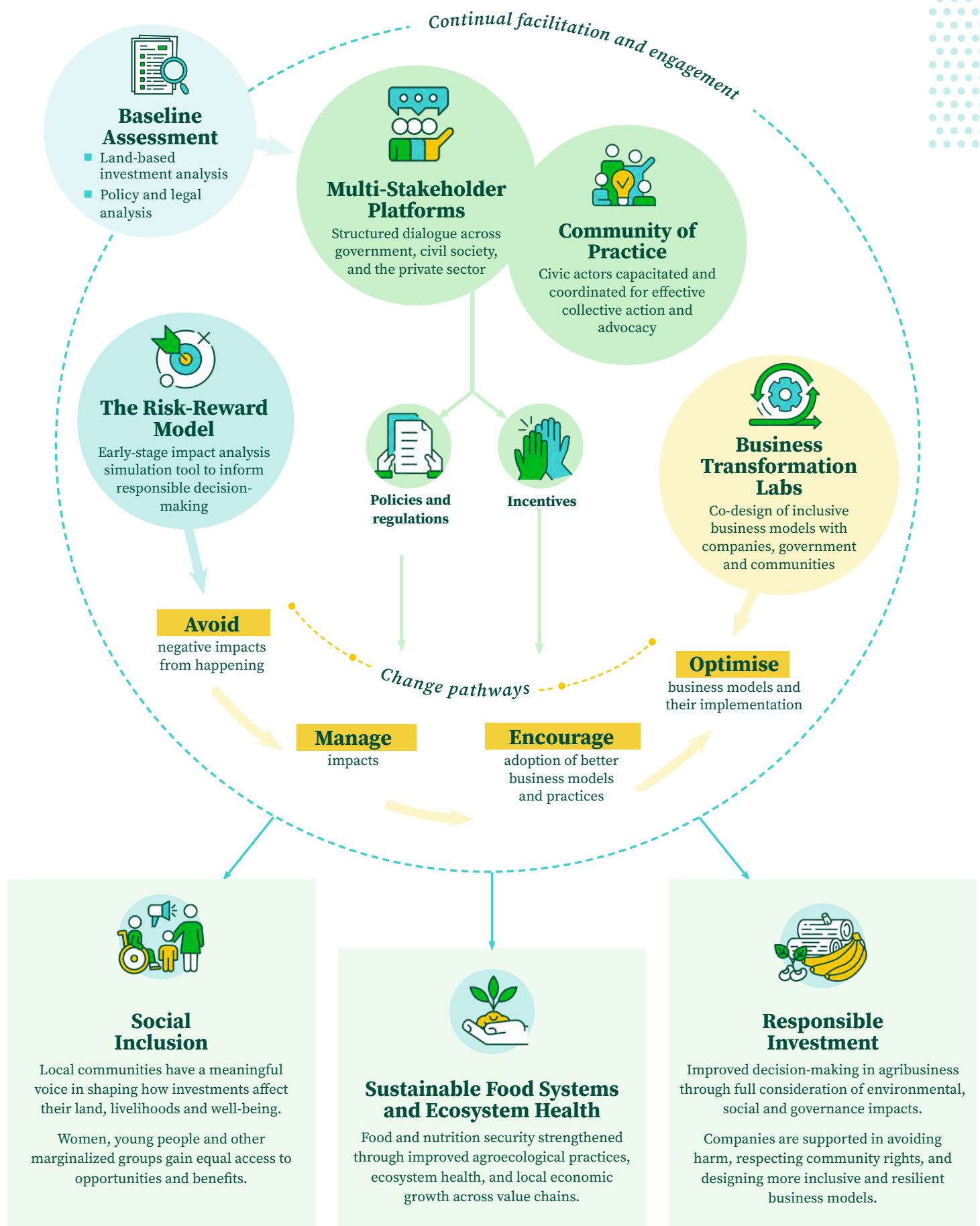


**Strengthens local livelihoods.**



**Co-creates business models** that are more resilient, inclusive, and aligned with community needs and aspirations.

# Integration change pathways guide country engagement, grounded in evidence, multistakeholder engagement and co-creation.





# Why TLI, why now?

How land is invested in and who benefits will shape the future of food systems, climate resilience and rural development. At the same time, the global landscape is shifting, opening a critical window to drive systemic change in land investment.



**Investors** face increasing demands by international markets to demonstrate social and environmental performance, but often lack credible business models and partnerships.



**Governments** are under pressure to reform land regulations to address inequality and environmental risk, but often lack the institutional capacity and political consensus to implement inclusive local policies.



**Communities** are increasingly informed and mobilized around land and resource issues, but struggle to secure meaningful participation and lasting protections within formal decision-making processes.



**Development actors** seek scalable models that advance food system transformation, climate goals, and just transitions, but face difficulties aligning diverse priorities and demonstrating impact at scale.



*“TLI has shown that responsible investment is not only possible, it’s also strategic and sustainable.”*

— Project Partner, Mozambique

## Achievements

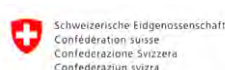
**TLI has refined its intervention strategy in Myanmar, Laos, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Mozambique**, countries with high commercial pressures on land and challenging legal, ecological and political contexts. TLI has also:

- Developed tools for predicting future investment impacts and responsible site selection
- Co-created improved agribusiness models across more than a dozen value chains
- Strengthened national policy frameworks through co-developed regulations and joint planning platforms
- Trained hundreds of stakeholders on Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) and participatory governance
- Supported grassroots organizations to engage in collective action and advocacy

With **national roadmaps, corporate commitments, and partnerships in place**, TLI is ready to deliver impact at scale.

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