



**CITATION FOR THE AWARDEE OF
THE LUI CHE WOO PRIZE – PRIZE FOR WORLD CIVILISATION 2017
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(WELFARE BETTERMENT PRIZE)**

Landesa

Landesa is awarded the LUI Che Woo Prize 2017 in the Welfare Betterment category, with the Specific Area of Focus on “Alleviation of Poverty”.

Landesa promotes the idea of “land to the tiller” through partnering with governments and civil society organisations in developing countries and using laws and policies as systemic tools to help the rural poor gain secure land rights. To date, after 50 years of steadfast efforts, it has succeeded in securing land rights for more than 120 million of the world’s poorest families in over 50 countries through peaceful means. For rural women and men, ownership of their land is the critical first step to achieving economic independence and escaping poverty.