



## Property Grabbing

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa has contributed to an accompanying epidemic of property grabbing from widows and orphans. IJM's own work on behalf of Ugandan and Zambian widows' access to inheritance has revealed that upwards of fifty percent of those surveyed have experienced the threat of expropriation or actually had their property stolen. This common practice has deprived millions of African widows of their means of livelihood and undermined agricultural production.

### Key resources

[Protecting Women's Land and Property Rights in the Context of AIDS](#)

*World Bank*

[Land Grabbing in Africa: A Review of the Impact and the Possible Policy Responses](#)

*Oxfam International*

[Widows, AIDS, Health and Human Rights in Africa](#)

*Susan Vanessa von Struensee*

[Secure Land Rights for All](#)

*UN-Habitat*