

Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

Doing Development Differently



RRI is a diverse coalition with a proven track record of strategic convening, thought leadership, and catalyzing major breakthroughs in priority countries. RRI provides collaborators—high-potential social entrepreneurs—with seed capital and technical support, fostering the creation and implementation of innovative solutions to global problems to amplify impact.

OUR STORY

RRI was founded in 2005 to address insecure and unclear land rights in the world's most forested countries. Leaders from leading national and international organizations created RRI after recognizing an urgent need not being adequately addressed by existing development approaches and institutions. Today, the coalition is engaged in advancing poverty alleviation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and respect for human rights.

OUR GROWTH

Year	Funding	Number of Activities	Number of Staff
2008	3,098,000	70	14
2013	11,450,000	168	27

RRI's founders, with limited investment of capital, labor and systems, have quickly evolved from a startup posture into an organization with widespread global impact. RRI continues to maximize fast-tracked, high-impact, sustainable successes by providing investment only where real opportunity to catalyze change exists.

VERIFIED

An independent mid-term audit credited the coalition's early success to its nimble entrepreneurial model and accelerated ability to convene and mobilize a high level of effort from key actors across regions.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is now unprecedented awareness of the urgent need to secure local land and resource rights. RRI is uniquely positioned to exploit this opportunity by leveraging its credibility across sectors, creating new platforms, and scaling-up its programs to enhance the efforts of a broad set of key actors. In the short term, RRI is working to establish a new public-private-civil society partnership to mobilize political and financial commitment for tenure reforms, and expanding support for business models against illegal or inappropriate investments in the developing world. This two-pronged approach will result in high-impact sustainable change for millions of poor and vulnerable people, as well as help ensure food security and conservation of critical natural resources.

“RRI has done more to foster these results on a global basis, and within selective countries, than any other organization... That these remarkable results have been accomplished with such a limited amount of budget and staff resources is a tribute to the vision, strategic thinking, broad coalition of support, and hard work of the highly committed staff.”

— Independent Mid-term Evaluation Team, 2011

AT-A-GLANCE

150+
Partner and Collaborator Organizations

15
Countries of Direct Engagement

30+
Additional Countries Engaged in Global Advocacy & Dialogue

13
Expert Fellows

PROFILE

Regional Programs
Africa, Asia,
Latin America

Strategic Programs
Alternative Tenure
& Enterprise Models,
Gender Justice,
Realizing Rights,
Rights & Climate,
Tenure Tracking

Secretariat
Senior Management

Andy White
Coordinator

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Executive Director

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Chief Operating Officer

James Christopher Miller
Director, Finance and Administration

Jenny Springer
Director, Global Programs

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