

# Review of Asia Regional Meeting, October 2006

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# National & Rural Structures

- Land = Power (economic, political, etc.)
- Skewed distribution of private lands
- Remnants of colonial systems

# Land and Livelihoods

- Large percentage HHs work in agriculture; reliance on subsistence agriculture
- Smallholders vulnerable in global market:
  - High costs of inputs
  - Low prices for products
  - Dumping of cheap & subsidized products
  - Rising land value → land conversions

# Past Land and Agrarian Reforms

- Problems: corruption, weak political will, changing policy priorities
- Laws unimplemented or targets not achieved
- Blocked by landed officials, military

# Past Land and Agrarian Reforms

- Exclusion of women, Indigenous Peoples, youth
  - Marginalization of women and Dalits, especially in South Asia
- Ideological baggage

# Motivations and Future Reforms

- Broader than livelihood concerns
  - Reverse marginalization & discrimination
  - Strengthen democratic institutions
  - Change power relations & power dynamics

# Key Strategic Objectives

- Strengthen Coalitions
- Build Capacity of Institutions
  - Strengthen rural POs
  - Cultivate progressive officials
- Enhance Policy, Advocacy & Monitoring