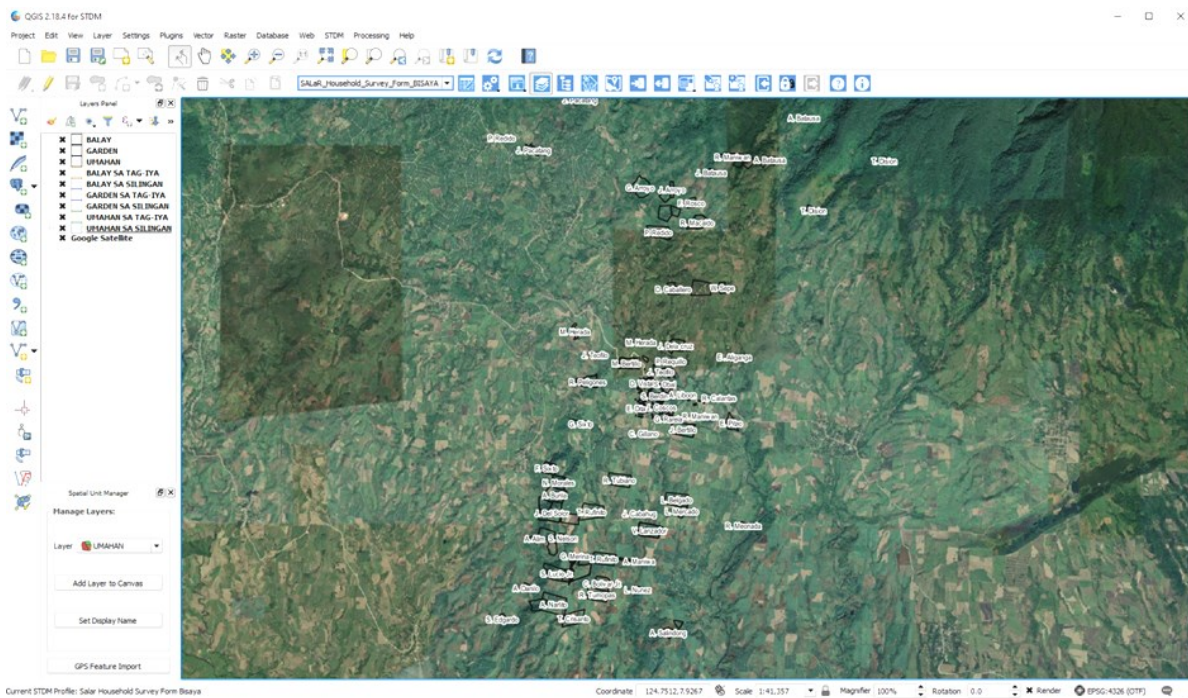



CHAPTER 3

Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) Tool



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This chapter presents the overall concept of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) tool as implemented in the context of indigenous peoples and migrant settlers in Bukidnon, Philippines.

Introduction to STDM Tool

The concept of STDM is closing the gap, a standard for flexible “people to land” relationships.

The STDM is an initiative of the Global Land Tool Network to support pro-poor land administration. STDM was crafted specifically for developing countries, countries with very little cadastral coverage in urban areas with slums, or rural customary areas. It is also meant for post-conflict areas. STDM as a tool recognizes all relationships between people and land, independent from the level of formalization, or legality of those relationships.

The STDM is under development as a “specialization” of the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM). The word “specialization” entails differences in terminology: what a “real estate right” is in a formal system is considered as a “social tenure relationship” in STDM. Note that a formal right is also a social tenure relationship, but not all social tenure relationships are formal land rights.

“People to land” relationships can be expressed in terms of *persons (or parties) having social relationships to spatial units.*

Parties may be persons, groups of persons, or non-natural persons, that compose an identifiable single entity. A non-natural person may be a tribe, a family, a village, a company, a municipality, the State, a farmer’s cooperation, or a church community. This list may be extended, and it can be adapted to local situations.

Land rights may be formal ownership, apartment rights, usufruct, freehold, leasehold, or rights to State land. Land rights may also mean social tenure relationships like occupation, tenancy, non-formal and informal rights, customary rights (which may be of many different types with specific names), indigenous rights, and possession.

STDM Step-by-Step Guide

The STDM step-by-step guide is presented in a separate manual. XSF translated the STDM User’s Guide Tagalog Version prepared by the Technical Assistance Movement for People and Environment, Inc. (TAMPEI) into English. (*Refer to attachment H for the STDM Manual*).