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Most rural families in Malawi lack formal legal titles to the land they live on and farm, which creates insecurity often felt most acutely by women. When communities are resettled to make way for mining or other projects, discrimination – sometimes reinforced by local customary norms – can leave them less likely to receive fair compensation than men. And after losing their land, women are often the ones left scrambling to find some new way of feeding their families.

In Malawi, President Peter Mutharika has just assented to a new customary land bill, which provides opportunities for women to own land and participate in resolving land disputes. Malawi is also developing a National Resettlement Policy, setting minimum standards to ensure that the human rights to housing and property are respected when people are required to leave their homes.

Will the VP/HR hold talks with the Government of Malawi to encourage the speedy and effective implementation of these new laws?