

# Route Three: Democratizing Access

*An equitable distribution of rights to land and other natural resources promotes both poverty reduction and environmental protection.*

**W**HERE the total stock of natural assets is fixed – as in the case of land – democratizing rights of access can expand the poor’s share of these resources. This requires redistribution from the asset-wealthy to the asset-poor.



## ***In India***

*Ekta Parishad struggles for a fairer distribution of land and forest rights*

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## ***In Peru***

*CooperAcción defends mining communities’ rights to a healthy environment and equitable sharing in benefits*

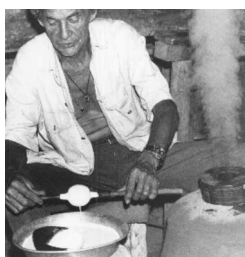
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## ***In the Philippines, South Africa, and Brazil***

*community-based organizations are assisting farmers and new cooperatives in the wake of ‘bottom-up’ land redistribution*

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## ***In the Brazilian Amazon***

*the government has recognized the rights of rubber tappers and forest dwellers by establishing extractive reserves*

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