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Welcome back. My name is Marlon Manuel and I am a senior advisor at Namati. This is an exciting lesson. Here you have the opportunity to engage in case studies that will bring to life the legal empowerment framework that we introduced in the last lesson.

The case studies we collected offer examples from around the world and across sectors. The first case study follows a community in Kenya as they work to register and protect their land.

Next, you can watch how participatory defense works to support those facing criminal cases in the United States. In the third case study, you can come alongside Nazdeek, a legal empowerment organisation in India which supports tea plantation farmers in Assam to access proper healthcare and fair wages.

Next, you can watch a portion of a Ted talk by Denise Dora, founder and current board member of THEMIS; an organisation that supports survivors of gender based violence and discrimination in Brazil. The next case study provides a glimpse into how communities were able to use the law to protect themselves from military land grabs before the coup in Myanmar.

We suggest that you watch the first two videos and then choose another one based on your interest, so 3 out of 5. After each case study there will be a short quiz to apply your understanding of the legal empowerment framework to the case study. To end the lesson, we challenge you to post on the discussion board.

Think about the injustice that you described in the first lesson. What would it look like to know, use and shape the law to confront that injustice. What type of laws would you or your partner community need to know more about? How would you imagine using these laws? Who would you need to work with to shape the law? We hope that the case studies help you understand the power of the different elements of the legal empowerment cycle.

More importantly, we hope that they leave you inspired to consider how you might apply that frame work to injustices you see. We really like the case studies. We hope that you will also like them. We have included a few more videos and articles in the additional reading section in case you want to see more.