



THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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SOME LEGISLATION ISSUES

-In Bolivia and Latin America we have legislation for mining activities, maybe is not the best one but we certainly have a good framework to manage the activities.

-New constitution in Bolivia may cause some problems to small scale and also large scale mining activities – THE LAND OWNERS.

-Royalty for gold in Bolivia is too high and this is causing a huge contraband market.

-Those are the biggest challenges that the government should attend.



What does not work in order to get the formalization of small scale miners?

- Donations.
- Creates non sustainable societies.

So what?

- It is mandatory to qualify:
Environmental issues.
Administration
Trading
TIC's



Financing

-In Bolivia and some other countries from Latin America, miners do not have any chance to finance their activities.

-Mining = Risk.

Informal financial forms:

-Partners.

-Traders.

-Commercial Stores.

But, the problems are:

-The interests.

-Small amounts.

-The terms.

-No one pays attention to E, S, L issues.



Then, why do miners can't find formal financial forms to improve their activities?

- Risk
- Formalization
- Cultural thing

Some examples we had...the mining banks in Peru and Bolivia

There is now an alternative through the government in Bolivia:

- A fund, called FOFIN



What are we doing?

-Fair trade gold certification:

Formalization.

Better Practices.

Monitoring



What do we need in order to get the certification?

We already have the structure but the main point here is that the miners should have the be sufficient conscience to understand the importance of better practices in their work, with a vision of a sustainable small scale mining activity (social and environmental responsible).

Thank you



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