

Artisanal Mining Transition in Kolwezi

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Key Research Results

- Five main research areas: child labor, agriculture, infrastructure and economic development, judicial review and rule of law, and women miners
- Diverse participation by international and Congolese institutions/organisations important to mitigate risks
- Child mining in Kolwezi does not fit the typical profile of child labor in the artisan mining sector: part-time, only partially economically driven, a very recent phenomenon.
- Agriculture sector in Kolwezi is very under-developed: initial efforts should be focused on small-scale initiatives spread across the Kolwezi area, must be linked to market access and infrastructure routes, will necessitate involvement of communities to house and train artisan miners on small farm lands.

Key Research Results cont...

- Infrastructure development in Kolwezi is a key requisite for both large scale mining development and equally so for the economic and social advancement of the population: common priorities do exist, HIMO an accepted element of any development strategy within specific contexts, priorities should be linked to the promotion of other economic sectors
- Training for formal sector employment: apprenticeships, internships, and formal education
- Significant role of women: washing, transporting, supplier businesses, and trading, main barrier to transition is financial buffers, link between child and women participation
- Competition in mandate and competencies of various institutions and organisations dedicated to support towards artisan miners: creates tension and conflict

Key Research Results cont...

- Economic development outside the mining sector: small business opportunities to diversify growth
- Artisan and small-scale mining contribute significantly to Kolwezi's economy: transformation to safe and regulated activities will contribute to a diversified mining sector
- Coordination between various stakeholders on ASM issues critical: building bridges between company initiatives, ASM-related institutions and Government planning
- Capacity building of Government institutions and the rule of law sector: ensure an enabling environment for ASM and LSM to individually and collectively prosper
- General population of Kolwezi cannot be isolated from the economic and social opportunities offered by any intervention: avoid activities that favor artisan miners solely

Key Outputs and Impacts

- Strategy Document for a peaceful transition of the artisan mining sector in Kolwezi
- Benchmarks and milestones for the coming four years
- Communication plan as part of an on-going engagement strategy
- Improved engagement between various stakeholders in Kolwezi
- Shift in perceptions of the potential space for ASM to contribute towards the mining sector in Kolwezi



Vision Statement

By 2015, Kolwezi town and the surrounding area is recognized for legal, efficient and responsible large and small-scale mining, mineral processing and trading, which generate a diversified and sustainable economy with equitable opportunities and benefits to the population at large. Social development is coordinated to deliver benefits beyond concessions, and is contributed to by a wide variety of stakeholders with a strong lead role played by the government and effective use of mining royalties.

Goals and Objectives

- Stimulate long-term economic recovery and growth
- Support mechanisms and capacity to ensure the rule of law
- Develop a cadre of skilled local people with corresponding employment opportunities
- Support the enabling environment for a diversified mining sector in which artisanal and small scale, as well as large scale mining activities function effectively and co-exist peacefully
- Stimulate and support local business development
- Provide operational infrastructure
- Encourage multi donor engagement with a view to transferring financial responsibility to a strengthened local government over time

Goals and Objectives cont...

- Align mining sector social investment to provincial planning for social infrastructure to increase sustainability and equity
- Support mechanisms to increase transparency and promote multi-stakeholder participation in decision making regarding territorial mining royalties
- Ensure a child labor free mining sector



Sector Activities

- Training to enable access to employment
- Development of small businesses to supply the formal mining sector
- Agricultural activities and alternative livelihoods
- Development of infrastructure using high intensity manual labor where possible
- Development of a legal and regulated artisanal and small-scale mining sector
- Support to vulnerable groups including women and children
- Support to improve governance and rule of law

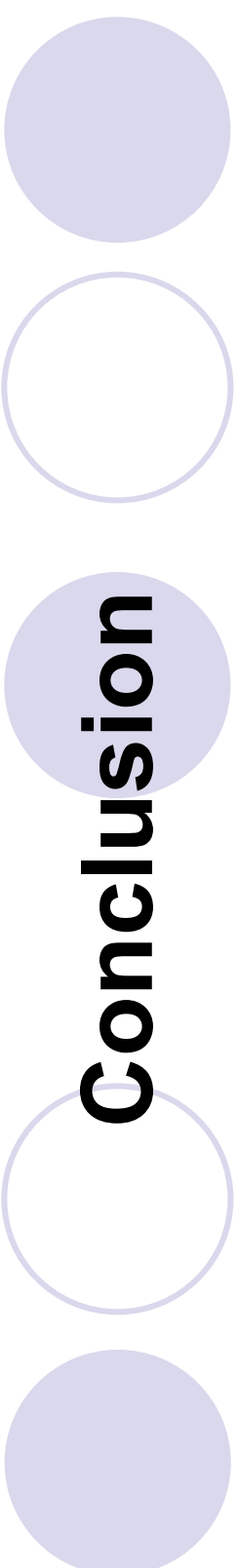
Approach and Management

- Multi-stakeholder participation in project managements: companies, donors, Government, and organisations
- On-going stakeholder engagement
- Mechanism options: 1) loose coordination and individual company project implementation or subcontracting; 2) Coordinated Development (steering committee); 3) Foundation or Trust.



Funding Proposal

- Multi-donor contribution (45% multi and bilateral donors-45% private companies -10% Government)
- First year target of 7.4M US
- Vision of increased central role and contribution from the DRC Government over the period with decreasing private sector funding and steady foreign donor support
- First year focus on quick wins, foundation for longer-term educational opportunities, Government capacity building program, and linkages to Provincial mechanisms and initiatives for social development and transparency



Conclusion

- Unique example of collaboration
- Challenges are great with no simple solution
- No single organisations, company, institution is capable of responding alone
- Opportunity to pilot an initiative for replication in other parts of the DRC (Ituri and Kasai)