



ITSCI brings conflict free status and trade to Kasese mine

In 2015, conflict broke out between two cooperatives at the Kasese mine, which led to the death of two people and the involvement of the Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo (FARDC) (Armed forces of DRC) to control and secure the mine site favoured towards one cooperative.

Pact/ITSCI staff recorded the issue as an ITSCI incident. As part of the incident resolution, ITSCI facilitated the set-up of a local multi-stakeholder committee at the Kasese site. The committee launched in June 2017, with all relevant stakeholders included, among them the cooperative, the landowner, state services, local authorities, negotiators, civil society and public security forces.

Several visits by Pact/ITSCI to explain the importance and benefits of adhering to ITSCI and due diligence were conducted. All members of the committee, including the president of the cooperative working at Kasese and the FARDC Commander supervising the area, subsequently agreed to sign a commitment to respect OECD due diligence guidance and ITSCI procedures, including not allowing FARDC to intervene in mining activities.

Tagging was subsequently launched in February 2018, with an official ceremony being held, which was attended by all stakeholders and the local population. Since the launch, the multi-stakeholder committee, one of 12 established in South Kivu, has been regularly meeting and reporting incidents in and around the mine, and no FARDC have been involved in mining activities.



“The start of tagging will enable us to better control the production of this site and to have accurate production statistics.”

-Paulin Munyololo, Service for Assistance and Supervision of Artisanal and Small Scale Mining organization (SAEMAPE) sub-office director



Sensitisation on ITSCI and due diligence at Kasese site



A miner washing minerals at Kasese mine [Photo: Pact]

The miners of Kasese are among nearly 5,000 earning a living at conflict-free ITSCI mines in South Kivu.

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