



Proactive expansion of mineral traceability in Shabunda

In 2016, the ITSCI programme was implemented at five mine sites in Shabunda, South Kivu, DRC. A local multi-stakeholder committee, or CLS, was set up and trained. Members began holding monthly meetings to discuss and monitor activities and review and mitigate risks and incidents. By 2018, five further mine sites were integrated into the ITSCI programme, further formalizing artisanal and small-scale mining in the area.

Members have regularly expressed within their meetings the need to add new sites, discussing productive sites that appeared to present no major security issues. Concerns were raised that minerals from the sites were being frauded to neighboring Maniema province, as such a case had been recorded through ITSCI earlier in 2017.

The CLS subsequently proceeded to evaluate new sites, starting with a meeting that included the Division of Mines, ITSCI and DEAGRI, a military unit in charge of supervising the demilitarization of sites. DEAGRI confirmed that security conditions at and around the sites were good, and that state security forces at mines were not involved in mining activities, in line with OECD due diligence guidelines. During the meeting, a list of 33 mining sites, including ten 3T sites, was completed.

Early 2018, the Territorial Administrator of Shabunda sent a letter to the Provincial Minister of Mines formally requesting the qualification and validation of the new sites. A different qualification and validation mission which took place in July in other areas of Shabunda territory has provided hope to CLS members that their request would be reviewed soon. All CLS members are looking forward to realising their goal.

“With the ITSCI project, the local community is benefitting from mineral trade, as the local tax contribution has helped rehabilitating our bridge,” civil society president Joseph Mpeseni said. “Validating further sites in the territory will help fund more community projects.”



“Validating more sites is the only way to efficiently address the fraud of minerals toward Maniema province”

-Simoko Somba Sapro, president of the local mining cooperative COMIMAK



From left to right: CLS meeting in Matili chaired by the local administrative chief of Matili town, Mr Kekwa Makele, in November 2017

Administrator in charge of Finances of Shabunda territory Mr Jean-Marie Salumu Kasongo; Shabunda territorial Administrator Mr Dieudonné Kashombanya Bin-Saleh, and the Vice-President of civil society organisations in Shabunda Ms Hélène Mikese, at the Shabunda CLS meeting on 1 March 2018

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