

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

ITSCI member company work with local government to make community improvements

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Thanks to ITSCI and RMB's frequent joint visits, ITSCI member NL Mining has observed positive behaviour changes among now formalised miners and traders.

Since it started operations in Muhanda, ITSCI member NL Mining Ltd has had a positive impact on the community through the eradication of illegal mining and Corporate Social Responsibility actions carried out in partnership with the local community and local government.

“ Thanks to NL Mining, the local government has a way to control the issue of illegal mining and the pollution of the Sebeya River. ”

NL Mining Ltd, working with the local government, mobilised around 800 people to reforest and fight against erosion,

Mr. Hibukimfura Jean Pierre, executive secretary of Muhanda sector



Security forces, Amiel, Jean Pierre and ITSCI staff planting trees

ITSCI Programme Supporting responsible mineral production

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planting 5,000 trees from the company nursery along the Sebeya River. The company donated 10 cows to neighbours as part of a larger program that has so far donated 244 cows.

The same day, Umutanguha Microfinance program visited the community to open bank accounts for miners and organize them into savings groups. The company offered collateral for all those interested in taking a loan.

NL Mining also included an ASM formalisation plan in their concession, with support from ITSCI, state service RMB and local authorities. The company started by identifying former informal buyers and asking them to become sub-contractors. The latter in turn engaged with informal miners, encouraging them to follow the company's policies and legal regulations. During joint visits with local authorities, they addressed problems including insecure working conditions and miners' initial unwillingness to adhere to standards, agreed-upon selling prices and environmental protections.

Today, NL Mining's formalisation plan is paying off. With more than 600 miners now working at the company's sites, production has increased from almost zero to 6 to 7 tonnes per month – a true win-win.

“ Miners today are encouraged to open bank accounts to be able to save and invest, get bank loans and run bigger projects. ”

Nkundabantu Lazarre, Umutanguha Microfinance program representative



ITSCI staff talking to the population and miners



Police commander addressing his remarks