

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# ITSCI launches a radio campaign to raise awareness on risks and abuses in mining

DRC

ITSCI has implemented a whistle-blowing and rapid-alert mechanism in seven Provinces of the DRC allowing anyone to anonymously call a toll-free hotline and report risks or abuses in the mineral supply chain.

A radio campaign was launched in DRC broadcasting every month over 500 spots in both French and Swahili on 21 radio stations.

In Maniema province's Lubutu territory Hugo Assani Muloba, a host of "Umoja ya Lubutu" radio station, noticed the interest of his audience on the problems of the mining sector and therefore decided to organise an open call-in

“ The radio programming is a very important initiative that demonstrates that mining stakeholders are more and more responsible in their activities. ”

Hugo Assani Muloba



Radio hosts at Oka Kyondo radio in Luena town, Haut-Lomami Province

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ITSCI was developed and is managed by the global not-for-profit tin and tantalum industry associations ITA and T.I.C. as an inclusive, sustainable, multi-stakeholder programme. We assist all actors in implementing due diligence to create responsible 3T mineral supply chains and benefit from trade, even from high risk areas and our standards are 100% aligned with the OECD guidance. ITSCI has a track record of global co-operation and achievement contributing to capacity building, better governance, human rights and stability through monitoring more than 2000 mine sites in Burundi, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda, and protecting the livelihood of tens of thousands of miners plus their communities.

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session, during which listeners could ask questions to civil society and government leaders.

On 29 November 2019, ITSCI staff was on air as guest experts to explain the dangers related to the presence of children at mine sites, as well as the risks associated with state armed forces' involvement in mining activities. The next day, local authorities shared with listeners the strategies to protect mineral resources and ensure the community benefits from the mining sector. Guests included the Territory Administrator and representatives of the Service d'assistance et d'encadrement artisanale à petite échelle (SAEMAPE), Division of Mines, and Association of Development of Lubutu (ADLU).

In the town of Luena, Haut-Lomami Province, "Oka Kyondo" radio station took the interactive programming a step further. On 10 November 2019, during the 'Oka Débat' discussion hour, the station aired a live discussion about how the community can effectively deter children from mining and encouraged children to return to school. The Division of Mines and traditional authorities in Kibanda contributed to the debate.

The radio campaign will certainly have a far-reaching impact on the mining communities for which accurate information about responsible mining is vital.



*Oka Kyondo radio in Luena town, Haut-Lomami Province*