

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Boosting local businesses and Bringing peace among clans in Maniema

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After decades of conflict, ITSCI brings peace among clans in Maniema Province

In the Pang'i territory, the benefits of the ITSCI programme have transformed a decades-long local conflict. Since 1975, the Nbizu, Ngozi and Kayeye clans have been in a protracted land dispute. The clans disagreed about the boundaries between each community's land in the forest surrounding their homes. The stakes were high because the land has ancestral significance and the clans struggled to trace and differentiate between their minerals, exacerbating the conflict.

However, since 2013, the clans have gradually been integrated into the ITSCI programme.

“ITSCI has brought peace between the clans and business.”

Mr. Mussa Museme Djogoo, president of the COMINZI cooperative in Nbizu

ITSCI tags have provided the communities with tools to resolve disputes over land and mining taking place within the forests. By requiring consistent, ongoing monitored statistics for each site, ITSCI has enabled the clans to distinguish between their respective production.



A delegation of state agents and representatives of an exporter meeting with COMINGOZI and COMINZI cooperatives to assess their need in equipment at ITSCO site of Katembo

ITSCI Programme Supporting responsible mineral production

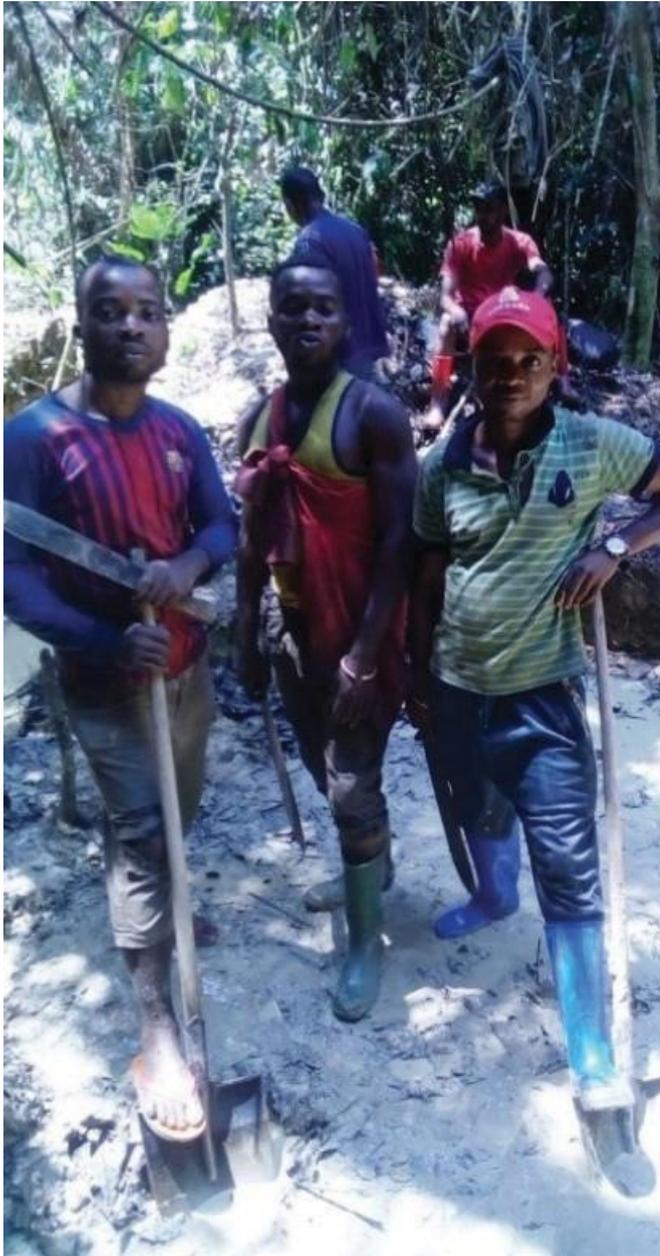
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Participation in the ITSCI programme has resulted in considerable benefits to each community.

Mr. Mussa Museme Djogoo, President of the COMINZI cooperative in Nbizu, which includes around 80 artisanal miners, praised ITSCI's impact in Maniema.



A team of miners from COMINZI cooperative at the ITSCI site of ANGONGO

“ The growth of the 3T mining sector has boosted small economic activities of the residents. ”

Mr. Corneille Malungu, President of the COMELIE cooperative

COMINGOZI, the cooperative representing the Ngozi clan, has reinvested in the community part of the increased profit it has experienced because of ITSCI. The cooperative is constructing a school in Kizigaziga village, and revenue from artisanal mining has paid for needed sheet metal.

The COMELIE cooperative, based in Kayeye, has a membership of over 60 miners. Its President, Mr. Corneille Malungu, has noticed increase efficiency and profitability for the artisanal mining sector in Kayeye. Mr. Malungu noted that because participation in the ITSCI system facilitates relationships between processors that finance production and miners in the cooperative, the community as a whole benefits.



President of COMINZI cooperative, MUSSA MUSEME DJOGOO