

THE EXTRACTIVES INDUSTRIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN KENYA PROJECT

SUMMARY PROJECT UPDATE 2014 - AUGUST 2015

Introduction

In 2013, under the support of the UNDP Global Programme for Extractive Industries and UNDP Regional Africa Programme for extractive Industries, UNDP Kenya developed the Extractives Industries for Sustainable Development in Kenya project. The Project seeks to ensure that the extractive sectors in Kenya are governed in a more participatory, equitable and sustainable way to ensure that they contribute to peace and sustainable human development. The project was signed off at the National Treasury in November 2013 and the Ministry of Mining came on board in mid-2014.

The Ministry of Mining is the main coordinating agency for all the government stakeholders for implementation of the project. This is to be done through the Extractive Industry-National Project Steering Committee.

2014 Progress and Achievements

Some of the key achievements realized so far are as listed below

1. November 2014: A National consultations workshop on extractive industries was organized by Ministry of Mining and UNDP. It brought together key government representatives, private sector, development partners, CSOs and other stakeholders to interrogate emerging pertinent issues/challenges around extractive industries and the emerging way forward.
2. One training event for key media house editors and three county training events for journalists reporting on the extractives sector to ensure reporting on extractive industries is done accurately and highlight issues concerning communities and human development. Feedback indicated there has been noted improvement in reporting on mining issues in media therefore reducing misinformation and incitement which has led to a better working relationship between the communities and the private sector.
3. Training held and public-private dialogue workshops for building supply linkages with small and middle sized enterprises in the promotion of Corporate Social Investment (CSI) in Kwale. Community leaders and Government officials were engaged in the discussions on community development, peacebuilding and Corporate Social responsibility (CSR).
4. Several studies were conducted awaiting a stakeholder's workshop for the findings to be presented to the key stakeholders for recommendations and findings to be discussed and way forward agreed. The studies include:
 - Artisanal and small scale mining in Taita Taveta. This was to identify the risks, challenges and opportunities of youth, women and men in Artisanal and small scale Mining.

- Supply Chain Analysis at national level and in Kwale and Kitui counties to inform the development of small and medium size enterprises drawing lessons from countries with more mature extractive sectors.
 - A Value Chain Analysis of the extractives industry in Kwale County, with a special focus on Silica sands and the Duruma (Mazeras) slates.
 - The legal and policy framework for management of the Extractive Sector. The study was conducted by a legal specialist and the draft report to be presented to a stakeholders review workshop to be held in 2015.
 - The incidence of conflict in the extractive industries conducted to analyze and identify driver of conflict, peace capacities, and traditional dispute resolution mechanism. This was to inform pre-extraction decisions of Government and companies as well as linkages between the extractive industries and marginalized groups.
5. Support to the Information Centre for the Extractive Sector at the African Development Bank through the recruitment of a Coordinator. The coordinator will be in place until end of February 2015.

Activities ongoing in 2015

To ensure continuity and conclusion of the project activities as identified in the project document, the following activities are ongoing in the 2015 work plan:

- Annual meeting of the Project Steering Committee on the progress made so far in the Extractives sector in the country.
- Institutional Capacity Building for the Ministry (This includes support to the setting up of the Community Liaison Division within the Ministry) ***There is already a Community Liaison Officer in the Ministry.***
- Legal, policy and institutional capacity development- Support the sensitization of the Mining Bill ***(The Mining Bill is still in the Senate awaiting to be passed. Timeframe cannot be estimated for it to be passed as this will inform the summarization of the Bill to be disseminated in communities across the country.(Summarized Version)***
- Information dissemination mechanisms: – Recognize journalists reporting on extractives, print 1,000 copies of the report on status of media reporting on extractives and launch during the World’s Press Freedom Day to be commemorated on 4th May, 2015 at KICC and is supported by Media Council. ***Prior to this there was a one day validation workshop in Kitui on media reporting and coverage of extractives.***
- Establishing dispute resolution mechanisms between communities over the extractives; conduct review of experiences with Community Investment Funds – Conduct an all-inclusive stakeholder forum to report on SME survey done in Kitui, engage all stakeholders in discussing the proposed coal mining in Kitui County. ***The Ministry of Mining is to take the lead.***
- Facilitate community engagement to ensure participatory decision making, collaborative engagement between communities, government and private

sector through supporting workshops and forums between stakeholders to discuss emerging issues in the extractives and agree on a way forward;

- Providing capacity building to the Ministry of Mining and National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to in monitoring and enforcement of environmental standards (including environmental depository Bonds) and developing policy and frameworks for decommissioning mines.

This process is ongoing.