



Photos from Mining and Mineral Policy, 2018, Min. of Energy and Mineral dev.

Project description

- **What?** research on **obstacles** caused by legal reforms to **women in artisanal and small scale mining (ASM)**
- **Where?** Uganda
- **Goal?** to secure a win-win situation for **women in artisanal mining** in Uganda in terms of **decent wages, ability to voice opinion** and ensuring that legislation is **responsive to their needs**

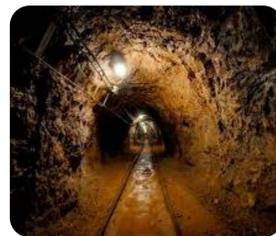
"As IOB alumni, we must speak, knock on closed doors and engage whom we think we can influence. Surprisingly the people we fear to confront listen to reason (...) I was overwhelmed when the entire department of mines turned up for my presentation. Therefore, we must continuously confront obstacles of change, to improve the livelihoods of the voiceless at the bottom of production chains."

What I learned at IOB?

- ❑ My education at IOB was an eye opener for me. Coming from a legal background, my focus was on top-down approaches to development.
- ❑ At IOB, I had to unlearn everything I had learnt about society, change and transformation; after various lessons in development sociology, research methodology, political science, development economics and about livelihoods.
- ❑ Importantly, I acquired classroom knowledge on research methods and was very fulfilled when I got to apply these lessons first hand during research
- ❑ My career at the moment is oriented to finding solutions to various categories of people affected by the extractives industry using multi-dimension approaches such as dialogue, field work, and knowledge sharing.
- ❑ The networks I acquired at IOB mainly has been my supervisor whom to-date I consult on a number of issues in the field

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

- ❑ my study findings(through field research) contributed to **legal reform in aspects of gender inclusiveness and human rights** in the sector.
 - ❖ research in three sectors where **women are employed yet under rewarded**, the **gold mining** sector being one such
 - ❖ then **analysed an emerging piece of legislation** to identify problems with regard to provision on gender in mining and highlighting the discordances with practices in ASM.
 - ❖ **field study** for two in the Mubende gold mining district of Uganda) on women's livelihoods in mining → realised policy was **void of the voices, wishes and aspirations** of the people it is meant to regulate and guide.
 - ❖ shared my findings with the responsible **ministry**, who then requested me to redraft the policy provisions that I had found anomalous.
 - ❖ **revised the provisions on gender** and these provisions have been **incorporated in the present Mining and Minerals Policy of Uganda, 2018.**
- ❖ in touch with the legislative office and the Directorate of Geological Survey and Mines for the **next working session to overhaul the legislation on mining** in 2019.



Alumna role in project

- ❑ research associate **Great Lakes Institute for Strategic Studies**
- ❑ **East African Extractives Barometer Project** => looks into the **governance** of benefit sharing, equity and social- justice trends in **the extractives sector** in East Africa (regular assessments of governance of the sector at the national and regional level using empirical data that look at the impact of the sector on frontline communities in the region)

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