



JAJAZ IN CHRIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - MINING REPORT

**Delegate: M. M. J.
Country: UGANDA - EAST AFRICA**



STATISTICS

- Number of Miners - **1000+**
- Sectors - **Different Districts**
- Mining of which Raw Materials - **Local Materials**



IMPACT OF MINING ON WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS

- As per now the local miners working and living conditions are still very poor, the reason being that its only the land owners benefiting from the local miners as shown below: **I am calling upon the international miners to partner with local Ugandan miners with mining equipment's as you can see we do everything locally.**
- Which international financial capital: **We do not have any international or local capital with us we work locally.**





Women Miners in rural areas face a number of challenges;

- Women Miners in Uganda have a limited access to external funds due to the absence of tangible security and in general they do not own property in their own names, limiting them to access external funds
- They also suffer from inadequate financial resources and working capital to boost their local mining activities.
- Miners who are single mothers in rural areas in Uganda, are less able to access support from their communities and network due to restricted movements from place to place by their estranged husbands.
- Women Miners in rural areas are earning less



Miners families go to the hospital just get pain killers and drip as above , Doctors attend to patients who have paid them only and are admitted inside the hospital but the rest without money are admitted outside the hospital.



China pipeline

- Concerning the pipeline being built by Chinese and French companies from Uganda Tanzania, local miners are not benefiting from the pipeline construction, only the Chinese and France foreigners plus few people are benefiting from the construction of the pipeline.





- What was fought for: **We fight for our rights as local miners being that we are local miners, and whatever we make is for the land owners. As per now we have not yet succeeded, as we continue fighting for our rights.**
- Most miners' families cannot afford building themselves iron sheets houses due to persistent poverty, the only houses that we can afford are grass thatched houses as you may see, and during rainy season most miners' families do not sleep due to the houses that leak during raining season.
- Our main demands: **Is to request miners' delegates from the world to make partnerships with local miners' organization's from developing countries/world through mining**





◦ **Our transport:** Above is our transport that the poor can afford (motorcycles and bicycles), we are calling upon the people from the world to come and support the local women miners with any type of transport, it's always well come.





There are costs associated with getting to a health facility, but the Ugandan government says that health services provided at government facilities should be free. Apparently, the Ugandan government doesn't define 'free' the way the rest of the world does.



- Other challenges that miners' families here are facing a lot of water challenges as you can see below.



- Houses of the miner's poor living condition of the miner's families here in our community.



- Cooking challenges of miners families here in our community is also another challenge , as we cooked using fire wood as you can see , other women are too old to look for fire wood..





This is to bring to you attention, more concerns of miner's children who attend very poor schools and some of the children go to school just to sit and hear due to poverty whereby most families here can not afford buying books, uniforms, shoes, pencils and education support etc. as you may see below.



- Agriculture sector with the miners here in our community, most miners' families here can not afford hiring a tractor for farming, we only use cows as per attached and hoes for digging.



- Over the years, our rural miners' farmers depend on indigenous or local knowledge for improved farming system/animal husbandry.



What was achieved

- We managed to come together and bring out our voices as local miners to the government leaders, but as per now we have not yet received any reply from the government, ever since we organized a local miners meeting 3 years back.



Gender equality

- As per now men are treated to be more superior than the women with all the powers to make up a decision in family, community and the government. Hence women, having less power to make a decision in the family, community and the government.



- **How was the struggle carried out?** All in all, we still lack financial support in order to hold a meeting.
- **What forms and methods of struggle were developed?** Due to financial challenges we have not yet found out a solution towards our challenges..



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What questions or problems arise about organising the miners?

- The major challenges that we face organizing the miner's meetings is financial problems.
- **Who are the miners' allies with whom they can unite?** We are all local miners in our community/district we can always unite when we get some mining equipment's.



○ We local miners from Uganda, we are calling upon any delegate, organization etc. to come up and make a partnership with us through any of the listed programs below.

○ **1. Mining equipments**

○ **2. Building a vocational school (buying tailoring machines, hair dressing machines etc.)**

○ **3. Building health centres (construction)**

○ **4. Acquiring vehicles/vans for the local miners**

○ **5. Construction of miner's houses**

○ **6. Digging and construction of Toilets**

○ **7. Farming equipment's (Buying tractors, hoes etc)**

○ **8. Building schools**

○ **9. Construction of clean water sources**

○ **Thank you very much**

