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The people of DRC have never benefited from their mineral wealth, because of other countries exploiting their resources and armed militias controlling mines with impunity. Poor governance in the DRC and high levels of corruption mean that the people are not defended by their government. There is a good Mining Code, setting out what mining companies should do to benefit the local population, but it is little known and rarely enforced.

The Conflict Minerals Campaign (CMC) plans to provide training for people about their rights, by meetings and via radio broadcasts. They will establish local CMC committees, and organise meetings with companies and local authorities to advocate for local people so that actions can be agreed by companies to benefit local people. These will be followed by monitoring.

The project will press for answers to two major questions: why do the minerals of the DRC and more particularly those exploited in the Fizi territory, not benefit the population of Fizi, and that of the South Kivu province? And what needs to be done to ensure that the population benefits from its mineral resources? These dialogues are expected to lead to the signing of agreements or specifications between mining companies and the local population by which the mining companies will agree to build roads, schools, hospitals, markets, and provide drinking water and electricity for the local population according to the needs expressed by the local population.

