



2021 September Newsletter

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4th Minerals Exhibition successfully launched on 22nd September 2021 by the Tanzania Prime Minister Hon. Kassimu Majaliwa in Geita region.

As CLARITY project team we had our booth at exhibition compound (EPZ), that gave us the opportunity to raise awareness about the project and to meet different new stakeholders from public and private sectors. The event was a very good opportunity for the organisation and the project publicity & visibility.

Picture: Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa when giving his speech during 4th minerals exhibition in Geita region.

CLARITY Project Booth.

During 4th minerals exhibition held in Geita region The Chato District Commissioner (DC) Hon. Martha Mkupasi visited our CLARITY Project booth.

We shared information about the project and how we are implementing our activities through three main components of Policy & Governance, Business & Livelihood and Social Inclusion and Gender (SIG).

She was very happy to hear about the project and the good methodologies and strategies used by the project team.

At the end we received very positive feedback and government is expecting positive changes/impacts as aimed.





The CLARITY project team attended various business forums that was organized by other stakeholders during the 4th minerals exhibition i.e GGML and NEEC prepared the meeting with local SMEs to provide understanding on how local SMEs can work with GGML.

The project team succeeded to make contacts with 33 private companies during the 4th minerals forum and they are looking forward to see on how SMEs can be linked with them.

Picture: Project Team at CLARITY project booth during 4th minerals exhibition held in Geita region.

Business Forums.

The forum connected SMEs with different business certifications, market access supporting stakeholders, government organisations and authorities.

Business Forum aimed at ensuring SMEs are aware and understand what are the essential government procedures to comply with business certifications and how they can access and linked to new markets and getting to be aware on different business opportunities available in Geita and Mara regions.

Two days business forum prepared by the VSO CLARITY project team and facilitated by NEEC, BRELA, SIDO, TRA, GSI, WIMA, and AKO group.

25 SMEs were reached (19 Women, 4 Men, 2 People With Disabilities – PWDs).





The capacity building workshop was conducted to the group of LGAs, CSOs, SMEs, LSM, and Key Ministries. Inclusive Multi-Stakeholders dialogue aimed at broadening partnership between groups and building trust and mutual understanding of each actors' issues and interests. One Multi-stakeholders' forum was established and activity managed to identify each actors' interests, roles and expectation in the mining sector value chain.

Sustainable management of mineral resources entails broader engagement of miners and civil society organizations on capacity building and exchange of experience.



CSOs/networks were supported to jointly develop and implement prevention, mitigation and remediation strategies. Trainings was delivered to 30 members on how to organize the formation of Social Accountability Monitoring (SAM) Committees through transforming of knowledge and awareness concerning Collective Rights Realization in Extractive Industry. District commissioner agreed to Support SAM committee on the implementation of social accountability monitoring around the Kiabakari where there is cater gold mining.



Picture: The project team with small scale women miners from (GEWOMA) after a successful mentorship session in Geita region.



One day Coaching session to 10 women small miners from Gewoma (Geita Women Miners) took place on 23rd September in Geita region.

The session focused on discussing the critical issues that hinders women to access different social and economic opportunities in the extractive sector.

At the end of the session clear positive implementation plans were developed based on making a positive change towards issues and challenges highlighted.



Picture: Kivulini Program Officers Aneth (right) and Mageth (middle) when visited local leaders office before the community dialogue at Bululu village in Nywang'wale DC - Geita.

Using participatory methods in dialogues is a great way to engage the community members, to use it as a platform to share their views, ideas, experiences and acting together towards seeking solutions for their challenges through discussion.

KIVULINI: One of the CSOs (Community Service Organisation) is implementing Worst form of child labor project in Geita region and this opened a room/opportunity for the CLARITY Project team to find ways of implementing some Social Inclusion and Gender (SIG) activities with them.

Dialogues aiming at protecting and preventing children on engaging in child labor, resolving and raising awareness on Gender Based Violence issues and it all forms.





Pictures: The project team with youth representatives during aspiration training in Geita region.

Youth Representatives Advisory.

Aspiration assessment to youth representatives in Geita Town Council took place on 22nd of September 2021.

The event/session involved Local Government Leaders i.e Village chair person, Village Executive Officer and the Community Development Officer.

The session facilitated by the Youth representatives Advisor (Dotto Joseph) and supported by the VSO communication specialist (Nicholaus Jackson).

Total of 25 Youth Representatives (14 Women, 11 Men) attended.





Pictures: Ongoing market linkages and peer to peer learning/training aimed at providing market linkages opportunities to women, youth and PWDs through peer to peer learning and business forums.

Sessions brought together the government authorities, private sector and marginalised youth, women and People With Disabilities (PWDs) groups to jointly plan and share ideas and information on promising value chain opportunities around the extractive sector.

In both regions, 150 marginalised youth, women and PWDs were reached and 4 of them were supported to showcase their business and 2 of them registered their businesses at Brela during 4th Geita minerals exhibition held in Geita region.





"As Interactive theatre community volunteers we use different methodologies such as traditional dance, interactive theatre, poems and songs in delivering sensitive issues from Gender Based Violence (GBV) that leads to child labor".

"We sensitize equal participation in social and economic practices between men and women". Helena Mtaju

September 2021 launching of the Interactive Theatre took place in two districts of Mara and Geita regions (Tarime Dc & Geita Dc). The launch aimed at introducing community youth volunteers to the respective community leaders, introducing the CLARITY project and its interventions, strengthening relationship with the government officials and demonstrating what interactive theatre will be delivering in the respective communities and receiving feedback from the attendees to help on reaching positive impacts as aimed.



Picture: Janeth is 15 years old and has the ambition of becoming a pilot, but she was forced to get married to a buried dead man from a rich family at her village.

She had to escape from home but ended up in the hands of a pastor's family where she was about to be raped by the pastor. Thereafter she decided to leave the house and on the way she was raped by hooligans.

Finally she got a job at a grocery where again she was sexually harassed until she became unconscious.

The play re-drawn and Mjini Kati chair person Mr. Solomon Gatora played his role as a duty bearer in supporting Janeth.



WHERE ARE MY RIGHTS?

Hellen is a young girl who dropped out of school due to her parents' desires of her getting married to a rich man at her village, so that they earn money from him.

At first Hellen did not agree as she needed to proceed with her studies and not to get married at young age. Unfortunately her parents pressure and influences forced her to do so.

The man who married her was a drunk man and wasn't responsible at all. He was punishing her corporally and Hellen's body turned into a body of pains and scars. Hellen got pregnant at young age and her husband got another wife and was spending all his money luxurily.

One day her husband came home and beat her hardly that resulted to a miscarriage. He left her with no help.

A question to you:
What do you think should be done?



"I get inspired by the way these individuals go through a lot of hurdles but still they give their best towards realising their dreams"



LIFE SKILLS ADVISOR. MR. PHOTUNATUS NYUNDO

Photunatus Nyundo is using his life skills expertise in the CLARITY project to build confidence and ability of ultra marginalised women, youth and persons with disabilities (PWDs) to chart their own lives and thus their overall empowerment.

He facilitates formation of peer support groups, aspiration analysis and building youth, women and persons with disabilities abilities to understand and assess their own assets in groups and address systematic and cultural barriers which prevent them from claiming their rights and entitlement as well as achieving their economic aspirations.

In the past 2 quarters he trained more than 200 youth from 5 communities where the CLARITY project is implemented.

MR. PHYNEOUS MASIMANGO INTERACTIVE THEATRE ADVISOR.

Phyneous Masimango is passionate about Youth related initiatives. His role advisor in the CLARITY project is to change attitudes and behaviour that infringe human rights in the communities of Geita and Mara regions using arts (Interactive Theatre) through community volunteers.

He is expecting marginalized groups to be in a position of airing their voices, realizing their rights and social and economic entitlements in the extractive sector.



"CLARITY Project helped me to raise awareness on various Business and human rights aspects. I appreciate the support I am getting from business advisors from CLARITY Project and SIDO. I argue CLARITY project team to come up with more special programs and increase close supervision to us so that we can grow more and more".

Milemo M. Mwita

"Inclusion of People With Disabilities (PWDs) in the project is very important because we are among the groups with different needs in the society"

"The Business forum helped us to understand and be aware of different business practices including the services provided by TRA, GSI and others."

Kelphlin Ludigija



"4th minerals exhibition is a good platform for the CLARITY project team to raise awareness on how Small and Medium enterprises can identify various opportunities and see how they can benefit from them. The business forum acted as an opportunity to the team to meet different producers, sellers and buyers.

I am sure that the 2 days Business forum prepared by the CLARITY team will add value to the attendees as now they will be aware on how they can make their business comply with the government authorities requirements such as TRA, TBS".

Rajabu Athumani





Picture: The VSO Tanzania team with International Volunteers at VSO Tanzania Head Quarter office - Masaki, Dar Es Salaam.

Welcome on Board.

We are pleased and grateful to welcome our International Volunteers:

Jan Drent (Business Advisor), Anastasia Kret (Human Rights Advisor), Manouk Agterberg (Communication Specialist) and Monica Martinez (Private Sector Advisor) to Tanzania and in our CLARITY Project.

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success" Henry Ford.



Picture: Jan Drent (Left) and Anastasia Kret (Right).



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