

CASE STUDY

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Kelvin's challenge is to try to ensure that local people benefit from the proceeds of the extractive industries carrying out activities in their area. Whilst attending the Emerging Leaders in African Mining (ELAM) event in Cape Town in 2015, one of the sessions that caught his attention was the presentation by Professor David Brereton on 'Country Level Challenges' which identified some of the barriers to linkages between mining and development. This was one of the themes that inspired Kelvin's Return to Work plan.

Through our work local people have access to information on how to go about obtaining artisanal mining titles and the rules and responsibilities of the exploiters on one side and the government on the other side. The success story is that local people are more confident and feel free to follow up to have the legal documents that enable them to extract their resources.

I have been able to influence some in-house and field decisions based on my leadership skills gained through the mining leadership training delivered by IM4DC. One of the lessons that has really influenced my work back home was from the session on 'solving complex and wicked problems'.

Kelvin plans to further develop his skills through training opportunities linked to working with and empowering local communities, to have greater influence on local authorities to improve community welfare and economic status.



Kelvin Ndzishengong with indigenous people of Dikomi Bafaw during field work