

CASE STUDY



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To what extent have you been able to implement your return to work project, or skills learned, to your situation?

Since returning, I have been able to meaningfully carry out a situation analysis of the various aspects of mining and sustainability in Zambia, and test to what extent the principles of mining for sustainable development and other environmental principles are being applied locally. These ideas are mainly developed through study, research activities or proposals, which will eventually culminate into publications and professional short courses or lecture materials.

What have been your successes?

My main success is the general acceptability of the relevance of this initiative or concept of mining for development by Zambian stakeholders, including civil society organisations, academics, policy makers etc.

I believe more needs to be done to further amplify these concepts and their relevance to addressing the many developmental challenges being faced by many of our countries.

What have been the challenges involved?

Though mining for development is not a very new concept in Zambia, one challenge noticed is the lack of interest and commitment by many, and the limited knowledge base available locally. This includes lack of necessary expertise and resources in the various aspects of mining for development which in turn, negatively affects development of forward-looking pathways or policy frameworks.

What are your future plans and the ultimate goal of your project/work?

Future plans include:

- to continue strengthening and perfecting my knowledge in this field of mining for economic development through research; and
- influencing research directions in order to address pertinent issues which are barriers to the meaningful contribution of Zambia's minerals industry to social and economic advancement of the country.