ESRC GCRF Inclusive Societies: ‘Mediation Model for Sustainable Infrastructure Development’:

Scaling up Praxis from Mongolia to Central Asia.

**Interview questions: Kyrgyzstan, 2019**

**Local community member Interview Questions**

1. Demographic Information

* Name
* Age
* Number of Children
* Birthplace
* How many years have you been living in this area?
* What is your main source of income?
  + Probe: artisanal mining? Seasonal work? Army? Socialist time job?
* Are you the primary breadwinners in your family? Do you receive income from elsewhere or support families living elsewhere?
* How many livestock do you have? What types of livestock?
* Do you have family members who have migrated abroad to look for work? If yes, how many? Reasons for migration?
* What is your water source? Where do you get your water from? How far away is it from your house?

1. Information Transmission

* What are the main ways you receive new information about development in the region? (i.e. facebook, radio, TV, newspaper, word-of-mouth)?
* How is information communicated between the mine and local residents/other groups?
* What types of information do you find most trustworthy? From what sources (i.e. National, local governments, mining company, NGOs and Civil Society groups, local villagers)?
* If you have a concern regarding development in your region, how do you communicate it and to whom?
* How and where do you receive information about mining operations/infrastructure development?
* What kind of information do you need about the mining sector? What for do you need this information?
* If there is enough information about the mining sector in the area? Will data disposure lead to conflict mitigation?

1. Training

* Are there any trainings in town?
* Do NGOs or international groups work here?
* Have NGOs or international groups provided any training? If so on what topics?
* What kinds of training do you want? Do you think it is useful?

1. Environment/Climate

* Is the climate changing? Precipitation, temperature, vegetation
* Where do you get water from? How far is the nearest water source?
* Who controls the water? Are wells open or locked?
* Is there adequate water?
* Are there new wells?
* How is land used in this area?
* How is the quality of pasture?
* Are there any fenced off areas?

1. Livelihoods and Socioeconomic Dynamics

* How often do you visit the district centre?
* What types of new development or infrastructure is in your village? Have you heard about regional development funds? What do you think about it?
* How do you feel about infrastructure development/mining in your area? Have you experienced any benefits or losses?
* Have you witnessed any examples of social conflict related to the infrastructure or mining development? If so, please give an example.
* Which groups are participating the in the social conflict? What are their main driving reasons?
* Have you witnessed any environmental changes? If so, what are they?

1. Mining in the region

* When did the mining begin in the region?
* How far is the mining from your village?
* How much longer will the mining be here?
* Are there any positive aspects of the mining industry in this region? How has it affected your life?
* What happens after the mining finishes?
* Does the mining company take care of the environment? If yes, please give examples.

1. Conflict and Trust

* Are there conflicts related to mining in this area? If so, between which groups? Give examples
* What are the conflicts or disputes about?
* How do you solve problems or disputes?
* Are there any people that you trust to help solve disputes? If so, what characteristics does this person have?
* What makes a person/organization trustworthy?

1. China/Sinophobia

* What are your feelings about China?
* What is the role of the Chinese in this location?
* Have you had any experience with Chinese people? Are there Chinese people working at the mine?

**National and Local Government Interview Questions**

Interviews with local, district and national level governors, environmental and land officers

1. General Information

* Name
* How long have you been working in your current role?
* Have you worked for the national/local government in the past? If so, what did you do?

1. Information about the local government

* How many villages in XXX what is population of XXX?
* Frequency of Head of XXX turn over
* How often do the local governance councils meet per month?
* Has the population changed in the last decade? Increased, decreased?

1. Mining in the region

* What types of new development or infrastructure is in your area? What do you think about it?
* How are mining licences issued in this area? Is there a period of consultation with the local population before a mining license is approved?
* Has the community experienced any benefits or losses?
* Does the company support local community funds or other projects?
* Does the mining company have a systematic approach in communicating the national/local government and local residents? Who is your main contact person at the mine?
* How long has mining been here and how much longer will it be here?
* What happens after the mining finishes?

1. Nature of Conflicts and Challenges

* What kind of complaints do you usually receive from local residents about mining in the area?
* Does current legislation protect local citizen rights to use land? What types of laws protect local residents’ rights to use water and pasture?
* How does the national/local government participate in allocating the revenues received from the mine?
* Have you witnessed any examples of social conflict related to the mining development? If so, please give an example.
* Have any formal complaints been made against the company in this region? If so, what was the nature of that complaint?
* If conflict have occurred, how have they been resolved?
* What does the government do when there are conflicts between local residents and local industries over land use? Can you provide any examples?
* What is the capacity of national/local government to enforce laws about environmental regulations?
* Are there social movements in this area?
* What is the role of the State committee for industry and subsoil use and how is their information and data shared? Is this information trusted by the local governments?
* Do you feel there is cooperation between the mining company and local residents? If so, how has this been achieved?
* What do you think most affects the trust between the company and local residents?
* Have you observed any types of social friction or conflict between local residents? What are the main disputes about?

1. Transmission/Communication of Knowledge and Information

* How do you receive information about mining projects in this area?
* How does the mining company work with or communicate with national/local government?
* To what extent is information about new projects freely available to the national/local government? To citizens?
* What types of information do you find most trustworthy? From what sources?
* What kind of information do you need about the mining sector to be able to fully function and prevent conflict within your area?
* If there is enough information about the mining sector in the area? Will data disposure lead to conflict mitigation?

1. China

* What are your feelings about China?
* What is the role of the Chinese in this location?
* Are Chinese welcome here? Does the community welcome the Chinese here?

1. Training

* Are there any trainings in town?
* Do NGOs or international groups work here?
* Have NGOs or international groups provided any training? If so on what topics?
* What kinds of training do you want? Do you think it is useful?

1. Environmental questions (additional questions for environmental/land officers)

* What are the responsibilities of your job?
* Have you witnessed any environmental changes? If so, what are they?
* Who is responsible for the maintenance of wells?
* Is the climate changing? Precipitation, temperature, vegetation
* Is there adequate water?
* How is land used in this area?
* How is the quality of pasture?

**Local Mine Management Interview Questions**

Interviews with community relations staff, any other representatives of mine management

1. General Information

* Name
* What is your role in the company?
* How long have you been working with this company?
* Do you live in here? If not, where do you live?

1. Company Information

* [question for mine manager] How long has the company or companies operated in the region?
* [question for mine manager] How long is the life of the project?
* What happens after the mining finishes?
* Does the staff live in the *village* centre or at the mine site?
* Does the mine employ locals? What types of jobs? What is the proportion of locals vs international or employees from other part of the country?
* What company manages the investment?
* What land area does the project cover (have exclusive use of?)
* What types of supporting infrastructure has been built by the company? i.e. roads, railroads, power lines, etc.
* What types of infrastructure has been built by the company under social package or Regional development funds?
* What is being produced?
* Where is it exported?
* How much production per year? Will this remain the same, increase or decrease over time?
* What types of local environmental resources are needed for production?
* Does your operation require the use of water or other local resources? If so, how do you obtain these resources?
* Is the company most concerned about profit? Reputation?

1. Nature of Conflicts and Challenges

* Have any formal complaints been made against the company in this region? If so, what was the nature of that complaint?
* If conflict have occurred, What kind of measures were taken to address conflicts by company?
* Are there any misunderstandings which have occurred related to mining/infrastructure build in this region?
* How is information communicated between the mine and local community groups? What kind of information requested from a company site?

1. Compensation & Resettlement

* Have any families been re-settled?
* Has any compensation been given (monetary or in-kind like jobs or scholarships) to herders?
* Do you abide by any international standards for environmental and social safeguarding?
* Are you required to conduct a social and environmental impact assessment? If so, are they publically available?
* What is your relationship with the local government?
* What is your relationship with the local residents?
* Have you experienced any problems with working in this region? Examples?

**National/Local NGOs, experts in mining and Community Leader Interview Question**

1. General Questions

* Name
* [For local NGO]: What organisation do you work for?
* [For local NGO]: How long have you been working for this organization?
* What does your organization do?
* What are the goals of your organization?
* How long has your organization been located here?

1. Work-related

* What changes have you observed in this region since you began working here?
* What are the biggest challenges faced by your organization? Why?
* What stakeholders do you work with?
* Do you know of any other NGOs or international groups who work in this area?
* Do you do any training or capacity building activities here?
* What do you consider to be the main difficulties in this region?
* What role do you play in mediating conflict or disputes?

1. Nature of Conflicts and Challenges

* How long has mining been here and how much longer will it be here?
* What happens after the mining finishes?
* What kinds of complaints do you usually receive from local communities about mining development in the area?
* Have any formal complaints been made against the company in this region? If so, what was the nature of that complaint?
* If conflict have occurred, how have they been resolved?
* Do you feel there is cooperation between the mining company and local residents? If so, how has this been achieved?
* Have you heard about other types of conflicts around mining in Kyrgyzstan?
* What do you think most affects the trust between the company and local herders/residents?
* Have you observed any types of social friction or conflict in local communities? What are the main disputes about?
* Does current legislation protect local citizen rights to use land? What types of laws protect local citizen rights to use water and pasture?
* What does the government do when there are conflicts between local industries over land use? Can you provide any examples?
* What is the capacity of local government to enforce laws about environmental regulations?
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* What is the role of the State committee for industry and subsoil use and how is their information and data shared? Is this information trusted by the local governments?
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1. Environment/Climate [depending on expertise of interviewee]

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