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

Scaling up Praxis from Mongolia to Central Asia.

**Interview questions: Mongolia, 2018-2019**

**Herder/local community member Interview Questions**

1. Demographic Information and Livelihoods

* Name
* Age
* Number of Children
* Birthplace
* How many years have you been living in this area?
* Have you done any work besides herder?
  + Probe: artisanal ninja mining? Seasonal work? Army? Socialist time job?
* What is your main source of income?
* 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 a winter camp gerchilgee (contract)? If so, how many years? What about spring camp?
* Do you have a khashaa in the soum centre?
* Do you live in the countryside all year round? For example, do you move to the soum centre to winter months to take care of children? If so, how many months is the household separated?
* How often do you visit the soum centre?
* How many times per year do you move? (use the calendar tool for this question- Ariell will give)
* Where do you get your water from?
* How far is your water source from your summer camp and winter camp?

1. Regional Development

* What types of new development or infrastructure is in your *nutag*? What do you think about it?
* What types of new development or mining is in your nutag?
* How do you feel about infrastructure development/mining in your *nutag*? What do you think about it? 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.
* 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 spring/summer/fall/winter camp sites?
* 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?

1. Knowledge/Information Transmission

* What are the main ways you receive new information about development in the region? (i.e. facebook, radio, TV, word-of-mouth)?
* How is knowledge communicated between the mine and herders/other groups?
* What types of information do you find most trustworthy? From what sources?
* If you have a concern regarding development in your region, how do you communicate it and to whom?
* Where do you receive information about mining operations/infrastructure development?

1. Conflict and Trust

* Are there conflicts in this area? If so, between which groups (i.e. herders, herders and mine, herders and outside 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 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?
* Are there any Inner Mongolians who work for the mine?

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?

**Local Government Interview Questions**

Interviews with *bag* and *soum* governors, *soum khural* members, environmental and land officers

1. General Information

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

1. Information about the *soum*

* What kinds of local governance councils or forums exist here? (i.e. bag meetings, etc)
* How often do the local governance councils meet per month?
* Has the population changed in the last decade? Increased, decreased?
* Does the local government allow more than one winter camp possession?
* What does the government do when there are conflicts between herders and local industries over land use? Can you provide any examples?

1. Mining in the region

• What types of new development or infrastructure is in your nutag? 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?
* How does the mining company work with or communicate with local government?
* Who is your main contact person at the mine?
* Does the company support local community funds or other projects?
* What types of communication do you have with the Chinese? Do you communicate with Inner Mongolians or other ethnic groups from China?
* 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 kinds of complaints do you usually receive from herders about infrastructure development in the area?
* Does current legislation protect herder rights or local citizen rights to use land? What types of laws protect herder rights to use water and pasture?
* Have any formal complaints been made against the company in this region? If so, what was the nature of that complaint?
* Have you witnessed any examples of social conflict related to the infrastructure or 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 local government do when there are conflicts between herders and local industries over land use? Can you provide any examples?
* Are there any misunderstandings which have occurred related to mining/infrastructure build in this region?
* 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 What kinds of complaints do you usually receive from herders about infrastructure development in the area?
* If conflict have occurred, how have they been resolved?
* 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 between herders? What are the main disputes about?
* Are there social movements in this area?
* What is the role of the state professional inspection authority and how is their knowledge and data shared? Is this knowledge trusted by the sum government?

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 local government?
* To what extent is information about new projects freely available to the local government? To citizens?
* What types of information do you find most trustworthy? From what sources?

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 there been any public protests about mining or other infrastructure in the area?
* Does current legislation protect herder rights or local citizen rights to use land? What types of laws protect herder rights to use water and pasture?
* What is the capacity of local government to enforce laws about environmental regulations?
* What is the role of the state professional inspection authority and how is their knowledge and data shared? Is this knowledge trusted by the sum government?
* How do you receive information about mining projects in this *soum*?
* 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 Gurvantes? 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 *soum* centre or at the mine site?
* Does the mine employ locals? What types of jobs?
* What company manages the investment? Who owns the mining companies?
* 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 is being produced?
* Where is it exported?
* How much production per day? 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, how have they been resolved?

• Are there any misunderstandings which have occurred related to mining/infrastructure build in this region?

• How is knowledge communicated between the mine and herders/other groups?

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?

**Local NGOs 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 herders about infrastructure 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 between herders? What are the main disputes about?
* Does current legislation protect herder rights or local citizen rights to use land? What types of laws protect herder rights to use water and pasture?
* What does the government do when there are conflicts between herders and local industries over land use? Can you provide any examples?
* What is the capacity of local government to enforce laws about environmental regulations?
* Are there social movements in this area?
* What is the role of the state professional inspection authority and how is their knowledge and data shared? Is this knowledge trusted by the sum government?
* Is there a period of consultation with the local population before a mining license is approved?
* Has the population changed in the last decade? Increased, decreased?
* Does the company support local community funds or other projects?
* What do you think promote trust between herders and mine developers?
* What do you think the role of civil society and NGOs are in resolving local conflicts?

1. Transmission/Communication of Knowledge and Information

• How do you receive information about mining projects in this soum?

• How does the mining company work with or communicate with local government?

• What types of information do you find most trustworthy? From what sources?

• If you have a concern regarding development in your region, how do you communicate it and to whom?

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. Environment/Climate [depending on expertise of interviewee]

* 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?