Addressing Security and Human Rights Challenges: The DCAF-ICRC Toolkit

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Toolkit

- Good practices and recommendations **structured around real-life security and human rights challenges**
- Users do **not need to read the whole document**; challenges are presented separately with good practices
- Builds on key guidelines and standards, such as the UNGPS, VPs, and OECD Due Diligence Guidance
- Available in **English, Spanish, and French**
- [www.securityhumanrightshub.org/content/toolkit](http://www.securityhumanrightshub.org/content/toolkit)
The primary audience for the Toolkit is any kind of company facing security and human rights challenges in complex environments.

Recommendations in the Toolkit acknowledge and promote collaboration, particularly between companies, governments and CSOs.

Toolkit may be useful for different actors as a means to foster common understanding and to identify practical ways of working with companies.
Challenge - ASM

Confrontation between companies and small-scale/artisanal miners.

**Prevent:** Engage with local communities

**Address:** Engage with public and private security actors

**Sustain:** Promote good security sector governance at the national level
Good Practices – Security Providers

- Engage with host government actors to improve national and local oversight and accountability of the public and private security sector. [3.9.A]

- Engage with communities to ensure an operational-level grievance mechanism that individuals can access effectively. [3.10.A]

- Conduct training based on locally-relevant scenarios and adapted to the background of participants. (If possible, invite community representatives as observers to gain an understanding of security roles and responsibilities) [3.7.A]
Good Practices - Communities

- Conduct a local **context analysis**. Aim to understand why trespassers may want to gain access (local artisanal miners vs. illegal trespassers). [4.5.B]

- Develop an **inclusive, on-going stakeholder engagement strategy**, focused particularly on vulnerable groups and those opposed to the project. [4.1.B]

- Develop a **local content strategy**. Maximise short-term employment and long-term training opportunities, while managing expectation about ‘alternative livelihoods’. [4.4.B]
Good Practices - Governments

- Support *nationally-owned, inclusive security sector reform processes*, strengthening government capacities. [1.2.C]

- Ensure a social license to operate, by supporting government-led consultations with local communities on land issues and potential resettlement plans. [4.4.E]

- Establish a *broad-based security working group* at the local level. [1.1.A]

- Mitigate impacts on livelihoods. (e.g. support government efforts to professionalise and formalise the *artisanal mining sector*, through the establishment of cooperatives) [4.4.E]
Thank you!

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