

**Influence of Tanzanite Mining Activities on Socio-economic Wellbeing of the Surrounding Communities in Simanjiro District, Tanzania**

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This study aimed at assessing the influence of tanzanite mining on the socio-economic well-being of the surrounding community in Simanjiro District, Tanzania. Specifically, the study sought out to what extent tanzanite mining has fostered the local community's economic development, determined the level of accessibility to social services by the surrounding community, assessed the assets or resources the tanzanite mining operations have enabled the individuals surrounding the tanzanite mining areas in Simanjiro District to possess and assessing the challenges faced by the surrounding communities from the mining operations. A cross sectional research design was adopted where data were collected using survey questionnaires. The sample size was 317 individuals selected using simple random and purposive sampling technique. The data collected were analysed by means of descriptive statistics. study revealed that, there is a slight influence of tanzanite mining towards socio-economic well-being of the surrounding communities. Furthermore, the study also found that the living standard of the small miners is still poor and unimpressive. This study concluded that, the tanzanite mining activities have both direct and indirect influence to the socio-economic activities in the study area. The study recommended that the mining companies should make sure they share part of their profits in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility with the surrounding community in appropriate manner and also the government should not abandon communities surrounding the mining areas in terms of development but should work together with the mining companies by ensuring the mining companies share the required portion of profits with the community to improve their socioeconomic well-being.