

**Impact Of Entrepreneurial Activities Done by Mererani Mining  
Surrounding Communities to their Household Welfare  
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This study was conducted in Mererani mining area in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region. The general objective of this study was to examine the impact of entrepreneurial activities done by Mererani mining surrounding communities on their household welfare. The study specifically sought to: (i) identify the entrepreneurial activities done by communities surrounding mining, (ii) find out household asset owned by the communities surrounding mining, (iii) identify levels of income among households of communities surrounding mining (iv) to determine the access to social services among the communities surrounding mining. A total of 128 entrepreneurs were randomly sampled for the study. Quantitative and qualitative data were collected in Mererani Tanzanite Mining area in July and August, 20017 by using interview, documentary review and participant observations. IBM statistical package for social science were used to analyse quantitative data. Qualitative data were transcribed into text and analysed based on content and meaning of the text. The findings indicated that entrepreneurial activities done by respondents in Mererani include: gemstone brokering, bars and restaurants operations, hardware and boutique operations, guesthouse/lodge operations and whole sale/retail shops. The findings indicated that there were three levels of income among communities surrounding mines. Household asset owned by Mererani mines surrounding communities include: radio, mobile phones, bicycle, motorcycle, television set, electric/charcoal iron, gas/electric cooker, refrigerator, house, land/farm and motor vehicles, Health, education, communication and electricity services are accessed by respondents in the study area. The study concluded that through entrepreneurial activities communities surrounding Mererani mines improved their household welfare in terms of income, possession of household assets and access to social services. The study recommends that communities surrounding Mererani mining area should keep on increasing efforts to improve their household welfare.