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Challenges to inclusive development: policy knowledge community on youth employment in Mozambique’s extractive industry

The Mozambican government has articulated its productive employment policies in various national policy documents. However, due to challenges in the implementation of these policies at the local level, guidelines, debates and activities on how investments, especially in the extractive industry, can contribute to productive employment remain fragmented. One of the results is that youth feel excluded from the development initiatives being implemented in their locality.

The proposed solution is to create a more structured and holistic network that shares knowledge and promotes the prioritization of local interests by investors in the extraction of natural resources. The knowledge activities will facilitate the involvement of youth in the social and economic development of Mozambique, focusing on extractive industry projects in Cabo Delgado Province.

Objectives

- To ensure that investments in the extraction of natural resources are informed by local context and priorities and generate productive employment and beneficial outcomes for youth
- To assess previous extractive industry employment processes, identify lessons learned, and recommend and stimulate discussions on how youth-inclusive productive employment policies can be strengthened

Lead organisation

Centre for Public Integrity (CIP)

Partners

- National and Provincial Civil Society Platform on Natural Resources and Extractive Industry
- NGOs and institutes working in the field
- National Women’s Forum
- National Youth Network
- Respective government agencies at the national, provincial and district levels
- Extractive industry companies
- Provincial Traders Forum
- Foreign embassies in Mozambique
- International cooperation agencies

Country focus

Mozambique

Planned activities

- Produce a concept note that covers the key aspects of the proposed policy knowledge community
- Conduct exploratory field visits to establish key questions to be debated during the meetings of the policy knowledge community and to provide concrete local examples for the final policy paper
- Organize a kick-off meeting in Maputo to map and debate challenges and opportunities for inclusive development within the extractive industry
- Organize two roundtables of two days each in Pemba (Cabo Delgado) and Maputo
- Produce of a short video of interviews from the roundtables
- Undertake youth capacity building involving the exchange of experiences and the provision of technical support to young people
- Organize two meetings, one in Maputo and one in Pemba, to disseminate and debate the policy knowledge community results

