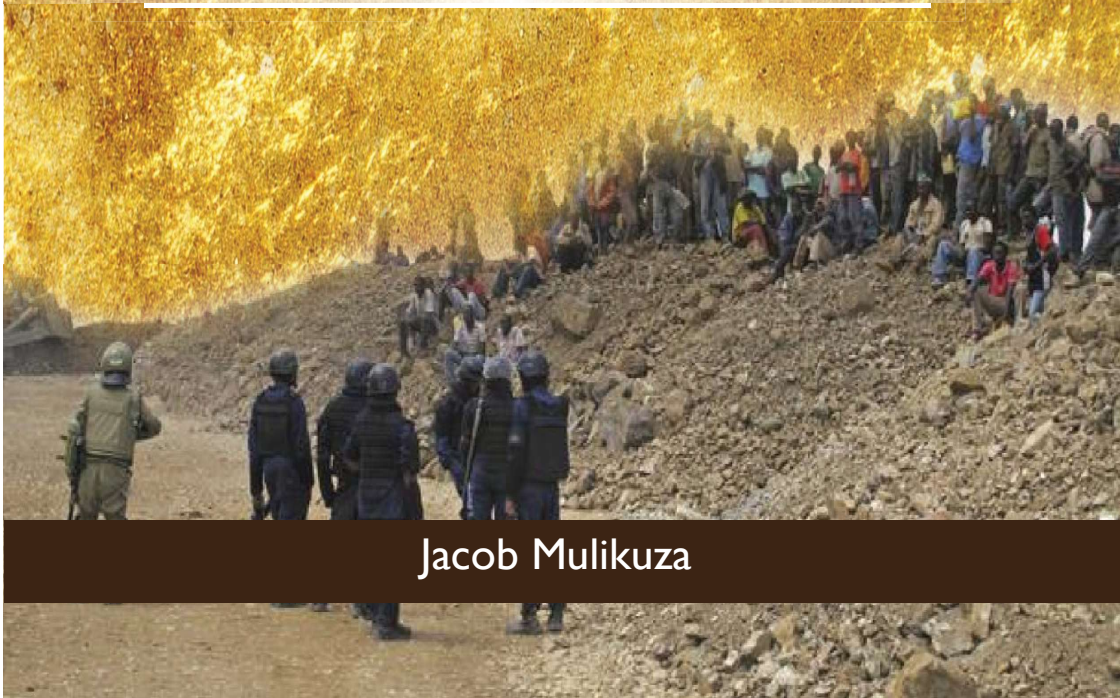


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List of Abbreviations

ABG	African Barrick Gold
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	Gross National Product
ICMM	International Council on Mining and Metal
LHRC	Legal and Human Rights Centre
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PLC	Public Limited Company
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Science
URT	United Republic of Tanzania
VBA	Village Benefit Agreements

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Forward

When I began working with Jacob Mulikuza, the local communities around Tanzania's major mines sites were under pressure. They were being told that everything they had ever known, everything they had ever been proud of was wrong. First, it was told harshly by colonizing forces, and later more subtly by the westernization of television, music, clothing, education, gender roles, rituals, culture. *'You can't tell the Kuria that what they know is wrong'* Jacob told me. *'All you can do is present an alternative and explain the possibilities.'* By supporting change from within the Kuria people were also respected. In all extractive industries conflicts, it is important to understand that the local communities are very capable of determining their own actions, as long as they have access to: information, Platform for dialogue and Management of expectations.

Information regarding the extractive industry can be very technical and refer to political processes different to the one at local level. So not only does the community need access to accurate and timely information – they also need it to be presented in a way that makes sense to them in their life. When organizing a platform for dialogue it must not be those in power holding presentations – that would be access to information - but a dialogue where the community can express their opinions and feel free to ask questions. This dialogue must be transparent and inclusive, and take into consideration that not all are equally predisposed to speak their mind. Perhaps most importantly, all parties must manage the expectations of the community. Extractive industries generate a lot of money. But it can take a very long time before anything reaches the national economy, and mismanagement, corruption or reallocation of funds can hinder money from trickling down to the local communities. And sometimes - like in the case of the communities in Mara region in the beginning of the mining era, the local community may not be able to absorb the new riches, because it is not part of the national

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economy and there is insufficient knowledge, equipment or infrastructure in place.

Tanzania has with its rich gold and gas reserves entered the global economy. Will it fall into the same trap as so many of its African neighbors, with unjust distribution of wealth, corruption, erosion of trust and even war? It has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside the young and upcoming generation of professionals in Tanzania. The nation is not only awake, it is rising. Trying to create peace is the most difficult job in the world. But if Tanzania's brothers and sisters unite - such as Jacob Mulikuza and his team did with the local mining communities in Shinyanga and Mara region - then Tanzania can once again show the continent the road to peace.

Patricia Lorekar

June, 2016

Preface

Tanzania experiences various conflicts around extractive industries. Specifically, these troubles surface in the mining areas although they have recently appeared in the gas and oil sectors. These conflicts around extractive industries have different dynamics from one area to the other.

While conducting research, the author of this book lived and worked for four years in the Mara Region, specifically in Tarime District. As a conflict resolution expert, the author observed misunderstandings around the North Mara mining sites. This experience made the author curious to understand the underlying dynamics of conflict between the local communities (Kurians) and the mining investors (ACACIA).

In order to better understand the complexities of the situation, the author conducted a study to find out the underlying dynamics of conflicts in North Mara. The research included the local communities, village leaders, traditional leaders, district government officials, and the mining company; all of whom shared their opinions and experience with regard to conflicts in North Mara mine.

The chapters of this book provide insights on the aggressive behavior of the Kuria tribe around North Mara mine. Also, focuses on the nature of conflict among the Kuria tribe before operations of the mining companies, the means used by the tribe to resolve conflicts in North Mara. The book further looks at the natural resources and assets most valued by the Kuria tribe and families in North Mara, the dynamics of conflictual relations between the mining company and the Kurian tribe living around North Mara Mine, and the perceptions of the Kuria towards the existing mining

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investor in North Mara. The book offers insightful findings gathered from the research.

The author hopes that, the readers of this book will find such research relevant in understanding the complexities of the North Mara region. This book also provides insights of the actual issues that bring about conflict in North Mara that may trigger appropriate solutions from different actors involved in the North Mara conflicts.