



European Partnership for Responsible Minerals

Theory of Change of the EPRM



EPRM is a multi-stakeholder partnership established with the goal to create better social and economic conditions for mine workers and local mining communities, by increasing the number of mines who adopt responsible mining practices in Conflict and High Risk Areas (CAHRAs).

Three critical changes in the supply system have to be achieved to enable responsible production of minerals in CAHRAs:

1. There has to be assured demand (from downstream actors);
2. There has to be transparent supply line from mine to smelters (midstream); and
3. Mines have to be able, technically and financially, to apply best practices in mining.

EPRM will:

1. stimulate and increase demand of responsible minerals of more key downstream companies who are committed to source these minerals;
2. ensure adequate sourcing channels for responsible minerals by fostering a standardised mechanism that enables suppliers to identify and mitigate risks; and
3. encourage supply chain coalitions between down-, mid- and upstream actors to produce and source responsible minerals throughout a fully transparent supply chain.

In this way, EPRM assures responsible producers a market and secure sourcing channels for responsible minerals.

EPRM will support an enabling local environment through government and local communities' participation that will enhance miners' motivation to introduce better mining practices.

To this end, EPRM will create strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders active in mining communities, such as international organisations, civil society organisations, local governmental institutions and local mining communities. These partnerships will focus on aligning mining intervention strategies and pool and expand resources with which mines will be supported- technically and financially - to produce minerals in a social and environmental responsible way. In the end this will gradually contribute breaking the link between mineral extraction and conflict.