Property Rights and Artisanal Diamond Development (PRADD)

USAID’s Project to Support the Kimberley Process

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Presentation Objectives:

1. Introduce USAID’s PRADD project
2. Discuss property rights challenges in ASM sector
3. Explain how PRADD is addressing the challenges
4. Present overview of some of the PRADD results
Context, Objectives and Approach of PRADD

• Joint USAID/Dept. of State initiative to assist the Central African Republic and Liberia to comply with the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)

• Two objectives:
  – Increase the amount of artisanal diamonds entering the formal chain of custody
  – Increase the benefits from diamond mining that accrue to mining communities

• A key element of PRADD’s approach is to clarify and strengthen property rights
PRADD has 5 program components
Property Rights Challenges in ASM Sector

- Competing tenure systems
- Poor legal protections
- Lack of clarity regarding surface and sub-surface rights
- Poor documentation and mapping of artisanal mining claims
- Overlapping boundaries
Impacts of Insecure Tenure on ASM

• Conflict
  – Artisanal miner vs. Artisanal miner
  – Artisanal miner vs. Industrial-scale mining interests
  – Artisanal miner vs. Government

• Low investment
  – By miners
  – By outside financiers

• Environmental damage

• Difficulty in establishing mine-to-export traceability
Why a focus on property rights of artisanal miners?

- Informs where diamonds are being extracted from
- Minimizes land and resource disputes
- Encourages rehabilitation of mining sites
- Improves security of investments
- Informs where proceeds from mineral exports should be reinvested
Participatory rural appraisals

Produce maps of land and related mining claims

Stakeholder validation of claims

Production of a geo-referenced database

Issuance of property rights certificates
GIS Database
Secure Property Rights as Foundation for Other Development Activities

- Secure Property Rights
- Alternative Land Uses
- Micro-Finance
- Land-Reclamation
- Improved Governance
- Conflict Resolution
Results from PRADD/CAR

- **3,871** “certificates of customary tenure” issued
- Mining-related conflicts reduced from **142** to only **4** – courts consulting PRADD database
- HH survey indicates increased perception of tenure security
- Over **580** mining sites rehabilitated
- Legal diamond production from PRADD’s intervention areas increased from **16,304** carats in 2010 to **74,824** in 2011
Thank you!