

Households, livelihoods and Mining-induced displacement and resettlement.

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Resettlement: Human-scale thinking

“Understanding resettlement requires social imagination because this process should involve an attempt to move history and memory, social organization...and creativity. The international standards provide little help or guidance about the lethargy, apathy, and depression which are commonly seen in resettled communities” (Cochrane, 2017; P.182).

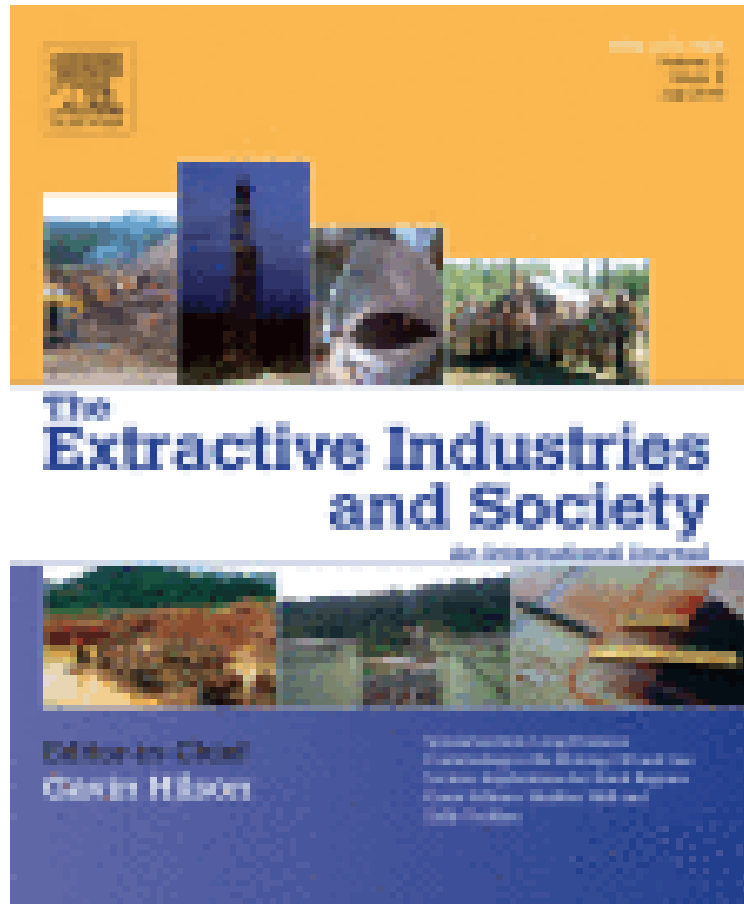
Resettlement: Human-scale thinking

“ You will do better resettlement planning and implementation if you put yourself in the shoes (houses and jobs) of the affected persons” (Appleby and Bingham, 2017).

Questions about...?

Active Empathy?
Human-scale
thinking?

Households in MIDR practice



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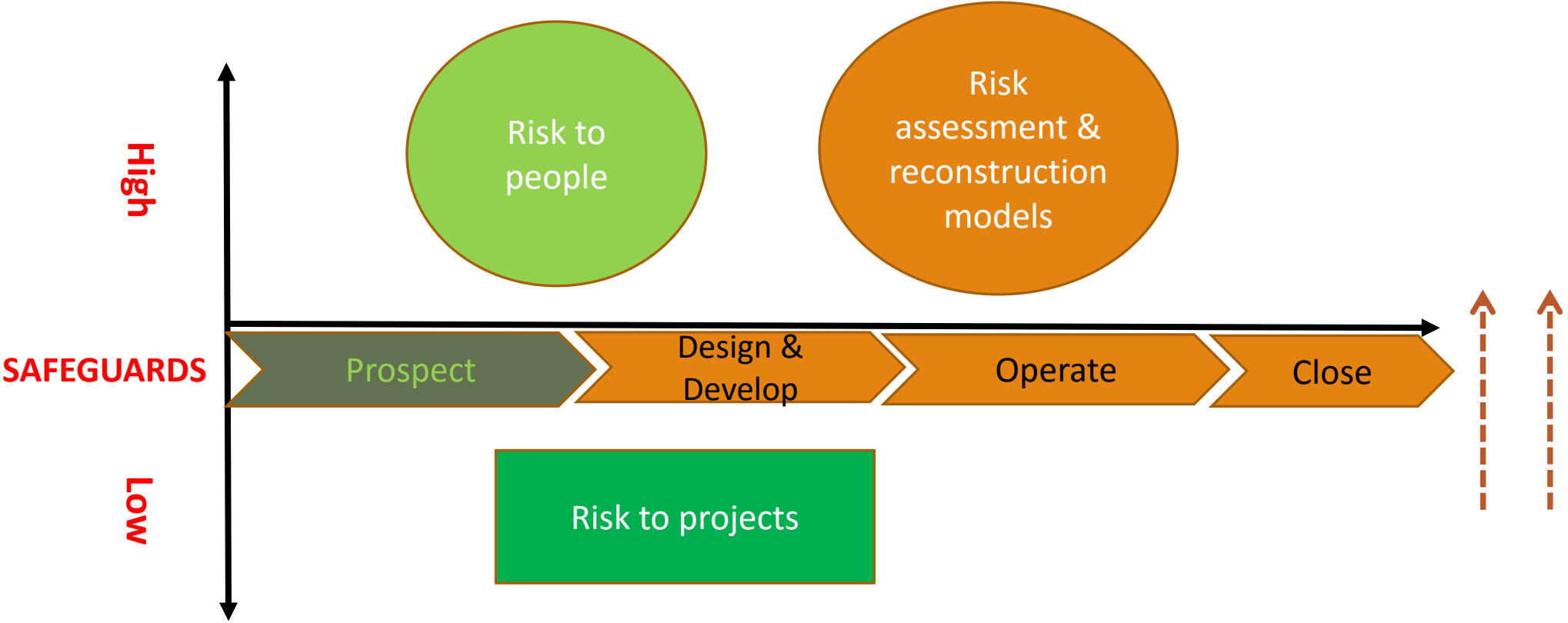
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ABSTRACT

In mining and resettlement practice, one critical oversight is the conceptualisation of households in the formulation of livelihood reconstruction initiatives. While households have received considerable attention in development studies, principally in relation to sustainable livelihood activities, the substance of this research continues to evade the attention of policy makers and practitioners in the mining industry. This article highlights the importance of household level analysis in mining industry policy and resettlement practice. The authors argue that unless the material pressures and possibilities for impoverishment and improvement are realized at the household level, livelihood restoration practice in MIDR will continue to stagnate.

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Risks perspectives...



Concepts and People

Are we getting into the human dimensions of the safeguards and resettlement practice?

Compensation

Compensation justice



Contested grounds

- Fair and adequate compensation?
- Negotiation: context and environment
- Procedural fairness vs. real outcomes
- Above (or below) replacement cost?
- So much on so little (Cernea and Mathur, 2007)
- Prospects? - “Culminating vs. comprehensive outcomes” (Sen, A. 2009)

Homelessness or Houselessness?

- ❑ Poor linkages between easily addressable physical risks as against inherent social risks.
- ❑ Homelessness not easily addressable; houselessness is.
- ❑ Transformational effects not adequately addressed.

Way forward

- Extended “ Social awareness” (Vanclay and Esteves, 2011).
- Dedicated household level engagement (Adam et.al, 2015).
- Expanded responsibility with matched resources and capacity (Owen and Kemp, 2016; Penz et.al,2011).

Thank you!

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