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Project title: XXXXX

About the researchers:

The project is a collaboration of Australian researchers from Charles Darwin University and the Australian National University, Indonesian Government agencies in two provinces (Nusa Tenggara Timur and South East Sulawesi) and two Indonesian universities (Universitas Nusa Cendana, UNDANA, and Universitas Halu Oleo, UHO).

What this research is about:

The project seeks to understand the issues and impacts associated with small-scale mining in XXXX Indonesia. Artisanal and small scale mining activities in Indonesia has the potential to alleviate poverty, providing cash income for the poor. However concerns regarding the safety, health and breakdown of community and family structures have been reported recently in the Indonesian press and in public forums. The aim of this project is to understand the different social and environmental issues associated with mining and assess the impacts of mining on the livelihoods and health of participants. It will also build capacity to address the social and environmental impacts of mining through various project activities.

What your participation would mean:

We are inviting farmers, miners, village heads, district government officers and non-government organisation (NGO) staff from selected regions in Indonesia to discuss their participation in and experiences of small-scale mining. This includes asking people about the benefits and problems associated with mining and the impacts on household livelihoods, health and the environment. The project will also investigate the governance arrangements concerning mining. These issues will be explored by conducting open-ended, semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions.

What are the benefits and risks?

There are no anticipated risks to participants as a result of participation in this research project. The methods of collecting data will be designed to inconvenience participants as little as possible. It is anticipated that the benefits in terms of informing improved management of mining practices will be greater than the inconvenience of taking part in data collection. People who are invited to participate do not have to participate and they can decide to withdraw from the discussions at any time.

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What will happen to the information you provide?

The answers provided by participants will be recorded but they will be kept confidential. It will not be possible for other people to trace any comments to particular participants. This information will help us to understand the benefits and problems associated with mining in eastern Indonesia, and to discuss some options for reducing the negative impacts. A report will also be published in an academic journal. The information from participants will be kept for 5 years and then destroyed.

Who to contact:

You can get more information about the project by contacting:

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This research has approval from the Charles Darwin University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any concerns about the project, you can contact the Ethics team of the Charles Darwin University Human Research Ethics Committee on the toll free number, 1800 466 215 or by email; ethics@cdu.edu.au.

The Ethics team can talk to the right people at the university on your behalf.

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