

# Child Rights & Sustainable Mining

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*All children have a right to survive, thrive and fulfill their potential – to the benefit of a better world.*

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# The context

**Children:** 31% of the world's population and **47%** in least developed countries

Mining operations often occur in disadvantaged areas, encountering some of the most vulnerable children.

The mining sector can have **both adverse and positive impacts** on children.

**Children are more vulnerable to the impacts of mining than adults**, particularly between birth and 5 years when experiencing formative physical development.



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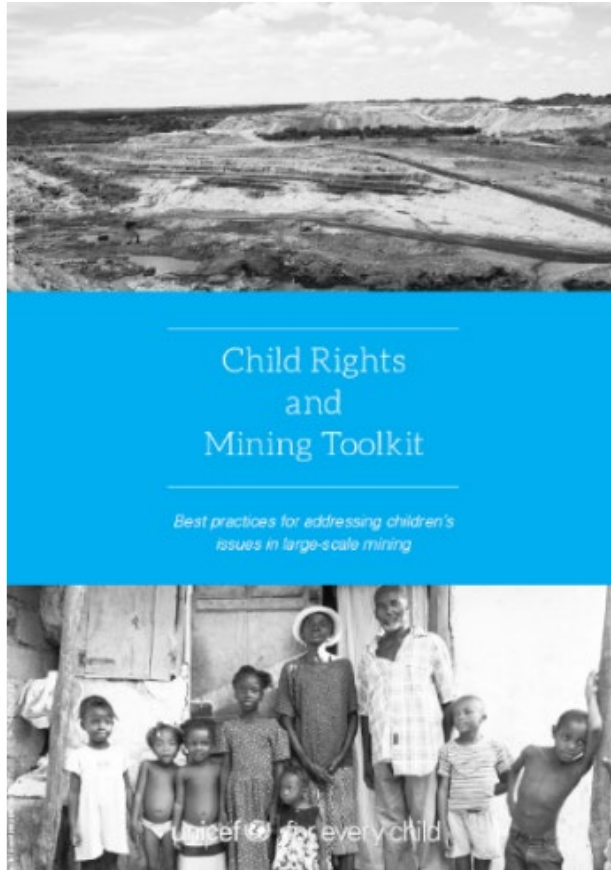
## Objective

Understand the current landscape of child rights impacts in the mining sector and how companies are managing those impacts

## Findings

*There are critical gaps in most standard approaches to social and human rights due diligence, which means that specific impacts on children may not be identified.*

# Children's Rights and Mining Toolkit



## What

A simple and accessible tool to provide practical guidance on how companies can manage child rights impacts and issues

## Why

A child rights lens helps us see things differently - considering child rights helps identify wider human rights issues:

Addressing child rights requires companies to manage potentially impacts to a higher standard

Building child-friendly communities requires addressing many interconnected issues and multiple stakeholders

A child rights focus provides a long-term focus - children are the community of the future

# Children's Rights & Mining Toolkit



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A simple and accessible tool to provide practical guidance on how companies can manage the issues identified in *UNICEF's Extractive Pilot Report* while applying children's rights to *United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Right*

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Supplements existing guidance, handbooks and standards with tailored information for mining companies

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10 standalone tools to be used according the main areas of concerns of a given operation

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Not additional requirements but a tool to reflect on what companies are doing and how to incorporate child rights in those issues

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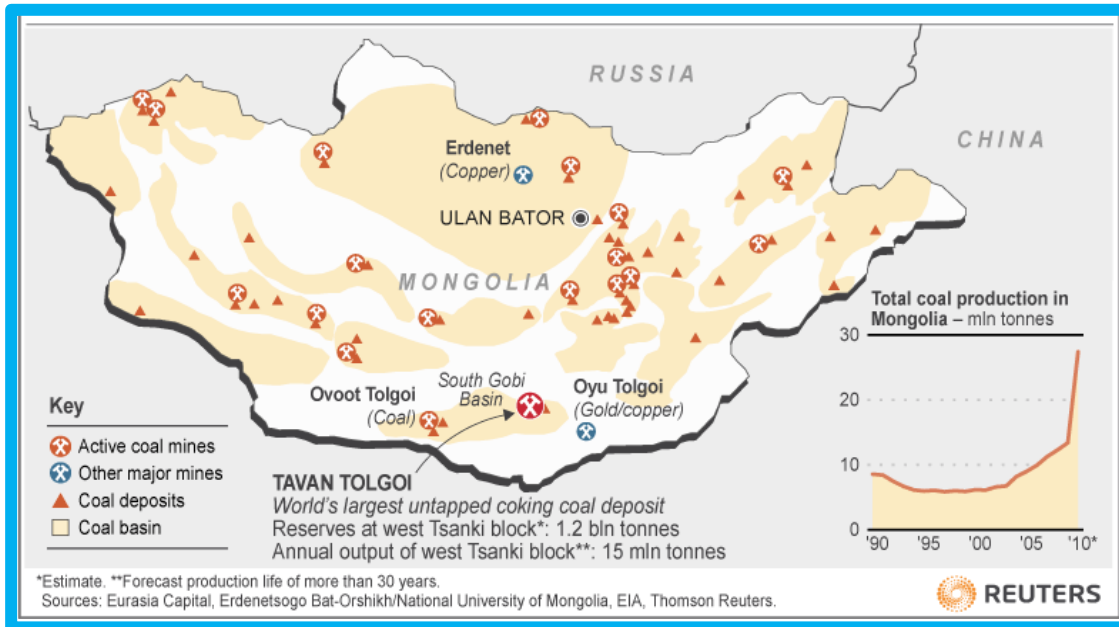
## MAIN OBJECTIVES

Help identify issues that are most critical through a quick assessment approach

Tailored tools to address those issues

- 1 Impact Assessment
- 2 Stakeholder Engagement
- 3 Resettlement
- 4 In-migration
- 5 Environment
- 6 Security
- 7 Health & Safety
- 8 Working Conditions
- 9 Protecting Children from Sexual Violence
- 10 Social Investment

# Example – Mining, Migration and Children



SUMMARY REPORT JULY 2017

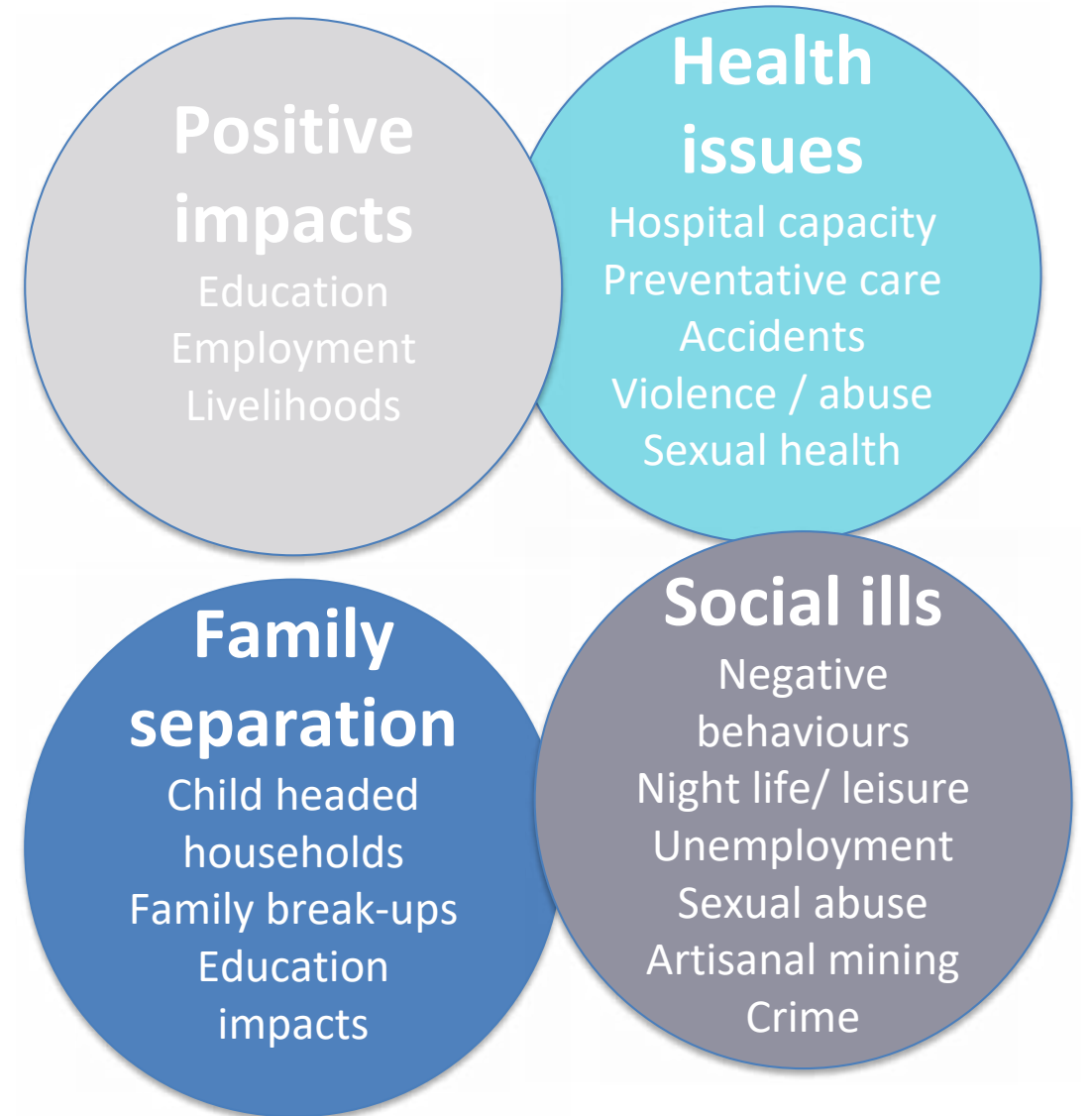
## Children, Mining and the Impacts of In-Migration:

*A summary of key findings from the study on 'Mining-related in-migration and the impact on children in Mongolia'*

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# In-migration on children

- Children living in **receiving areas**;
- Children of **migrant mine workers**;
- Children of **migrant job seekers**;
- Children of **contractors / service providers**;
- Children of **artisanal miners**;
- Children of **migrants travelling with parents to project area**
- Children of migrants **left behind in migrant sending community**
- Children of **immediate/extended families of migrant workers** joining the project area;
- Children of **returning families and former residents** of the area







Thank you!