Cobalt for Development (C4D), The Democratic Republic of the Congo pledges to

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Description:
The project “Cobalt for Development“ (C4D) aims at sustainably improving artisanal mining working conditions as well as living conditions for surrounding communities in Congo. It is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and financed by BASF, BMW, Samsung Electronics, Samsung SDI and Volkswagen.

Working towards the Action Pledge, C4D will support at least three artisanal mining cooperatives in implementing “zero child labour” procedures. Furthermore, the project will address root causes of child labour – e.g. lack of access to education, poverty – in project communities close to Kolwezi.

Implementation plan:
Jointly develop and implement “zero child labour” procedures with artisanal mining cooperatives. These procedures could include updated miner registers, miner IDs, access controls, sensitization campaigns, etc.
At the same time, the project will work in communities around Kolwezi to facilitate access to education, reduce poverty and improve financial literacy and incomes.

Impact:
The Action Pledge will support at least three artisanal mining cooperatives in implementing zero child labour policies. Furthermore, it will help to address the root causes of child labour in the project communities.
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