

Indigenous Peoples: Benefiting from Development? *Yes, But How Much?*

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The Pursuit of a Global Standard for Project Social Benefits

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Is it possible to define an approach to establishing “normative benefits levels” for development projects?

APPROACH: analysis of social benefits programmes for indigenous peoples, especially within the extractive industries.

OBJECTIVE: to establish contextual framework for discerning appropriate social benefits mechanisms for future development projects within the extractive industries

defining terms

FRAMING THE ISSUES

- **normative**
- **social benefits**
- **benefits levels**

problem analysis

CATEGORIES for INQUIRY

- laws
- rights
- policy
- norms/standards

problem analysis

LAW

- International laws / regulations as guidelines for compensating Indigenous Peoples?
- Intersections between national law and international law?

problem analysis

RIGHTS

- What is the basis for IP rights?
- Rights vs. legal entitlements?
- Economic rights?
- Social rights?

problem analysis

POLICY

- **How do laws and rights inform policy?**
- **Current standards for policy decisions?**
- **Requisite considerations?**

case studies

VARIABLES

- national legal framework
- national and local economic conditions
- structure of benefits investments

norms / standards

MAJOR QUESTIONS

- Guidelines or formula to determine a normative level of compensative social benefits for Indigenous Peoples?
- Critiques of trying to establish normative levels of social benefits?
- What is “good” social program vs. a “bad” one?

needed information

- Which institutions/corporations already have standard policies for benefits programmes?
- How are benefits levels determined?
- What are the costs of benefits programs?
- Are materials available to assess the long-term impacts of previously implemented programs?

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