



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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Myanmar

The DRC has so far not meaningfully commented on the crisis in Myanmar, however it has suffered similar challenges in regards to internal displacement, with almost 1 million people being displaced since the start of 2024 alone due to violence perpetrated by armed rebel groups. The government of the DRC is, unlike the government of Myanmar, making an effort to bring about the conditions for a peaceful return of people to their homes.

Read more

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2009/10/commission-experts-introduce-reports-myanmar-sudan-equatorial-guinea-and>
<https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/democratic-republic-congo/democratic-republic-congo-internally-displaced-persons-and-returnees-april-2024>

DRC

Control of Resources

While the DRC contains a large supply of various minerals, including 70% of the world's cobalt supply. Unfortunately, much of this mineral wealth is controlled by armed groups who are sometimes loyal to foreign powers such as Rwanda, which is a major source of tension between the Congo and its eastern neighbour. The lack of control over their own natural resources has hampered the ability for local communities to grow and prosper.

Environmental and Human rights abuses

The illicit nature of the congolese mining industry has created an environment in



which unregulated mines often perpetrate Human rights abuses including usage of child labour, and cause massive environmental damage to their surroundings. The DRC is unable to remedy the problem as long as the aforementioned armed groups control its territory. While UN peacekeepers have been deployed, their relationship with local communities is often not positive as people view the current and previous UN peacekeeping missions as a failure.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kivu_conflict
<https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/rethinking-artisanal-cobalt-mining-in-the-drc/48260638>
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/01/africa/anti-un-protests-drc-peacekeeping-intl/index.html>

Lithium

Among the DRC's vast mineral resources, Lithium is also included. Unfortunately, the lithium mining industry suffers much of the same problems in the DRC as its cobalt mines. It is in the interest of the DRC government to ensure that mineral wealth is extracted and sold responsibly so as to empower local communities while also driving growth and development.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manono-Kitolo_mine

