**FARMER**

**Role: Longtime landowner and farmer**
I have owned my land for a long time. This acreage was passed down to me from my father. The land and my family heritage are very important to me.

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**Role: Homeless community member**
I was displaced because of mining. The mining corporation bought the land where my house stood. I had to move out and they destroyed it all. I had to start all over with no home.

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**Role: Recent landowner, daughter becoming matriarch**
I have just returned from college, where I learned many ways to create a sustainable farming practice using a business model that allows my family to earn money at the same time.
**Role: Farmworker**
I don’t own this land but I have a steady job farming it. This land feeds our people, and the mines are destroying our ecosystem. I understand that these are people’s jobs, but we will not be able to recover from the environmental damage they are creating.

**Role: Grandmother**
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**Role: Village neighbor who buys their goods**
I depend on this village’s cocoa harvest to supply my own village as well as my business and livelihood. The agricultural industry in this area is like a web. We all depend on each other. If one farm goes, the others become more vulnerable.

**Role: Youngest sibling in a large family**
I have seen my father work hard to make his cocoa farm successful. I want to learn about my family’s farming business. Two of my brothers and one of my sisters have gone away to school. I want the same opportunity. I want to get a good education and then help my family continue to grow their cocoa business.
**Role: Struggling landowner**
I don’t have much. All I have is my land. I am thinking about selling my land to the mining corporation. I could make a lot of money right away. I don’t have the resources to send my daughter to school right now, but if I sold the land to the mining company I could afford to send her to college. Also, farming is so much work and I don’t have the help I need to keep the farm running.

**Role: Farmers Cooperative member**
I am a member of the Farmers Cooperative. I want to teach my son the skill of farming. I have been able to work with others to increase my profits. Now I can clearly see farming as a way of making money and sustaining my family.

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**Role: Foreign Owner of Mining Corporation**

The fact is that Africa accounts for up to one-fifth of worldwide gold supplies. My mining corporation is bringing many job opportunities to your community. When more members of your community are employed, your overall quality of life improves.

**Role: Village leader**

When African nations started mining precious metals, we found ourselves in a much stronger bargaining position with foreign investors. Now governments can strike better deals with new investors and even renegotiate old mining contracts. This means prosperity for our community and nation.

**Role: Underpaid mineworker**

All the real money and the benefits go to the foreign owned companies. There is very little local profit. We workers make nothing compared to them. And recently, oil and ore prices have been falling. I struggle to feed my family. This business is no more stable than growing cocoa.

**Role: High-ranking member of local government**

I want to reform the mining laws. It’s a lucrative business, and with new regulations it could be completely sustainable and work in harmony with the agricultural community.
MINER

Role: Local owner of mining corporation with family ties to the village

We have an 11-member committee of government officials, mining experts, and civil society representatives to look at how to make mining contracts work better for everyone. Additionally, we pay a tax to this community that goes toward local development projects. Our money helps support the growth of this area.

MINER

Role: Farmer who sold his land

I needed the money at the time and the mining company paid me well. But now I see all of the destruction to our environment. I am grateful, because the money allowed me to send my daughter to college, and now she will have a better life. But I am also seeing the landscape of my village ripped apart, and it makes me sad.

MINER

Role: 18-year-old student

I am not sure whether to stay here or go to the city. The future seems limited here in my village. I’m not interested in farming like my father, but the men who are working in the mines seem to have a good life. If only I could be sure I would have a way to make money, I would feel better about staying here.