Indigenous women and mining?

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Exploration Impacts on women

- Younger, single men were more satisfied – not hunters or providers

Miner’s identification of benefits:
- Safety training, budgeting training, and no alcohol/drugs policy
- Regular pay check
Exploration Impacts on women

Miner’s spouses’ complaints:

• Miners are very poorly paid
• Food prices at shops twice as expensive as in Paramaribo
• Being paid monthly is a big problem in budgeting; every two weeks would be much better
• When husband’s come home, there is not enough family time; husbands end up working instead of resting

“The company has so much money, why don’t they pay more?”
Exploration Impacts on women

• Few jobs for women, mainly as cleaning woman
• Women suffer jealous behavior of husband who is away from home.
• More work for spouses at home
  – No help in taking care of the children
  – No help at agricultural plots
Exploration Impacts on women

- Women suffer violent behavior of husband due to increased alcohol or drugs abuse
- Women become dependent on their husbands earnings to:
  - Pay someone to clear an agricultural plot
  - To buy food, especially if she has no agricultural plot

Impact on traditional gender roles
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