The Response of Dialogue

The case of Tintaya, Peru
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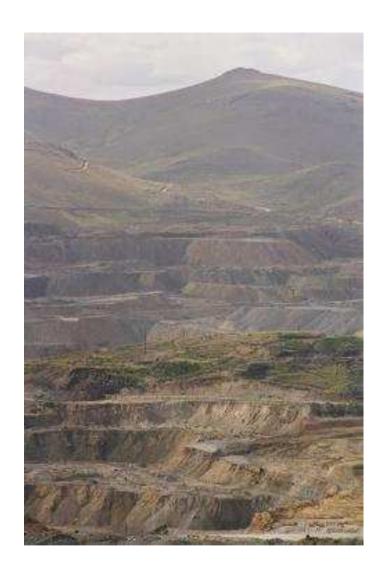
The story of Tintaya

- Tintaya : a copper and gold mine in Espinar, Peru.
- Nationalised 1971, privatised 1993
- Owner at the time of our study: BHP Billiton
- Since May 2006: Xstrata

Protest needing response

- Land issues, HR and environment
- The role of CONACAMI, Cooperaccion and Oxfam
- The role of the ombudsman
- Road to Damascus
- The "Mesa de Dialogo" the dialogue table









Outcomes

- The mesa de dialogo
 - commissions for land; environment; human rights; sustainable development; coordination and follow up
- The settlement.
 - Land. 7K hectares
 - Through provincial govt, \$1.5 million
 - with five communities \$1 million over three years

Outcomes continued

- frustration
- Violence May 2005
- Resumption of the Mesa



Analysis

- Ingredients for success
 - grassroots organisation
 - rebalancing of power relationships early on
 - goodwill of company
 - Some commonality of interests among affected communities
 - huge support
 - Developmental support from national and regional govts

Problems

- divergence of interest within groups
- size of developmental challenge
- capacity issues at the local level
- incoherence who can decide.
- Weakness of consensus building institutions, national development actors.
- Nature of grassroots politics
- limits on the private sector's role