



# The value of health in the industrial activity

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# THE PARADOX OF PLENTY

- **Natural resources endowment has not always been positively correlated with economic development and social progress.**
- **Many resource rich countries experience poverty, environmental degradation and stark health disparities in the context of great resource wealth**
- **A complex web of national and international actors, including transnational oil companies, play a role in determining this situation**

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- Many oil producing areas are also prone to internal conflicts
- The only way to secure those areas is\_
  - to improve health, education and living standards,
  - guarantee democratic elections,
  - resolve resource conflicts, and
  - include residents as stakeholders as direct beneficiaries from oil revenues

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- **Local communities scarcely benefit from oil exploitation**
- **Local communities experience devastating changes in their lives:**
  - **Deforestation, air and water pollution**
  - **desertification and loss of arable land**
  - **high rates of disease and physical, mental and social ill-health.**
- **Local health systems are traditionally weak and incapable to provide appropriate response to needs and expectations of local communities**

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- **Frequent neglect of Transnational Oil companies of the environment and local communities**
  - **in spite companies' branding themselves as green or socially responsible corporate citizens**
- **Consequent dramatic social disarray has high costs also for oil companies**

# A HEALTHY ANSWER

- **A more strategical approach....**
  - **attentive and respectful of the local context**
  - **Respectful of the environment**
  - **capable of associating the extractive activities to an integrated approach to local development**
- **...represents on the long run a competitiveness factor**
  - **increases the sustainability of their business**

# A HEALTHY ANSWER

- **Contribute to local development action**
- **Contribute to the effectiveness of the local health system**
  - **Have a long-term vision**
  - **Contribute to the improvement of health conditions of local population**
  - **Have an integrated approach to health**
    - Do not focus on disease-specific interventions
  - **Align to local procedures**
  - **Promote local capacities**
  - **Interact with local, national and international institutions**
    - Support local communities' active participation and ownership
  - **Prepare for long-term support and provide predictable resources**