

Review of: "Customary Land Tenure, Mining, and the Development Question: Insights From a Transitional State"

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Summary: This paper presents a descriptive analysis of Customary Land Tenure, Mining and the Development Question. The introduction is well written, and the development debate has been well captured. The authors used a qualitative data collection technique, even though it is skewed towards a desktop review. It would have been better to present a balance of the key informant findings from the data collected in the field. The paper can be accepted after some adjustments have been made, especially in the methodology section, and a balance created in the reporting of key informant findings in the results and discussion section.

General Comments to the Authors:

- **Materials and methods-** Authors needed to provide a map of the study area.
- You have done document analysis for most of the write-up. Can you state where these documents were accessed from?
- No sampling technique stated; can you explain how you selected the 88 households that you interviewed?
- What was your sample frame from which you selected the 88 households for the interview?
- How many key informants did you interview?
- Which research instrument or tool did you use to conduct the interview? Can you explain that?
- **Research findings:**
 - The result is highly qualitative, but the presentation is skewed in favour of desktop or document review rather than what the participants you interviewed said. Well, you can do some quantification, if not with figures, but by using words like most of the key informants agreed to or a good number of key informants said so and so, etc. You may ignore if you cannot quantify.