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# Perceived Impacts of Large-Scale Mining Activities on Maternal and Child Health Conditions in Mozambique: A Qualitative Study

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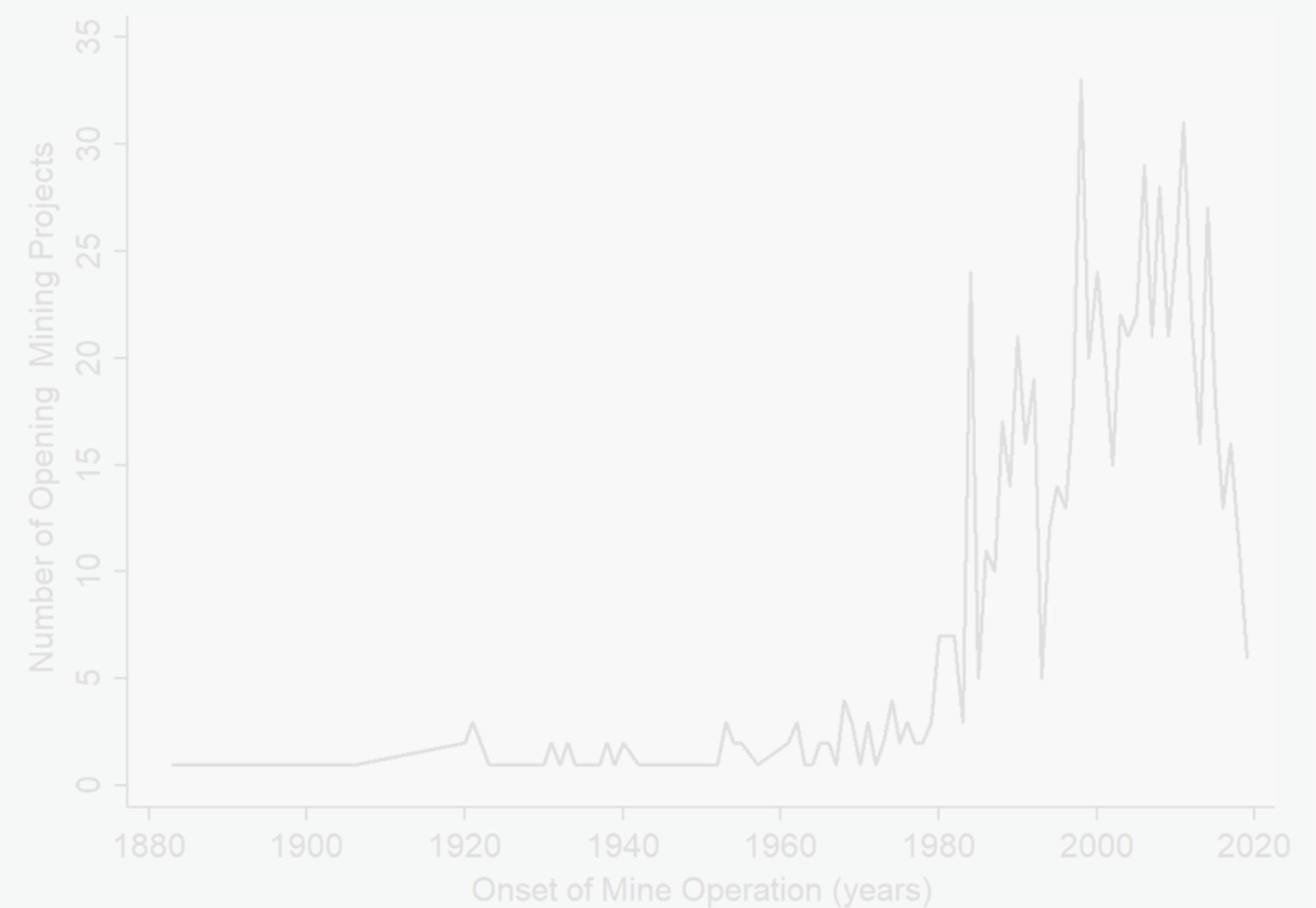
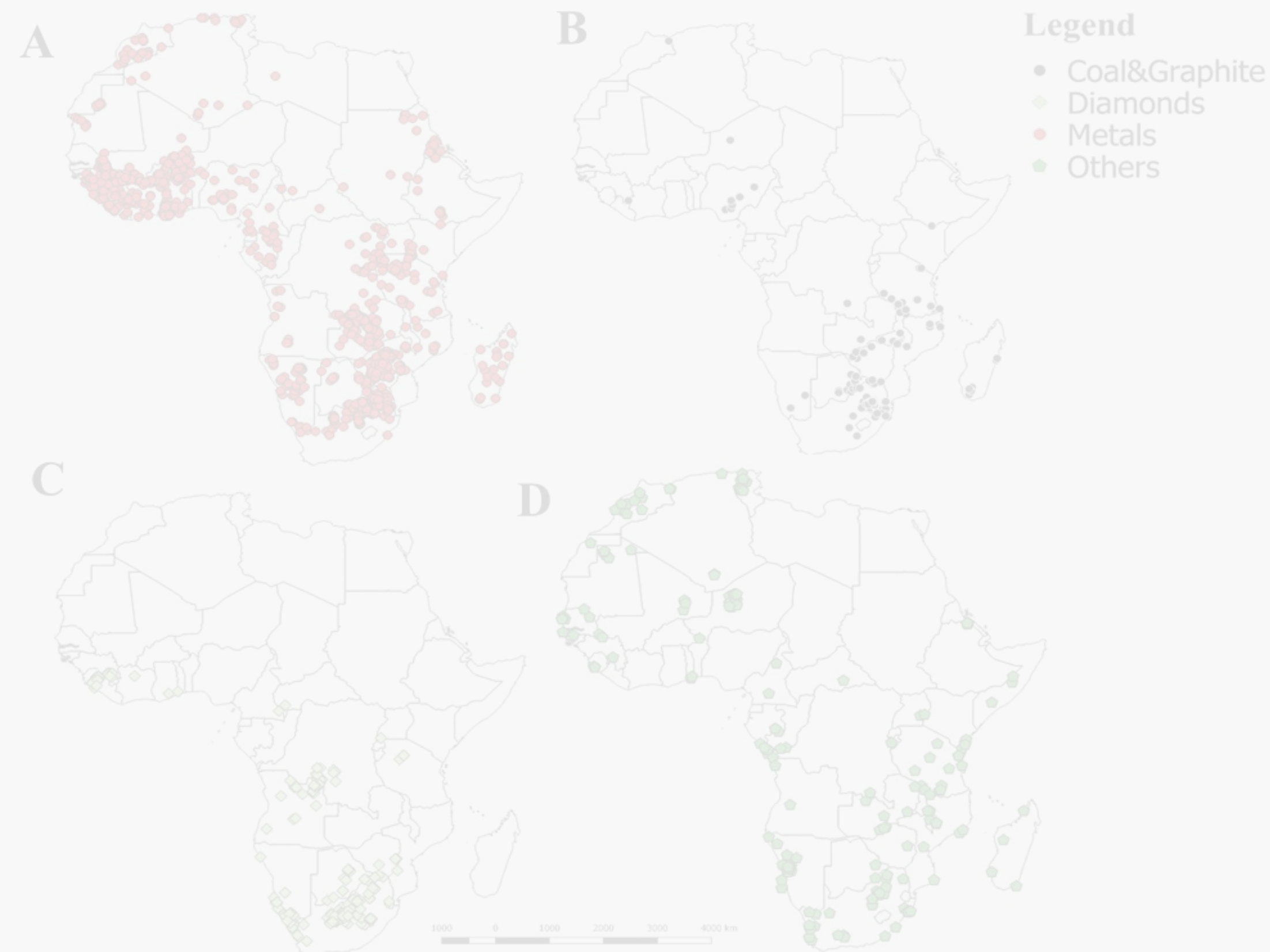
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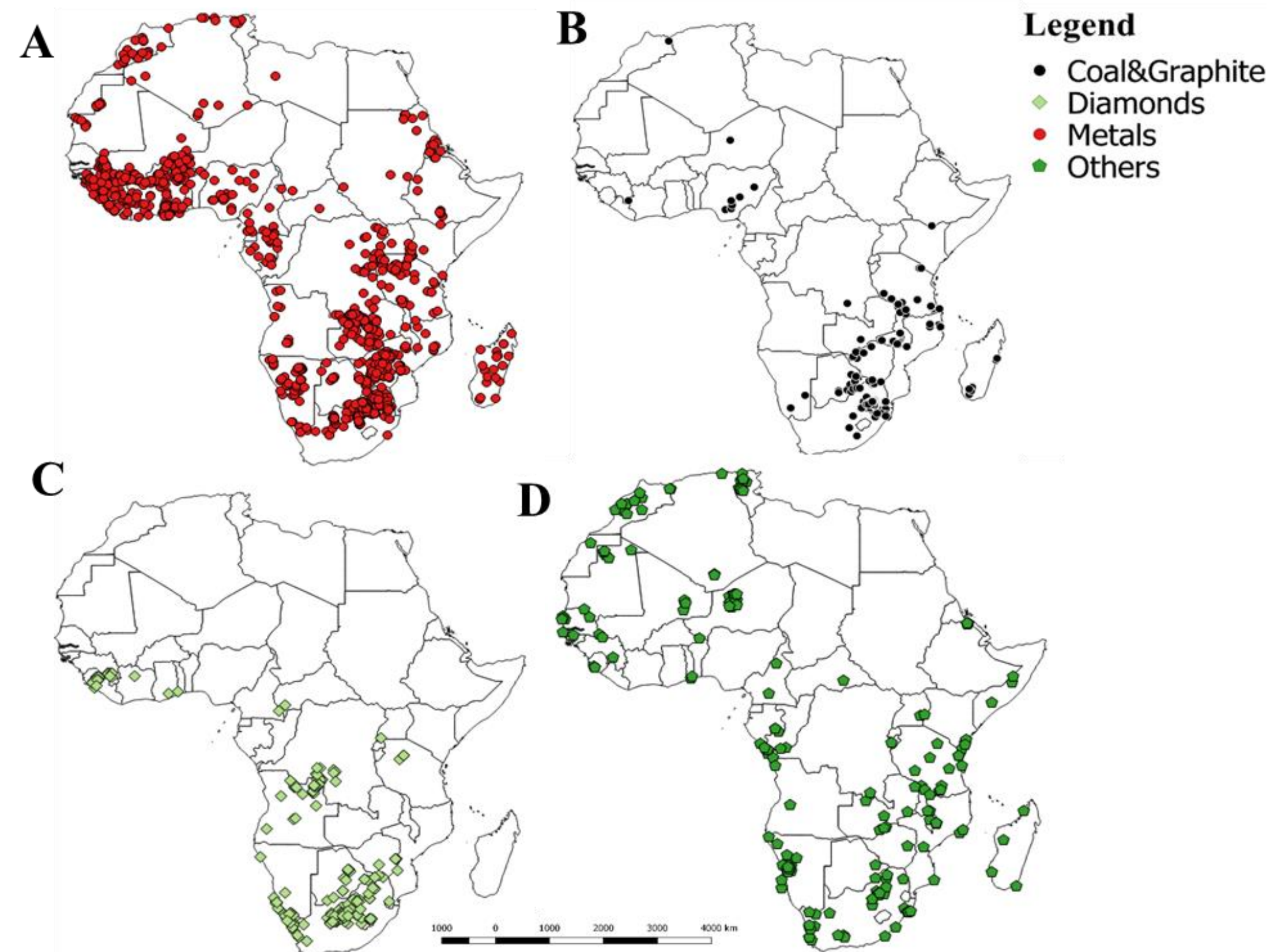


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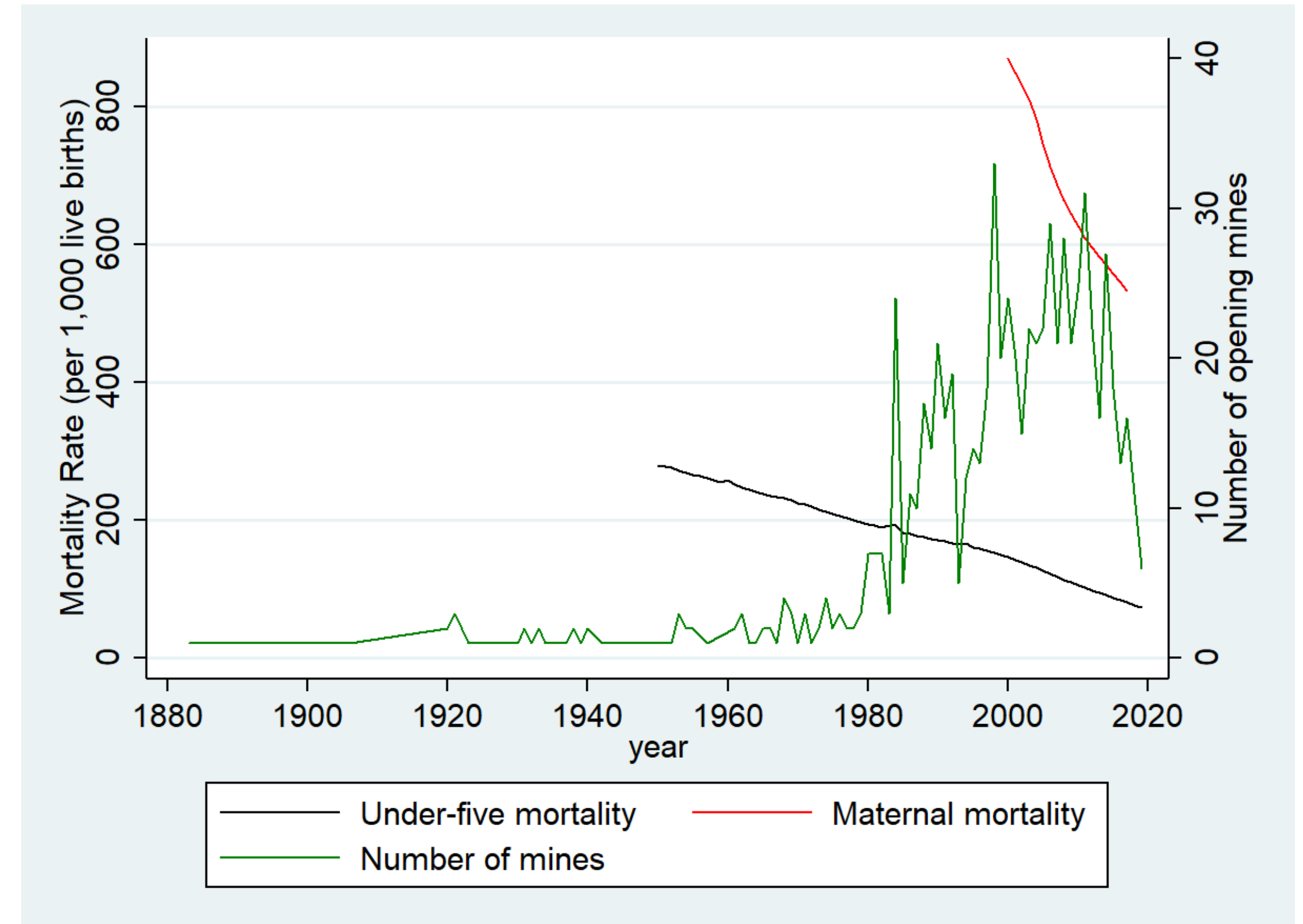
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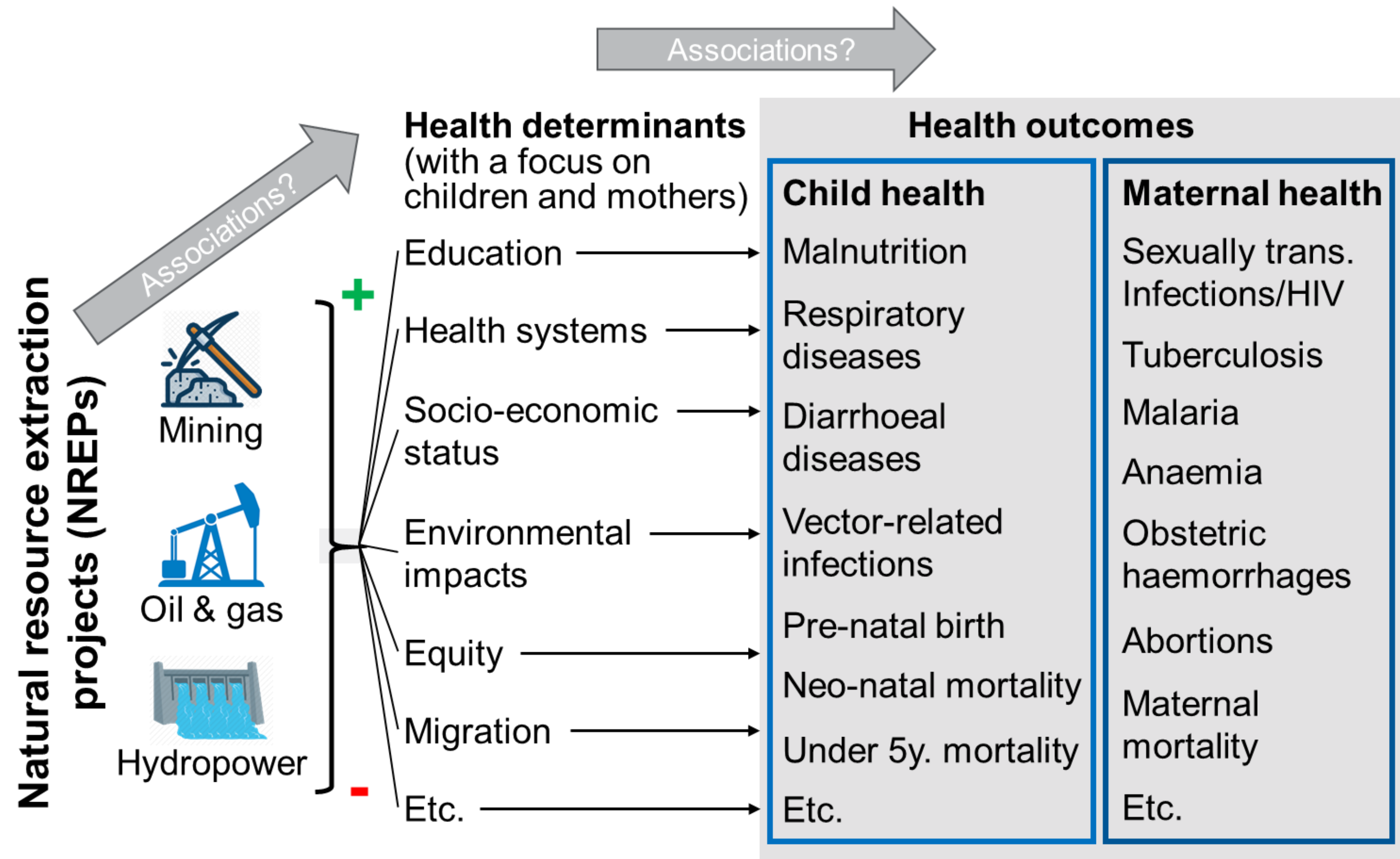
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# HEALTH IN NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION CONTEXT



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# OBJECTIVE AND RESEARCH QUESTION

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- ❑ **General Objective**

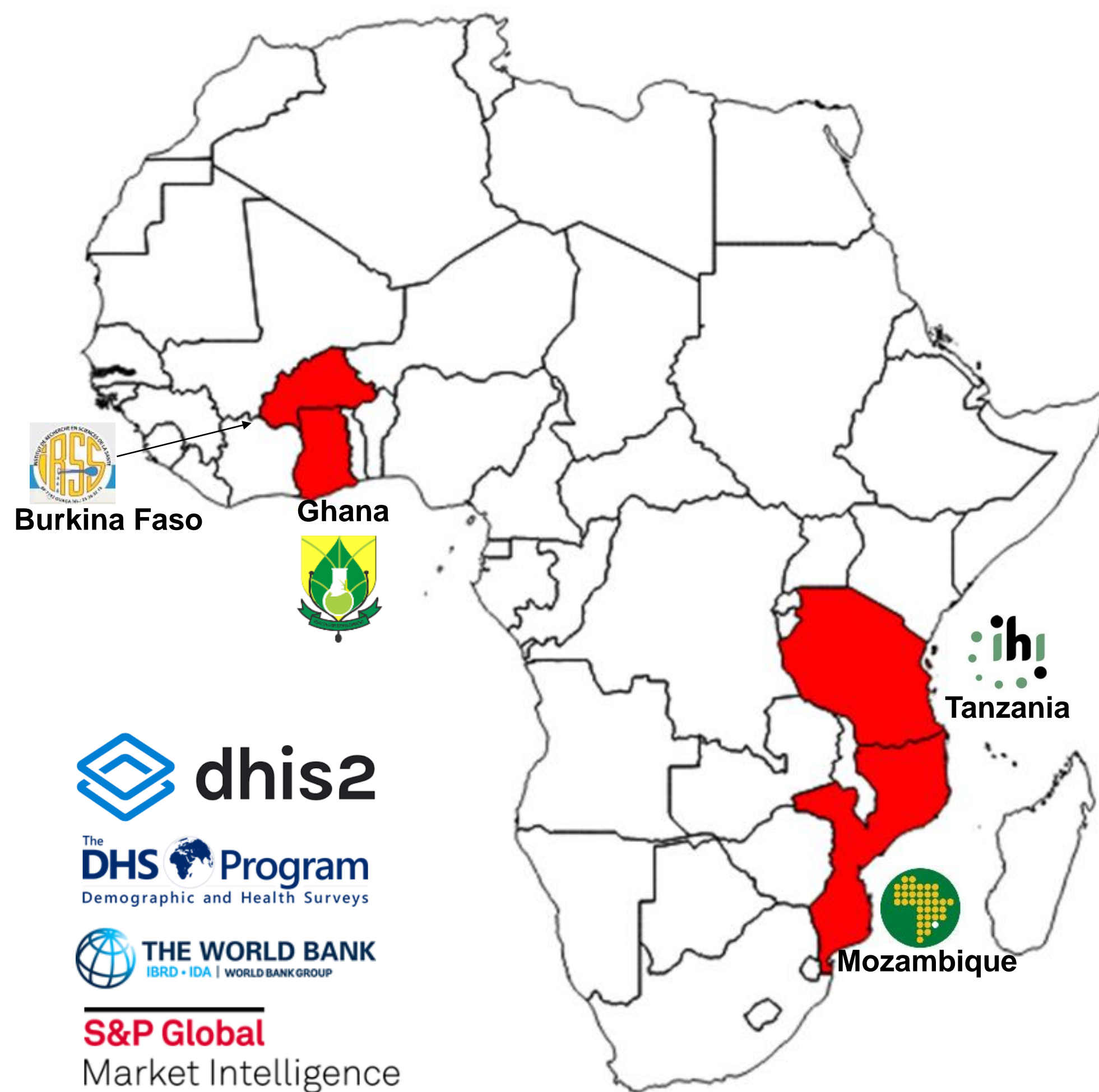
- This study aims to describe and analyse the perceptions of women and MCH nurses about the impacts of industrial mining projects on MCH in Mozambique.

- ❑ **Research Question**

- How do mining projects affect the health status of mothers and children living in mining areas in Mozambique?

# GENERAL METHODS

**HIA4SD** HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## HIA4SD Project Data Collection Manual

2019

Version 7, 01.03.2019



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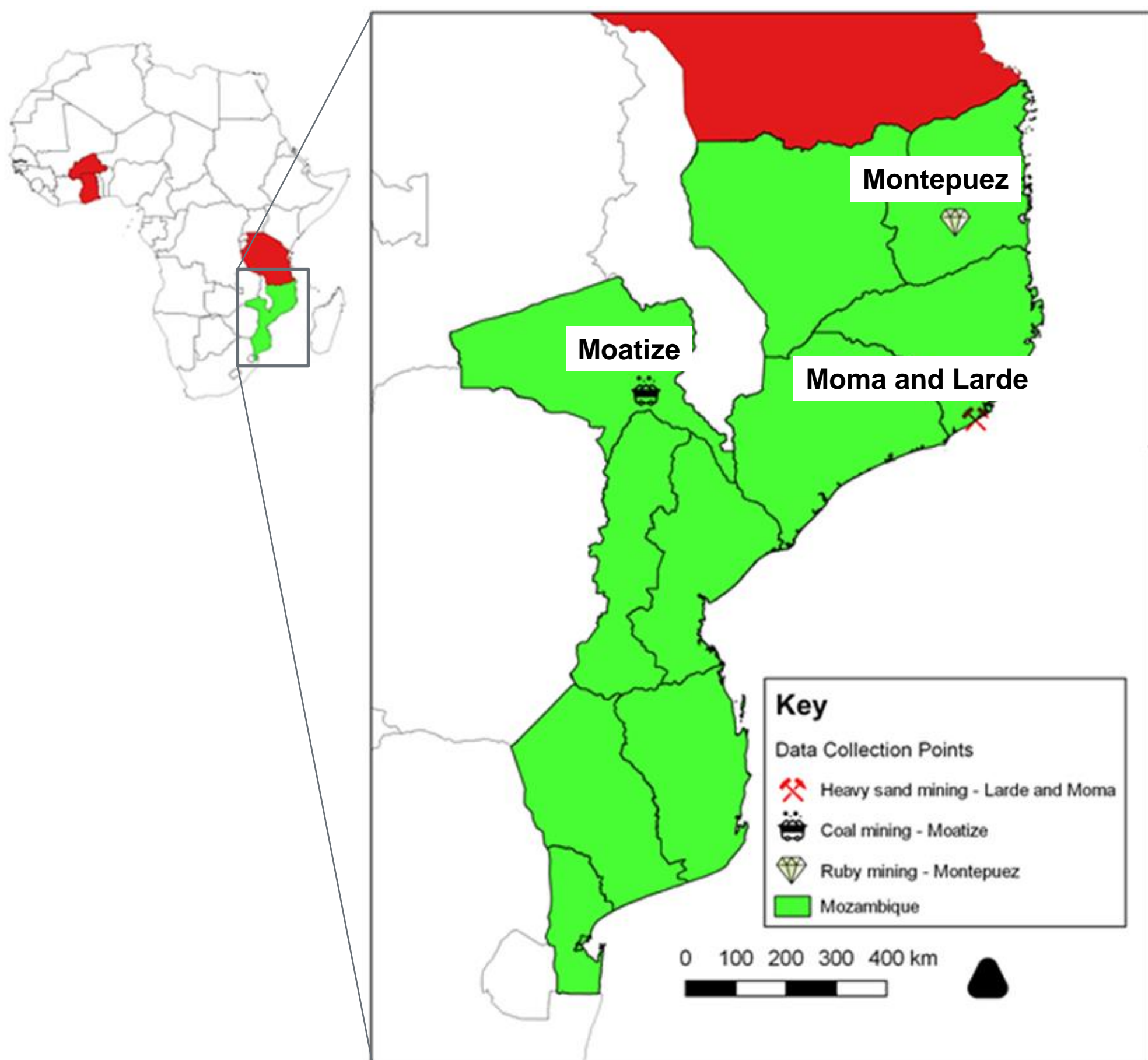
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# METHODOLOGY



Point location of data collection

- FGD and SSI were recorded and verbatim transcribed
- Use Nvivo 12 to code and analyse qualitative data from 19 FGD and 15 SSI.



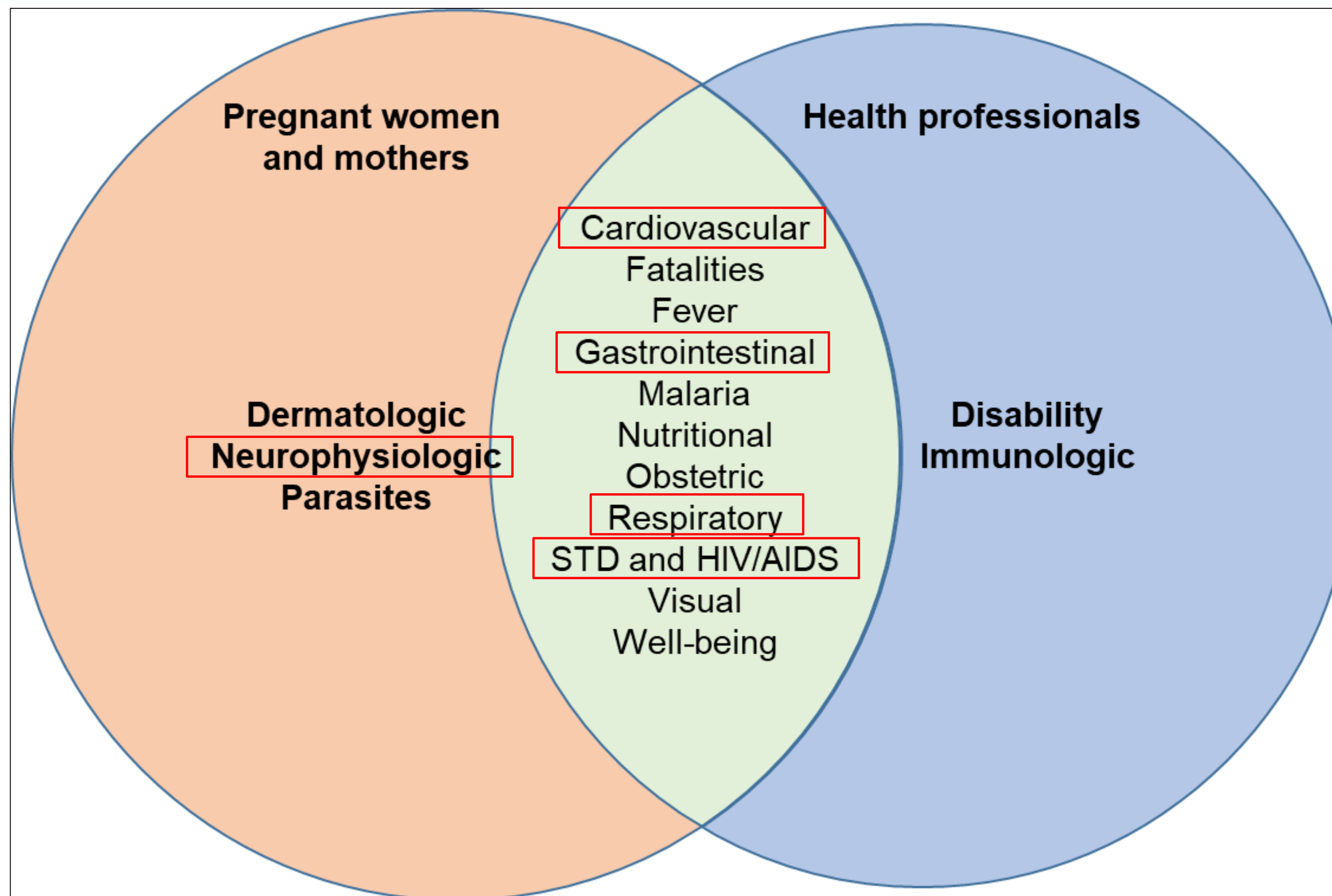
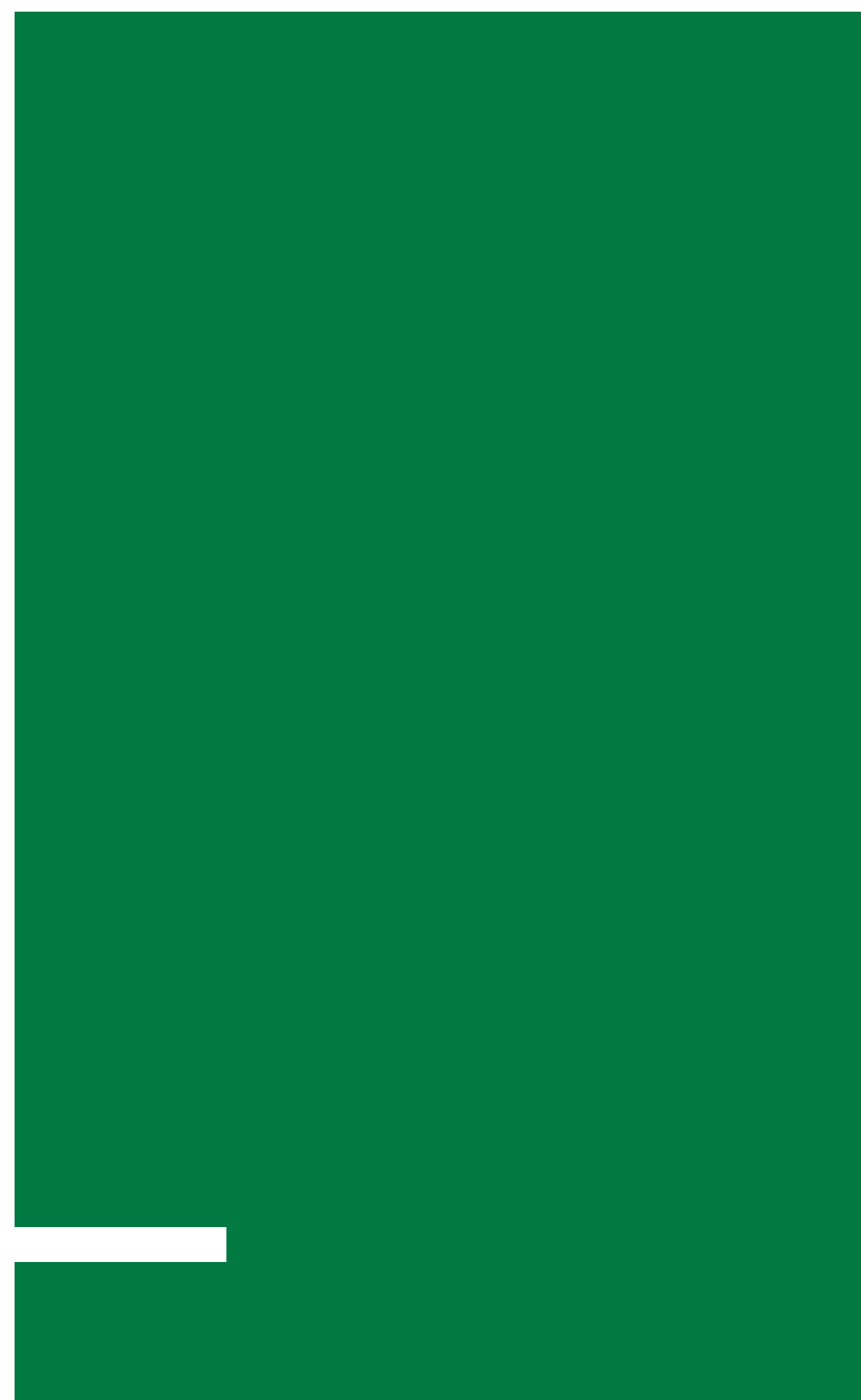
Participative Ranking  
Methodology



Transcription process

Coding structure in Nvivo 12

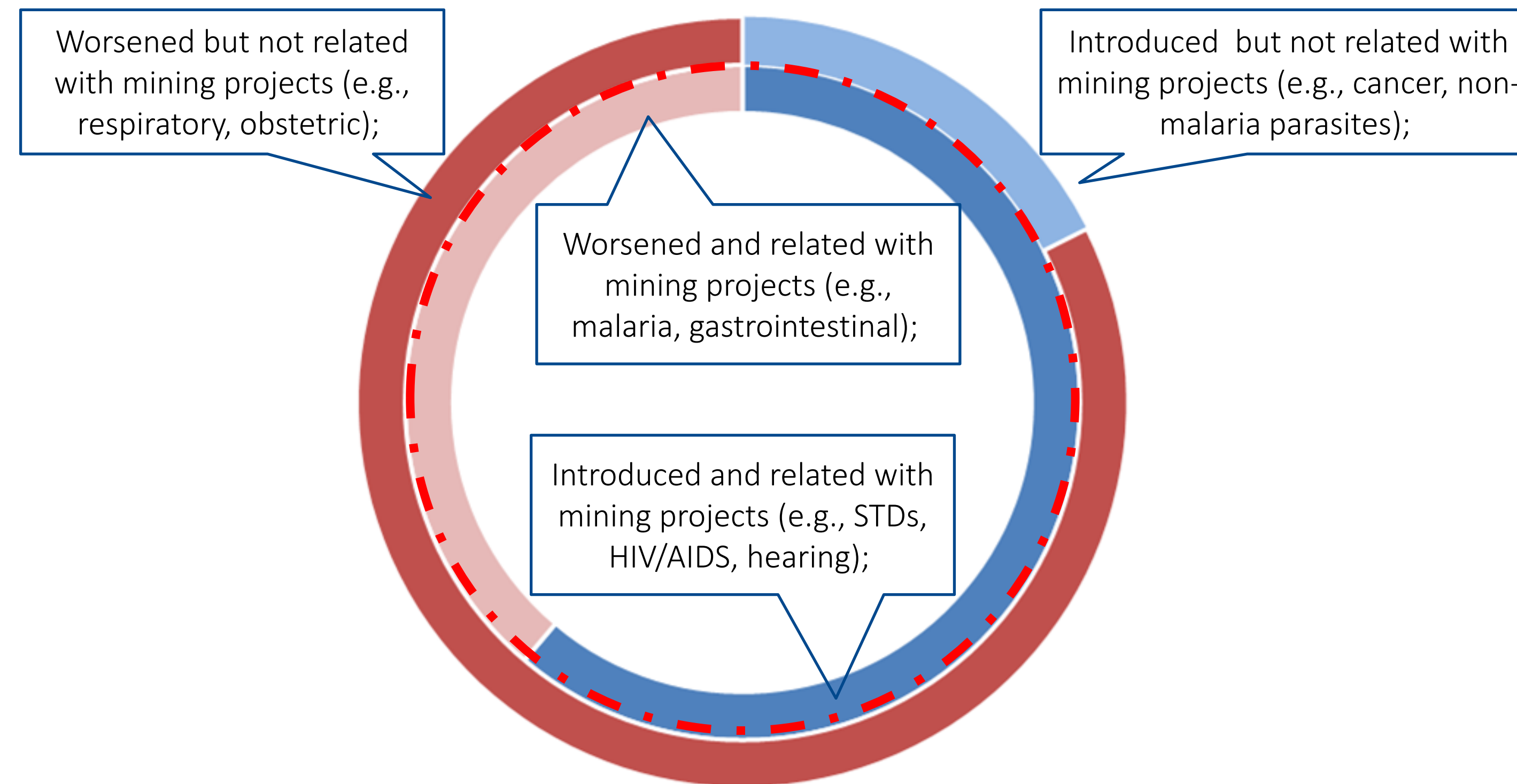
# MCH CONDITIONS LINKED WITH INDUSTRIAL MINING PROJECTS





# PERCEIVED MECHANISMS OF MINING IMPACTS

- We asked participants to describe the extent the mining activities contribute to the mentioned health conditions



Main categories explaining health outcomes among mothers of children aged under-five and pregnant women.

# CHILDHOOD DIARRHEA HYGIENE AND SANITATION



*“Our hygiene and sanitation conditions are poor because mining is polluting our water; that is why our children suffer from diarrhoea”*

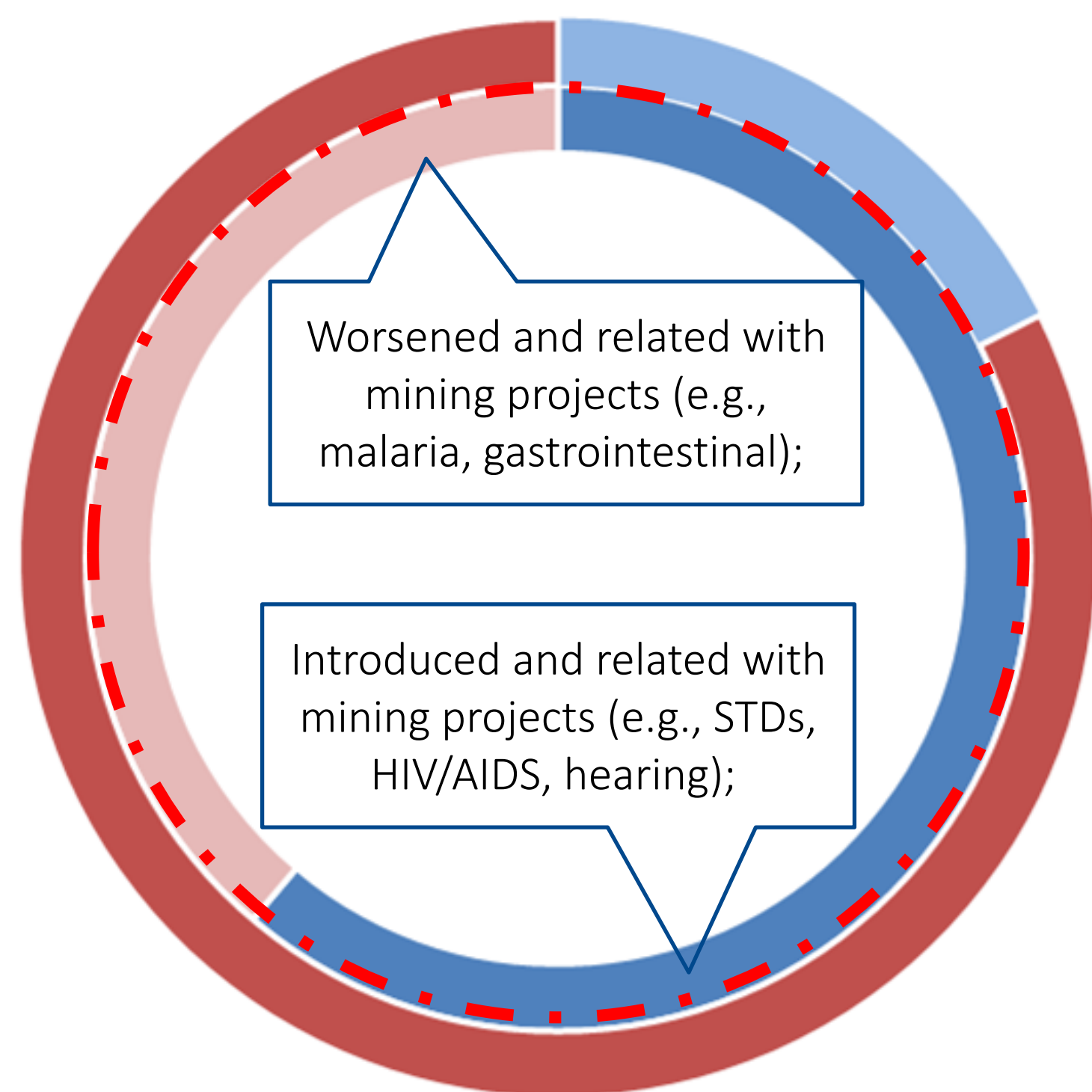
# CHILDHOOD RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS AND AIR POLLUTION

*“I vote cough and tuberculosis because these are diseases that our children suffer the most due to coal dust from the mine”*



# NUTRITION, STIS AND AIDS

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Main categories explaining health outcomes among mothers of children aged under-five and pregnant women.

- Health problems associated with land loss and increased cost of living => **hunger and nutrition**
- Immigration, living cost and sexual transactions => **STIs and HIV/AIDS**
- Medicines no longer having the desired effects

# BENEFITS FROM MINING IMPLEMENTATION



Health facilities (author)



Mobile Clinic (gemfield.com)



Education infrastructures (author)



Water infrastructures



Sanitation infrastructures

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

There is negative communities (women) and health professionals' perceptions on industrial mining impact on MCH

Perceived mechanism involves environmental, social and structural changes



Various health conditions are perceived to affect MCH and linked with mining opening and operation

Impacts on MCH are explained through various complex, interlinked and non-linear mechanisms

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# RECOMENDATIONS

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- In the industrial mining sector, **management of environmental externalities** of mining operations, particularly in the late stage of mining lifetime, are needed
- This can be achieved by **promoting HIA** as a standalone process or integrated in the existing EIA early in the development of industrial mining to help informing mitigation strategies targeting specific population groups (MCH) and needs.
- **Inclusion of MCH** in the various stages can strength the HIA process

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