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2. Aim

❖ To understand the complex power relations among key actors in a hotspot mining district in Ghana

3. Methods

❖ Theoretical Lens: A blend of Political Ecology and Capability Approach
❖ Research Approach: Qualitative
❖ Data Collection methods/instruments
❖ Key Informant and Semi structured interviews, Focus Group Discussions
❖ Data Analysis
❖ Thematic Analysis

4. Study Area

5. Preliminary Findings

6. Conclusions

❖ Excessive power of the State and traditional authority actors in accessing resources and benefits
❖ Migrant food crop farmers and female artisanal miners exercise the least power in relation to access to resources and the economic benefits accrued
❖ Pronounced social differential
   ❖ Young miners verses old farmers
❖ The observed power relations hold great implications for food security (study ongoing to unearth these impacts)