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Monitoring of the specifications mechanism in the DRC Forest Code

The specifications mechanism contained in the DRC Forest Code makes provision for forest companies to carry out works and services of collective interest for the benefit of local communities. These include:

- Construction and development of roads;
- Rebuilding, fitting out of hospital and school facilities;
- Transport services.

What is the situation like on the ground?

Our document is based on a study that analyses the impact this specific aspect has on poverty and social issues and attempts to answer the following questions:

- What agreements exist between forestry companies and local communities?
- What commitments have been made between the two parties?
- What has been achieved?
- Who negotiates these agreements?
- What are the results of these negotiations?
- How do the local communities benefit?
- What conflicts arise and how are they managed?
- What proposals are made to improve this practice in terms of recommendations?