Reading List

BBC Bitesize Overview: A great baseline resource outlining how political instability, poor governance, and wars affect development Political factors and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

BBC News Archive: A look into how debt and aid affect local economies Africa's aid, trade and debt Overview.

The Green Transition Paradox: Read about the link between smart technology and hazardous child labor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) through Amnesty International's Cobalt Mining Investigation. It explores how children work in dangerous, narrow tunnels without safety equipment.

Impact on Youth & Education: Discover how the rising demand for minerals affects local communities. This Save the Children Feature on the DRC explains how economic pressures pull teenagers out of school into artisanal mining, and highlights the "catch-up clubs" working to return them to the classroom.

Dangerous Livelihoods: Read a tragic, real-life account of the high stakes of informal mining in the BBC News Article on Sierra Leone Gold Mining. It covers the stories of teenagers who leave school to seek gold to support their families, illustrating the extreme structural risks of unmonitored pits