

# Building Sustainable Communities and Artisanal & Small-scale Mining

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# Building Sustainable Communities and ASM

- Why is it important to integrate ASM activities in the development of the surrounding communities?
- What does “Sustainable Communities” mean?
- What can ASM do to support community development?
- How do you integrate ASM into sustainable community development?

# Building Sustainable Communities Why?

## **Communities and Small-Scale Mining (CASM) Mission Statement:**

*To reduce poverty by supporting integrated sustainable development of communities affected by or involved in artisanal and small-scale mining in developing countries*

# Building Sustainable Communities

## Why?

- Poverty reduction is at the center of CASM's mission.
- International aid resources are insufficient to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and reduce poverty by half until 2015.
- In many poor areas of the world, mining - including ASM – represents an opportunity to socio-economic “growth” and achieve the MDGs.

# Building Sustainable Communities

## Why?

- CASM strongly supports the principle that communities can and should benefit from ASM activities that affect them.
  - ASM miners do not live in isolation: impacts affect the miners themselves, their families and the communities in their neighborhood
  - ASM challenges are also ASM opportunities

# Building Sustainable Communities

## What does it mean?

- It is about growth – but growth is not limited to the economic dimension
- It is about sustainability – but sustainability is not only about future generations: it also applies to people today.

# Building Sustainable Communities

## What does it mean?

- Growth and sustainability are about:
  - **Better life:** access to social services (health, education, infrastructure), jobs creation and economic diversification (less ghost mining towns)
  - **Better governance:** communities should be able to participate in decision making processes about their future – empowerment, peace, equality, solidarity, political balance and legitimacy
  - **Better environment:** ASM without contamination, health and safety.

# Building Sustainable Communities

## What can ASM do?

- Challenges become community opportunities, for example:
  - Formalization means improved business security and “social responsibility”
  - Better organization (cooperatives, small enterprises) means better incomes for the miners and their families
  - Better technology means less contamination and better revenues
  - Better organization and technology mean better health (STD, malaria, health & safety)
  - Reducing child labor means better education opportunities
  - Better community integration means better distribution of benefits and less conflicts
  - Better community integration means also the possibility to plan and develop the community. Etc..



# Building Sustainable Communities

## How to do it?

- **Integrated - rural or urban - development:** the ASM miners cannot do it alone! A role for many stakeholders:
  - ASM organizations
  - Communities
  - Community-Based (CBOs) and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
  - Local authorities
  - Government
  - Other sectors and businesses
  - Financial sector

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## How to do it?

- **Communities** are not only key partners in efforts to advance ASM, but should be drivers of human development through participation in decision-making and on-the-ground action (J. Hinton, 2005)
- **ASM organizations** get organized, start to think beyond the immediate payback and become “good citizen”, getting actively interested in the development of their community
- **Local authorities** improve their management capacity
- **CBOs and NGOs** facilitate community organizational and development processes

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## How to do it?

- **Government** provides an adequate formalization framework (mining rights; business development and access to finance regulations; local use of fiscal revenues; environmental compliance system;..); facilitate access to social services.
- **Financial system** facilitates access to trade and export financing
- **Academia and consultant firms** can provide technical assistance

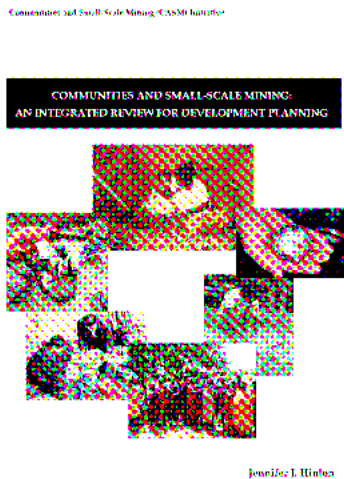
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## How to do it?

- A useful methodology: **Community Driven Development (CDD)**, facilitated by CBO/NGO
  - Participatory diagnostic and identification of opportunities
  - Consultation process
  - Integration of ASM and other sectors (services, businesses, agriculture, large scale mining)
  - Participatory preparation of Community Development Plan (CDP) (formalization process, social services, infrastructure, economic diversification options etc..)
  - Implementation of CDP: ASM and community own resources, locally available fiscal resources, government development projects..)

# Building Sustainable Communities A Role for CASM?

- Knowledge sharing



CASM – An Integrated  
Review for  
Development Planning

Toolkit for  
Implementing of  
ASM Baseline  
Surveys in Africa



- Link with Governments or Development Agencies projects
- CASM resources (Small Grants, DGF..)

# Building Sustainable Communities Summary

- Why? Poverty reduction and ASM challenges become community opportunities
- What? Socio-economic growth and sustainability – better life, governance and environment today
- How? Integrated development approach - CDD, capacity building and sector(s) reform
- Who? Integrated multi-stakeholders approach

# Building Sustainable Communities

**Do you want to know more?**

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