



THE ROLE OF CASM (Africa) IN BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITTIES THROUGH ASM

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PRESENTATION

- Challenges
- Strengths
- Opportunities
- Activities
- Expected results



Challenges

- Lack of livelihood opportunities in rural communities
- Youth restiveness due to prevalence of high unemployment
- Breakdown of traditional community values
- Rush situations and breakdown of facilities
- Lack of rural infrastructures
- Poor understanding of ASM
- Lack of finance channels
- Deficient legal framework



Strengths

- High African traditional values
- Presence of traditional authority (non formal)
- Tolerance (champions of survival)
- Hard work and willingness to learn



Opportunities

- Partnership with African Mining Partnership (AMP)
- Partnership with CASM (Global) and other networks and Institutions



Activities

- Promote projects that can help the ASM communities in meeting the MDGs
- Profiling (understanding the ASM in Africa) ASM and needs of the communities
- Advocating inclusion of ASM in government rural development programs (e.g. PRSPs)
- Raising awareness and tailor training of the ASM and communities on economic diversification and entrepreneurial approaches



Constraints

- Lack of adequate funding
- Lack of awareness of the communities and governments on the sustainability of the ASM communities



OUTCOMES

- A well informed and responsible ASM communities adequately empowered to own and manage pro-poor projects for sustainable development



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