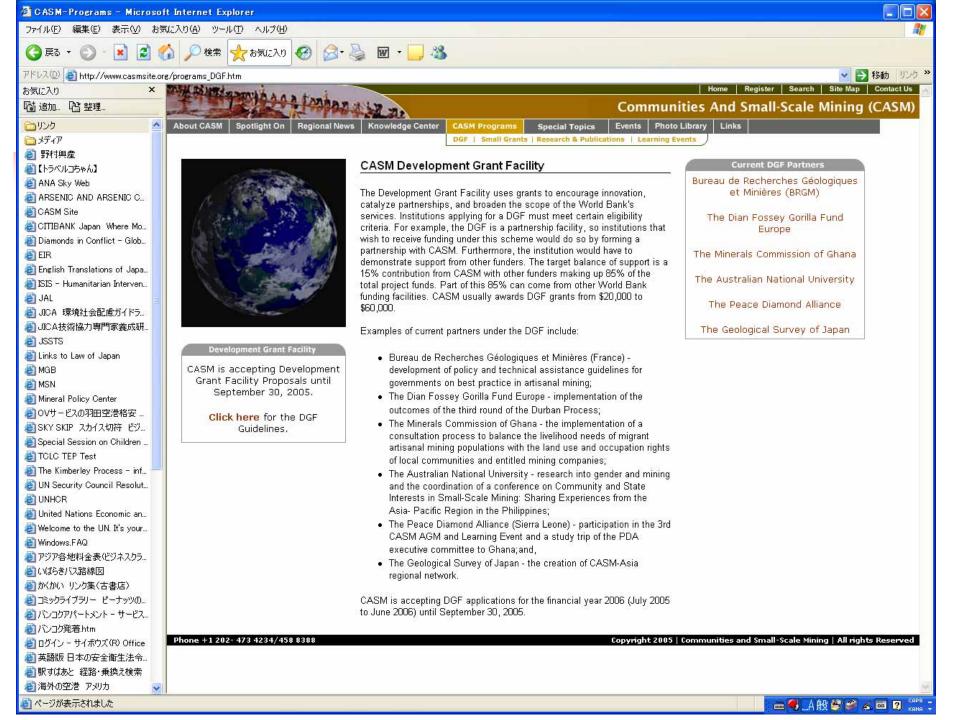




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CASM-Asia is

to function as a hub for CASM activities through which we can build cooperation network of those engaged or have interest in small scale mining, and to bridge the small scale miners with the stake holders, the communities, technology and science in the region.

All this is aimed towards improving the lot of the small scale miners and their communities, contributing directly to poverty alleviation.

For CCOP, CASM-Asia could be a pilot project to be more responsible for and proactive to issues in society in

- building a close geoscience network to lubricate the collaboration;
- expanding the network from geoscience to other fields to let stakeholders communicate bilaterally;
- bridging central professional communities and local communities to realize benefit down-streaming;
- constructing comprehensive database to achieve CCOP's readiness to various kinds/levels of issues;
- giving stakeholders learning opportunities on tools and principles for regional development through study events to build wider capacity of natural resource and environmental management.



CASM-Asia should be influential to top-level body: Legal framework

- ASM must be main-streamed in development policy.
- Anarchy (laws not followed) and social unrest, need for cooperative enforcement of laws.
- Inadequate infrastructure (making marketing of mineral concentrates and building materials difficult).
- Illegal mining, trading and marketing problems.



CASM-Asia should be influential to toplevel body: legal framework

- Some laws seem not effective.
- ASM activities mainly fall within mining legislation but also covered by other laws (environmental, safety, etc.).
- There is need to adopt laws and regulations that are appropriate to ASM conditions and evolution.



CASM-Asia should be helpful to meso-level institutions: science, technology, statistics and administration

- Mineral products various mineral products (gold, gemstones, tin, industrial minerals, construction materials, coal, salt, iron, manganese, diamond) are extracted by artisanal and small-scale miners within the region
- Miners involved large number including women and children; 3-4% of population in the case of Papua New Guinea.
- Technological problems (low recoveries, inefficient practices, lack of technical info.)



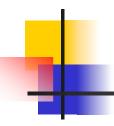
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- Environmental concerns, almost the same in all countries - water pollution, deforestation, tailings disposal/river siltation, Hg pollution, toxic chemicals, noise and dust, etc.
- Health and safety, also similar cases in the various countries – accidents, unsanitary living conditions, dangerous working areas/places, HIV aids, mercury poisoning, malaria and other water-borne diseases



CASM-Asia should be helpful to meso-level institutions: science, technology, statistics and administration

- Lack of resources and capacity of government to provide technical assistance and to enforce existing laws.
- Existing and prospective mining sites allocated/applied by large mining companies.
- Large-scale vs ASM



CASM-Asia should be helpful to mesolevel institutions: risk communication

- Raising awareness of local people. Often gap is observed between Governments and local community.
- Technical campaigns such as Hg usage do not seem to cause ripple effects.
- Relations with other stakeholders.

→ Information provision technique such as risk communication seems to be vital as a tool to address such issues.



CASM-Asia should be helpful to mesolevel institutions: interdepartmental cooperation

Governmental agencies responsible for the issue needs cooperation.

Department/ministries/bureaus of mines /national and local government and other agencies (environment, health, labour, tax bureaus)



CASM-Asia should be cooperative to people: NGOs

We need NGOs assisting the sector

We hear mostly none apart from Mongolia (but not to confuse with NGOs working on mining issues with on the position of being "against mining projects" especially the mining activities of multi-national mining companies)



CASM-Asia should be cooperative to people: micro-finance

Lack of finance/resources

(in the Philippines, Social Security system, SSS, can provide financial assistance to miners)



CASM-should be helpful to alllevel bodies: social issues

- child labour
- Middle man
- gambling
- prostitution
- drugs and alcohol
- gender issues (inequality?)
- land-use conflicts
- literacy (children avoiding schools)



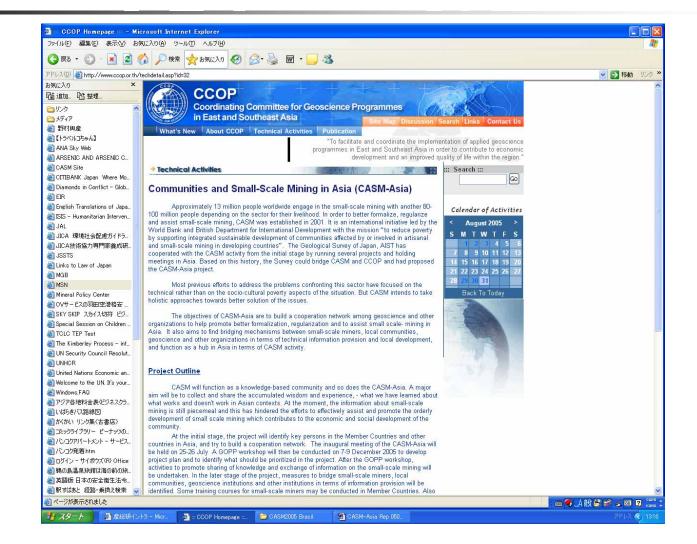
Challenges and issues

Do they continue to be artisanal/small scale?

How can Government response to the evolution of business?

How can people find alternative livelihood?

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Risk communication WS

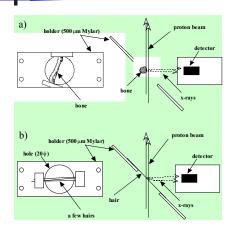
- Relation between Government/company and ASM is odd in many countries and strong distrust exists among miners to the Government. Thus trust building and risk communication seem to be pressing needs to brush up officers' sense of communication and fair attitude.
- A workshop on risk communication would be needed to let stakeholders learn how to build trust each other.

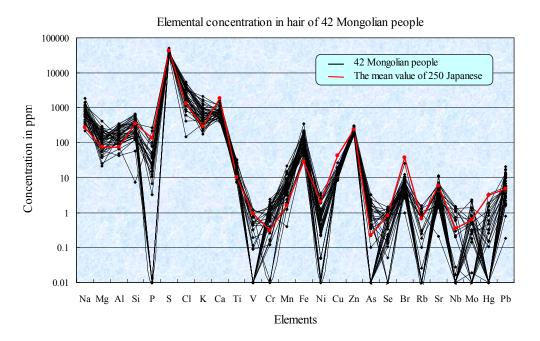


We need pilot project in some countries - CASM Small Grants?

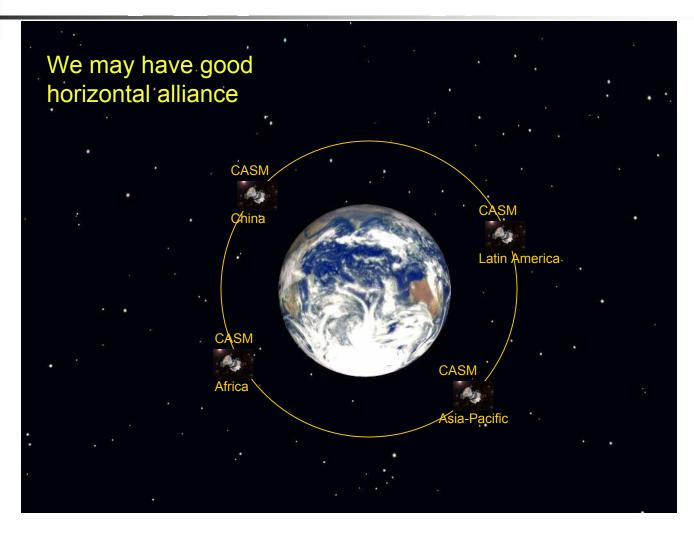
- 1. To approve Small-Scale Mining Law by Parliament
- 2. To develop Small-Scale Mining Community (Small group, associations and so on)
- 3. To give and teach environmental awareness to the Small-Scale miners.
- 4. To teach and develop the Methodology of Partnership and friendly cooperation between Government, Big Companies and Small-Scale miners.
- 5. To visit the Small-Scale mining activity area in Mongolia, distribute News about CASM activity and learned experiences and help them to set up Small-Scale mining group, associations and select delegates for future Big meeting in Ulaanbaatar
- 6. Organize National level meeting in the Capital to recognize Small-Scale Miners as Official Group to talk with Government and Big Companies.
- The Cooperator is planning to introduce to the Government people and Small Scale miners these ideas and try to publish about Learning Event and CASM.

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Strategic planning and alliances



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