



Targeted ASM Assistance

a Pragmatic Example from Africa



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ASM Development - *the dream*

- To improve the contribution of the ASM sector to development processes within sustainable communities
- Align ASM issues with the MDGs and mainstream ASM in national development strategies including the PRSP's
- Encourage co-existence with the private large scale mining sector
- Ensure gender mainstreaming
- Reduce child labour through the provision of viable alternatives
- Avoid or mitigate negative environmental and social impacts as well as impacts on human health
- Encourage equitable markets for mining products and access to fair credit
- Develop the collective capacity of miners to contribute to sustainable development and an upscaling of mining activity (good practice)



A young boy descending a shaft at a gold mine in Niger

ASM Assistance - *the reality*

- A plethora of dead paper policy and grandiose declarations
- Ad hoc, single issue donor projects with little co-ordination
- An inertia to move from the *'what to do'* rhetoric and repetitive academic research to the more difficult and somewhat elusive *'how to do'* pragmatic and tangible actions on the ground - **Research Fatigue**
- Must aspire to bridge the increasing gap between high level policy and on-the-ground practice
- Need realistic and pragmatic approaches that ensure both immediate impact to the impoverished mining communities and long term sustainability for the benefit of the nations of Africa
- Clear, tangible and measurable objectives to foster and encourage local stakeholder buy-in and ownership, and ensure we provide incentives for the continuation of any assistance scheme whilst appealing to the self-interest of the miners



Artisanal mining for emeralds in Zambia



A Recent African Example....



Alluvial artisanal gold mining in Tanzania

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Artisanal gemstone mining in Nigeria

DFID PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Promote co-existence with Large Scale Mining sector
- Pilot sustainable integration of ASM into community development programmes and ASM into PRSP
- Delineate and demarcate the mineral potential suitable for ASM exploitation
- Encourage the formation of ASM associations or co-operatives and partnerships with the LSM
- Provide outreach services - self sustaining technical assistance and training schemes
- Provide a viable and sustainable financing scheme and a fair and effective marketing system and added value for ASM products
- Define relevant and consistent health & safety standards and practices
- Establish appropriate and realistic environmental protection practices and principles
- Help establish and/or strengthen institutional capacity to handle and/or manage the ASM sector
- Advise on the formation of an enabling policy and appropriate and transparent legislative framework and licensing scheme

Informal Rush, Poverty Driven or Seasonal Mining - Marginal ASM Enclave



Formalised and Permanent Sector - Integrated Sustainable ASM Community

Private Sector Partnerships



GHANA

- The project will be undertaken in collaboration with



- Working with local ASM communities near the Damang site in the Wassa region



TANZANIA

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- Working with local ASM communities near the Geita site in the Mwanza region

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Artisanal Mining (galemsey) for gold in Ghana

Participatory Approach

We have secured full participatory approach with real local community ownership, prioritisation and drive in partnership with the public and private sector



GHANA

- Gold Fields (Ghana) Ltd
- EU Sysmin - Mercury Project
- Mineral Commission
- Ministry of Mines
- Chamber of Mines



TANZANIA

- Geita Gold Mine Ltd
- Ministry of Mines & Energy
- Chamber of Mines
- UNIDO (Global Mercury Project) ?
- ILO (IPEC) ?



Artisanal Mining for gold in Tanzania

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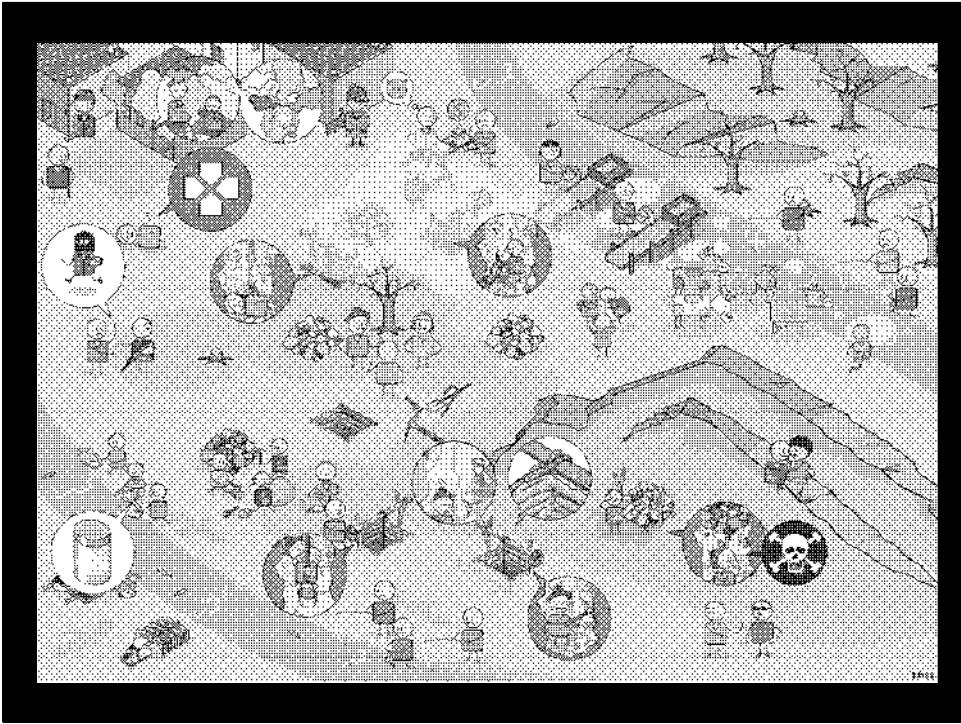


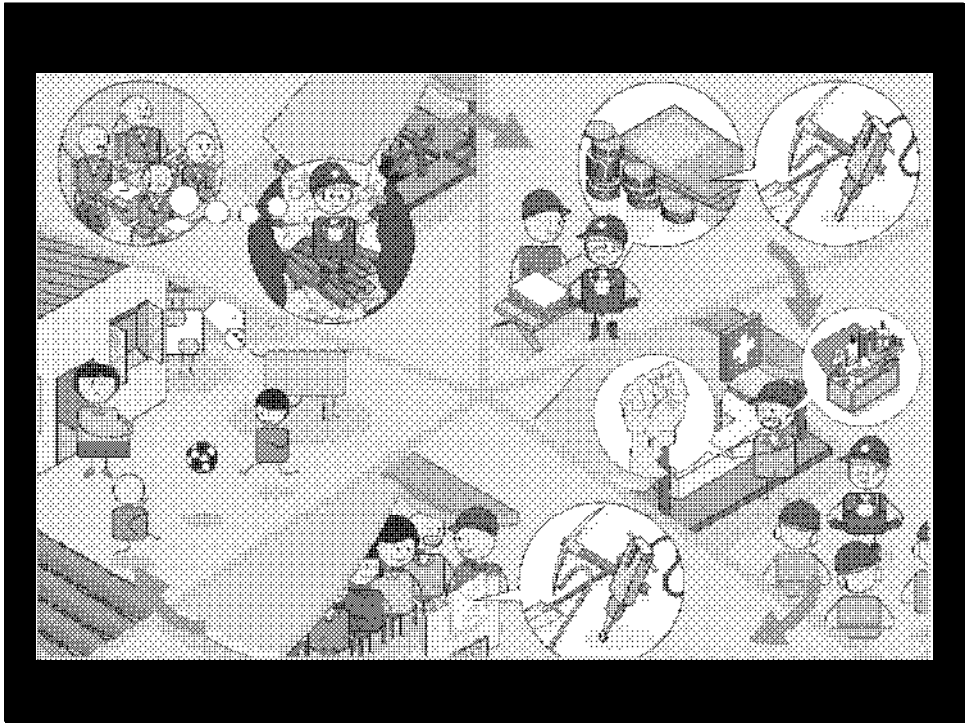
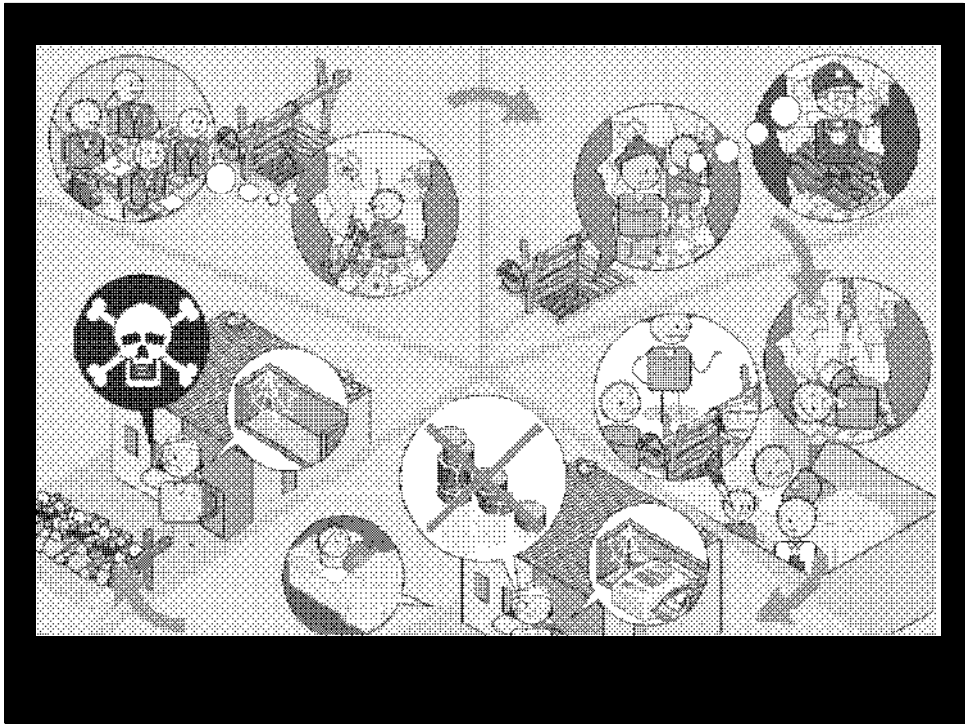
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Assistance to the ASM sector will contribute to the attainment of the MDGs



Providing assistance to the ASM sector will help national governments and international donors join forces in the fight against poverty, illiteracy, hunger, lack of education, gender inequality, child and maternal mortality, disease, environmental degradation and unfair trade.