



# CASM (Africa)

*and the African Mining Partnership*



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# Artisanal & Small Scale Mining (ASM)

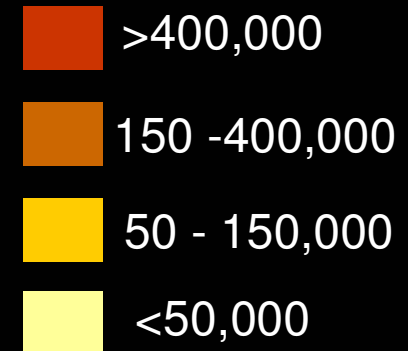
- Not unique to Africa.
- Evident in over 30 countries world wide.
- 13 million people directly 'employed'.
- 100 million indirectly dependent.
- Growing phenomenon.
- Diverse and Complex
- Significant ASM activities in Africa, with unique characteristics and drivers



*Working alluvial diamonds in Ghana*

# ASM in Africa

Numbers of ASM workers



**Estimated Total: >5.0 million**

**Probably an under-estimate**

**Predicted to triple by 2012**





# Why is ASM of Interest to Development Agencies?

## *Negative:*

- often implicated in undermining development efforts by association with conflict, corruption, civil strife, social and environmental



## *Positive:*

- has interface with many development issues.
- has **potential** to make a significant contribution to economic and social development in many countries.



# Communities and Small-scale Mining (CASM) - established 2001

- Multi stakeholder/ donor organisation.
- Development encouraged by MMSD, WSSD, EIR, etc processes.
- Secretariat supported by DFID (UK) and hosted by World Bank.
- Oversight provided by SMAG
- Grown into international network of experts, governments, companies, civil society, international agencies, ....and artisanal miners.

Major Annual events to report progress and plan future

- London (2001)
- Peru (2002)
- **Ghana (2003)**
- Sri Lanka (2004)
- Brazil (2005)
- **(Madagascar (2006))**

Regional Network of partner organisations:

- Asia/Pacific
- China
- Latin America
- **Africa**





# CASM's Goal

**To improve the contribution of the ASM sector to development processes within sustainable communities.**

## Objectives:

- Better understanding the sectors role, requirements, rights and responsibilities.
- Raise awareness of ASM issues in the international agenda.
- Coordinate the efforts of development agencies in responding to ASM needs.

*Gathering, Disseminating, Sharing,  
Transferring KNOWLEDGE*

*Facilitating, Developing, Pioneering,  
Mobilizing RESPONSES*



*Artisanal gold mining (orpaillage) in Mali*



# Development Assistance Mechanisms are Changing.....



*Child worker amalgamating gold in Guinée*

- International agencies trying to improve development assistance efficiency and effectiveness.
- From numerous, uncoordinated, small-scale projects to coordinated, strategic interventions.
  - Two critical elements:
    - Harmonisation
    - Alignment



# Defining the CASM (Global) and CASM (Africa) Partnership

## CASM (Global) Role

- Encouraging *harmonisation* and coherence in (donor) support.

## Benefits for Africa?

Access to international experience and support.

## CASM (Africa) Role

Encouraging *alignment* behind the priorities of developing countries.

## Benefits for Africa?

Influencing international agendas to ensure Africa relevance.





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*Artisanal mining for barytes in Nigeria*

- Is the official regional partner of CASM (Global)
- Is the preferred point of reference for ASM issues for the international donor community
- Collect, collate and communicate Africa's knowledge and experiences on ASM
- Facilitate on-the-ground implementation of ASM programmes and activities
- Promote local ownership of ASM initiatives and programmes
- Aligning ASM issues with the MDGs and mainstreaming ASM in national development strategies including the PRSP's



# CASM (Africa) & the AMP

- Tapping on global knowledge and experiences of ASM
- Improve the delivery of ASM services and programmes
- Avoid duplication of efforts and maximise limited resources
- Recognition of new architecture of developmental assistance
- Facilitate linkages with ASM operators and communities
- Influence international development agenda on ASM through CASM (Global)
- Provide broader stakeholder involvement beyond public sector



*Artisanal mining (galemsey) for gold in Ghana*





# CASM (Africa) Recommendations



*Women working on an artisanal gold site in Tanzania*

- Request that the CASM (Africa) communiqué is disseminated to other AMP members
- Call to utilise CASM (Africa) as the resource to the AMP to implement its ASM agenda
- Invitation to formalise the partnership through a MoU





*‘Africa is endowed with several natural resources such as minerals. However, in our region, these mineral resources were inadequately coupled with developmental interests of the local communities in our continent....’*

Hon. St. Minister S. Ejigu - Minister of Mines, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia