On environmental and social safeguards:

ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme

UGANDA
Uganda is a country in East Africa whose diverse landscape encompasses the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and immense Lake Victoria. The country has large underexploited mineral deposits and significant quantities of clay, sand, stone aggregate, dimension stone, limestone, marble, salt, pozzolanic ash, bentonite, semi-precious gemstones, and gypsum.

Key Development Minerals in Uganda:

- Limestone
- Salt
- Clay
- Sand
- Gravel
- Marble
- Granite

Activities and achievements in Uganda:

On legal and institutional environment:
- Policy, legislation and access to finance for ASMEs to formalize
- Development and dissemination of the Formalization and Business Development Acceleration Strategy for the Development Minerals Sector in Uganda
- Baseline assessment and profile of the Development Minerals sector
  - Helping shape national strategy, policy, and action on development minerals

On environmental and social safeguards:
- Onsite training modality on sustainable mining
- Handbooks in conflict management, safety, health, and environmental restoration
- Business planning and development training for livelihood security for women-led enterprises
  - Supporting a resilient, socially-aware and sustainable mining sector in Uganda

On technological innovation:
- Two digital platforms for construction to improve access to markets
- Grants to ASMEs and Associations for formalization, value addition and job creation for youth
  - Supporting technological development and inclusion in the mining sector to remove market barriers
Business Skills training for Artisanal Miners in Kasese District, which is rich with a variety of minerals

**FORMALIZATION OF ASMEs**

Developed the **Formalization and Business Development Acceleration Strategy** for the Development Minerals Sector in Uganda

- Assessment underpinning the strategy
- 198 stakeholders in 22 districts consulted
- Formalization and Business Development Acceleration Strategy formulated
- 5-year roadmap
- Informed the Africa Continental Strategy and Guidelines on ASM
- 25 formalized ASMEs have received training in business development
- Institutionalization of the strategy in 25 districts
- 125 Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Enterprises supported to formalize operations
- Demonstrable strong ownership and foundation for Strategy implementation
Practical learning session on geodata mapping

10 GPS Readers provided to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development

ACCESS TO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL DATA

- Supported geodata mapping and reserve estimation of four development minerals (sand, dimension stone, stone aggregate and clay)
- Provided GPS Readers to facilitate geological mapping of development minerals
- ASMEs can utilize quantified mineral reserves to use as collateral for bank loans
- Geodata helps government improve land use planning
- Paving the way for formalization
38 geoscientists in the public and private sectors trained in mapping and reserve estimation of development minerals to inform policy and investment decisions.

4 sites hosting sand, clay, aggregates, and dimension stone in four locations mapped for practical learning and government data update.

Geologists during a field exercise in Rwampara District, Western Uganda.
A female artisan miner in Gulu district, Northern Uganda

Items purchased by Petta Quarry Association with grant support

20 small grants disbursed to ASM associations

women’s participation embedded in grants and business training

ASMEs able to:

- protect their **health** and **safety** during COVID-19,
- recapitalize
- acquire tools for efficient mining
- and **keep jobs**

1677 people benefitted directly

2483 people benefitted indirectly

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY

A female artisan miner in Gulu district, Northern Uganda
A year-long training “marathon” in critical skills for ASMEs implemented in 25 districts of Uganda.

The programme trained:

- **3,913 people**
  - 1,945 women among them
- **604 ASMEs** benefited
- **25 Ugandan districts’**
- **66 women-owned ASMEs** trained in business management

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**
One of the youth trained in innovation and value addition to concrete products in Lira district, Northern Uganda.

Innovation Grants given to projects that harness inclusive value chains, digitization, and job creation for youths.

As a result:

- A digital marketplace for construction developed.
- 60 youths trained and employed in making concrete products.
- 40 women trained and employed in making concrete products.

Interface of the Tofali digital application developed for the construction sector in Uganda.
Katwe women salt mining group in a training

Sample of stone cladding in walls and buildings installed by Kyogo Mazinga Company

House finished with stone wall tiles by Kyogo Mazinga Company, Uganda

780 clay workers, of whom 220 are women trained and mentored in:

- formalization
- sustainable mining practices

Katwe women salt mining group in a training
Youth trained in low carbon materials production by Ecoconcrete Limited, Uganda

INNOVATION FOR JOB CREATION

New Innovation Challenge Awards for SMEs and social enterprises:

- inclusive business models for product development and value addition implemented
- financial service providers sensitized to develop credit or financial products to service ASMEs in development minerals
- a digital marketplace for construction developed to address market access barriers

Members of the media fraternity after a training session on Development Minerals and Sustainable Development
A pile of dimension stone awaits collection at the Laroo quarry in Gulu district, Uganda

150 youths
♀ of whom 68 are female

trained in value addition
(concrete mix production) and have jobs

Youth have been:

trained in financial literacy
and formed a local savings group

62 youths equipped with skills in stone masonry:

25 have work placements
5 are self-employed

66 women-led associations

equipped with skills in value addition and marketing of development minerals

3,500 beneficiaries in the target communities.

16 bricklaying students
♀

of whom 7 are female

received industrial training opportunities which greatly enhanced their employability

62 concrete machine operators

enrolled in a train-to-own model for job creation and livelihood security for youth

150 youths of whom 68 are female
In December 2021, the Programme supported Artisanal and Small-scale Mining and Quarrying (ASMQ) conference, which hosted delegates virtually and physically in Gulu district. The conference received extensive media publicity.

On social media:
Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls in Mining Areas of Kitgum District

Development Minerals creating livelihood opportunities in Uganda.

Kirabo Mackline Nalongo is a woman leader and secretary of Kabingo Central People with Disabilities Association in Kabingo subcounty, Isingiro District, Western Uganda. She works together with a team of 20 members stone quarrying in the rocky hilly areas of Kabingo subcounty.
stakeholders at the Formalization Strategy Launch Event, Uganda

collaborated with the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls
galvanizing support to women in development minerals sector in Uganda

published Formalization and Business Acceleration Strategy for Development Minerals in Uganda

developed and published practitioner toolkit for conflict management in mining sites

developed and published practitioner toolkit for health and safety at mining

conducted study on gender dynamics in the development minerals sector

KNOWLEDGE GENERATION AND SHARING
The Country Working Group (CWG) is chaired by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development. The CWG consists of 13 members, with near gender parity and provides technical guidance and support for programme implementation in Uganda.

**Issues addressed**

- Review and approval of workplans
- Engagement of district local governments
- Technical advice on the TOR for formalization and business acceleration strategy
- Advice on curriculum development for the development minerals sector in Uganda
- Review and assessment of geodata training applicants (to meet prerequisites)
- Monitoring of and support to small grant recipients

**Composition**

6 female 7 male
About the Programme

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