



AAPF ACTIVITY COMPLETION BRIEF (11 January 2013)

Mining and Communities Study Tour to Australia

3 – 16 December 2011



Results

Activity outcomes: Of the 41 participants, 40 participants responded to the Study Tour Participant Survey. They were asked to rate various aspects of the study tour on a 5-point scale. The average rating across the group, for all questions, was 4/5. Most participants were satisfied with: the overall usefulness of the study tour; how the study tour enhanced their capacity to assist communities affected by mining to monitor social impacts; the mix of visits; and the process of exchanging experiences from each other's countries. Participants were also very happy with: the program; the presentations by government, industry and civil society; and the mine and port visits.

Participation by country and gender:

Country	M	F	Total
Botswana	2	1	3
Ghana	5	0	5
Kenya	2	3	5
Liberia	3	1	4
Namibia	4	0	4
Nigeria	3	2	5
South Africa	2	3	5
Tanzania	4	1	5
Zambia	4	1	5
TOTAL	29	12	41

Feedback from participants: Gbeme Horace Kollie, Director, Social Development Funds, Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy from Liberia, said: "I have learnt that there is more to be done for communities, a legacy that should be left behind when mines are closed."

Lessons learned: Special themed study tours are useful and allow participants to have greater exposure to the issues in more detail and to explore their individual interests.

Next steps: The AAPF needs to consider ways to support follow-up activities for study tour alumni and communicate better with alumni. The Facility could achieve these outcomes through the systematic organisation of alumni meetings and online discussion groups for regular exchange of information. The creation of the alumni database will support the development of further programs.

Background: The Australian Government and African governments are collaborating through a variety of means to share experiences with regard to mining governance. The AAPF developed this study tour in response to comments made by participants from previous study tours, and the Facility designed the study tour to have a more in-depth focus on the issues surrounding mining and communities.

Objectives: The objectives of the study tour were to: provide an overview of the governance framework of Australia's mining sector; enhance the understanding of the processes of managing social issues associated with mining and of enhancing the potential social benefits; enhance knowledge to implement policy, regulatory and voluntary interventions required to achieve long-term benefits for communities affected by mining; and improve monitoring of social performance to assist communities affected by mining.

Activity description: Introductory context-setting sessions took place in Brisbane at the start of the study tour, followed by field trips to Moranbah, Clermont, Gladstone and Darwin. Various institutions – including the University of Queensland's Sustainable Minerals Institute, Isaac Regional Council and the Northern Land Council – hosted the study tour group at formal and informal functions.

Participants met with community representatives and Traditional Landowners and were able to interact with presenters. The study tour ended in Brisbane where participants took part in workshops in their areas of interest, and had discussions with the AAPF and AusAID on potential areas of future support.

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