



Activity brief (December 2014)

Mining Governance Support Activity – Government of Ghana

1 June 2014 – 31 May 2015



Background: There is considerable public debate about issues such as skills development and the financial and social benefits gained by Ghana's mining industry. The nation lacks a clear vision for how resources could be developed for wider benefit and the development and governance of the industry is therefore constrained. Additionally, development of the industry is also constrained due to a lack of mining-related technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in Ghana.

Objective: Following a number of scoping and design missions in Ghana, the AAPF identified two priority areas for extractives support. The key objective of this activity is to improve the governance of Ghana's mining sector. To achieve this goal the activity will include:

- the promotion of public and private dialogue on mining governance issues; and
- capacity building for mining-related TVET.

Activity description: The activity has two components.

The first component facilitates dialogue on mining governance and supports its initial implementation. The African Centre for Economic Development (ACET) has been engaged to facilitate mining governance discussions and coordinate inputs from a range of civil society organisations and industry stakeholders. ACET is engaged to:

- establish strong links across civil society, the mining industry and government to contribute to the dialogue and secure the participation of key stakeholders;
- conduct five quarterly mining sector discussions on mining governance issues; and
- coordinate local organisations to prepare background papers to contribute to the five discussions.

The second component will result in a strategic plan for mining-related TVET in Ghana. A private service provider will be engaged to work with the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training ('the Council'). The service provider will:

- provide technical advice to support the establishment, and initial activities, of a mining industry sub-committee of Ghana's Industry Training Advisory Committee (ITAC);
- prepare a strategic plan for mining-related TVET based on a skills needs assessment and a review of the capacity and potential of relevant TVET institutions in Ghana; and
- conduct activities to develop the capacity of the Council's staff to effectively operate the mining industry sub-committee.

Sector: Extractives

Expected outcomes: The activity is expected to result in:

- an improved quality of public discussions about Ghana's mining industry, as well as increased stakeholder input into policy decisions; and
- the increased availability of quality mining-related TVET programs, as well as an increased demand for programs from the mining industry.

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