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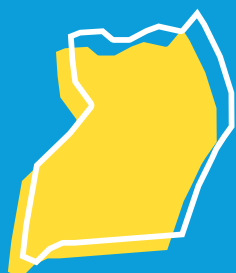
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AT A GLANCE



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

Assesment 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

institutinalization 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

ACCESS TO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL DATA



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



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



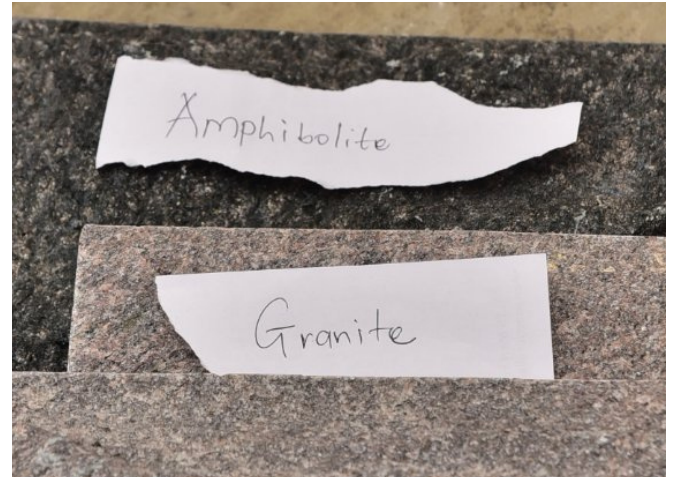
ASMEs can utilize **quantified mineral reserves** to use as **collateral** for bank loans



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



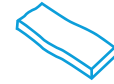
sand



clay



aggregates



dimension
stone

in **four locations** mapped for
practical learning and government
data update

Geologists during a field exercise
in Rwampara District, Western
Uganda



SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY



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,



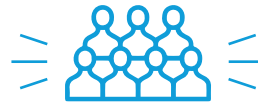
recapitalize



acquire tools
for efficient mining



and **keep jobs**



1677

people

benefitted directly



2483

people

benefitted indirectly



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

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



a year-long

training “marathon”

in **critical skills for ASMEs**

implemented in **25 districts** of the country.

The programme trained:

3,913 people

1,945 women among them



25 Ugandan districts’

604 ASMEs

benefited



66 women-owned **ASMEs**

trained in business management



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



job creation for youths

As a result:



a **digital marketplace** for construction developed

60 youths

40 women



trained and employed in making concrete products

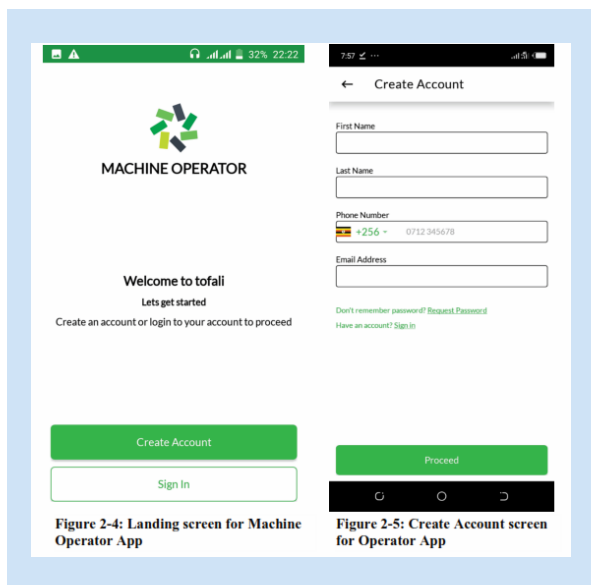


Figure 2-4: Landing screen for Machine Operator App

Figure 2-5: Create Account screen for Operator App

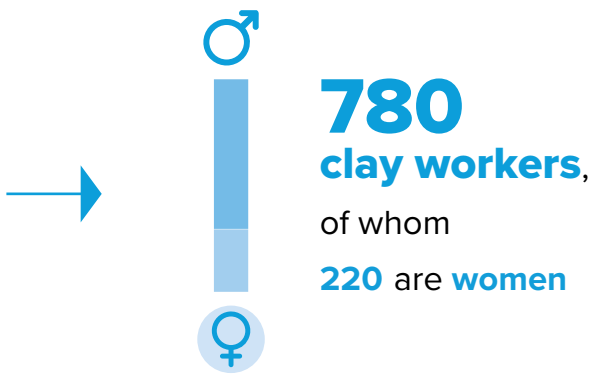
Interface of the Tofali digital application developed for the construction sector in Uganda



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



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



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

150 youths

♀ of whom **68** are female

trained in value addition

(concrete mix production)
and **have jobs**

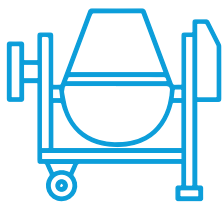
Youth have been:



trained in
financial literacy



and formed a
local savings group

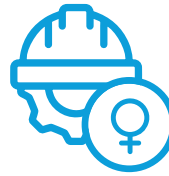


62
concrete
machine
operators

enrolled in a

train-to-own model

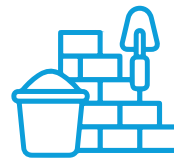
for **job creation** and **livelihood**
security for youth



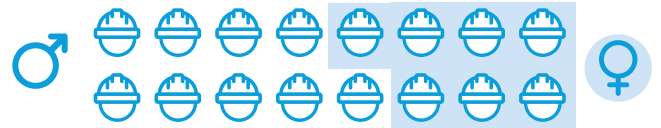
66
women-led
associations

equipped with skills in **value addition**
and **marketing of development**
minerals

3,500 beneficiaries
in the target communities.



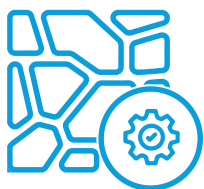
16
bricklaying ♀
students



of whom **7** are **female**

received

industrial training opportunities
which greatly **enhanced their employability**



62 youths
equipped with skills in
stone masonry;



25 have
work placements

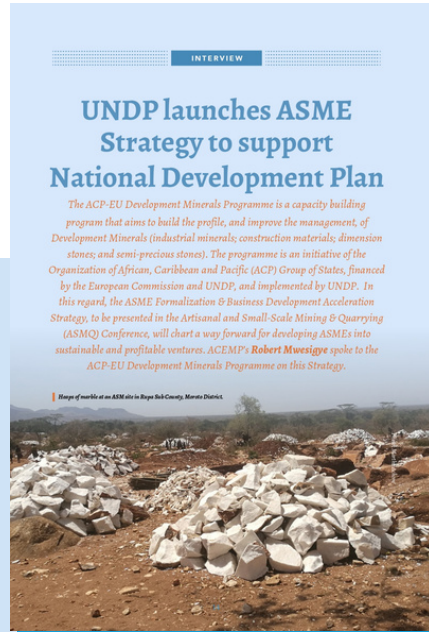


5 are
self-employed



A pile of dimension stone awaits collection at the Laroo quarry in Gulu district, Uganda

IN THE MEDIA



The Programme featured in an online magazine Uganda Mining Digest, December 2021

In December 2021, the Programme supported Artisanal and Small-scale Mining and Quarrying (ASM-Q) conference, which hosted delegates virtually and physically in Gulu district. The conference received extensive media publicity

A legislative success resulting from the Programme's activity – the government drafting of a bill to regulate Development Minerals, featured in a national newspaper, November 21, 2023



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.



Uganda

KNOWLEDGE GENERATION AND SHARING



Spotlight Initiative



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS



collaborated with the
EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls

galvinizing **support to women in development minerals sector** in Uganda



published **Formalization and Business Acceleration Strategy** for Development Minerals in Uganda



developed and published a practitioner toolkit for **health and safety at mining**



developed and published practitioner toolkit for **conflict management in mining sites**



conducted **study on gender dynamics** in the development minerals sector



stakeholders at the **Formalization Strategy Launch Event**, Uganda



Mr. Gabriel Data, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and Chairperson of the Uganda Country Working Group

COUNTRY WORKING GROUP

Composition

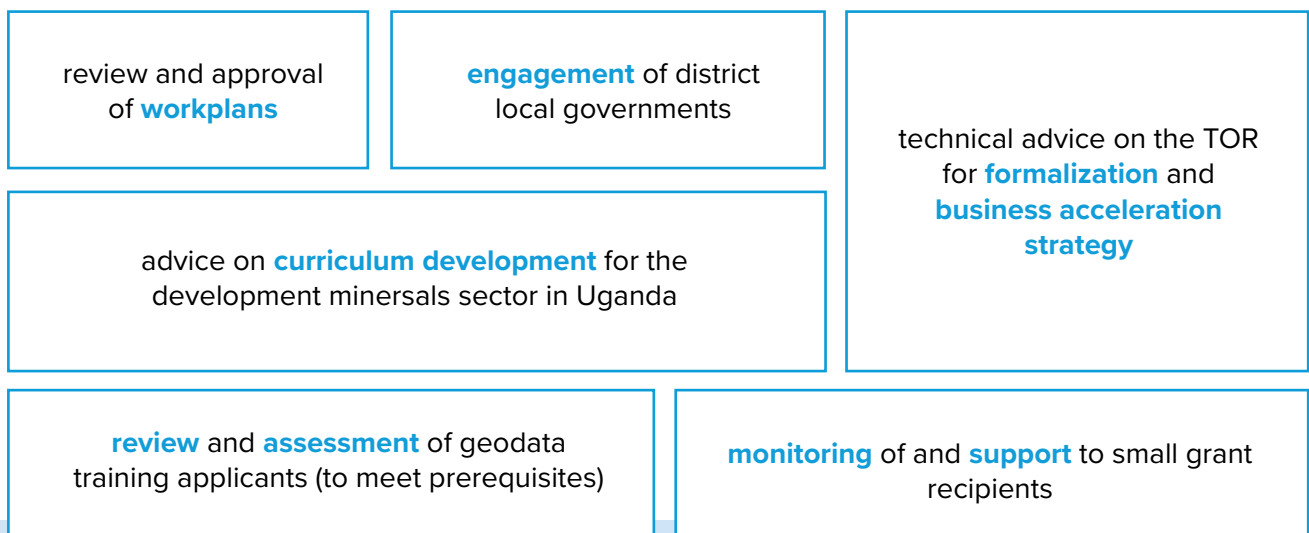


6 female

7 male

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



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Abbreviations and acronyms

ASM – Artisanal and Small-scale Miner

ASME – Artisanal and Small-scale Mining and Mineral Processing Enterprise

CSO – Civil Society Organisation

PPE – personal protective equipment

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ADD CAPTION

About the Programme

The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme is an initiative of the organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), coordinated by the Secretariat of the OACPS, financed by the European Commission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented by the UNDP.

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