

**Main Action and Specific Sectors**

Capacity development support to **Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Enterprises (ASMEs)** sector associations, public institutions and social stakeholders that operate along the Development Minerals value chain in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

- Minerals value chain
- Gender Inclusion
- Institutional Capacity Building
- Responsible Mining

ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Phase II (2019-2023)

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The project builds on the achievements from PHASE I of the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme (2014-2019).

Phase I Web page click [here](#).



While keeping the **PHASE I** approach of strengthening **capacities of ASMEs** and the institutions that support them, the **PHASE II** project focuses more on increasing their **employment and incomes**.

**CORE BUSINESSES:**

- Enable ASMEs in the Development Minerals sector achieve better livelihoods through higher employment and incomes from their mining operations:
 - Improve business environment and formalize operations of ASMEs.
 - Enhance entrepreneurial skills among ASMEs and their access to finance, technologies and markets.
 - Strengthen social and environmental safeguards in mining and quarrying.
 - Enhance gender inclusion and support to women miners.
 - Facilitate inter-ACP knowledge exchange on Development Minerals.

Discover the **Development Minerals programme**:

- OACPS Private Sector Development Platform, click [here](#).
- Factsheet of the Development Minerals Programme Phase II, click [here](#).

Examples of Best Practices and Activities Developed by ACP-EU Minerals Phase II

Regional-level activities and Country-level activities in 10 Countries selected: Cameroon, Guinea, Fiji, Jamaica, Uganda, Zambia selected in Phase I and Burkina Faso, Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Suriname recently selected in Phase II.

1. Support Institutions to enable environment for gender-inclusive operationalization and formalization of ASMEs along the Development Minerals value chain and improve geological system:

- Country training to support the formalization of ASMEs
- Regional training on geo-data mapping and country workshops for training of trainers (TOTs)
- Studies of available geo-data at the country level
- Small grants for producing databases with digitized geo-data

2. Enhance ASMEs entrepreneurial skills and access to finance, technology, market information and better regulation:

- Country trainings on mine and quarry management and Country training on entrepreneurship skills (marketing, financial/business management, value addition, quality control, etc.)
- Country training financial institutions, credit and guarantee providers
- Country sensitization workshops for ASMEs on small grants availability, finance and working capital
- Small grants for ASMEs to develop new products and improve value-addition skills

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3. Strengthen Public institutions, communities, women's organisations and civil society organisations (CSOs) capacity to put in place social and environmental safeguards in mining and quarrying of Development Minerals:

- Country training and sensitization on environmental, health, safety standards
- Small grants to support environmental and social safeguards
- Country training, awareness on gender, human and labor rights, conflict management

4. Support Women-owned ASMEs to operate in the Development of Minerals value-chain:

- Country surveys and assessment on policy and regulatory frameworks for gender-sensitivity
- Country training regulators, local government, mineral buyers, financial institutions on gender
- Investor guides, handbooks, information packages promoting mineral products produced by women
- Country technology exhibitions, business fairs, networking events in selected countries

5. Possible collaboration and synergies:

- The project targets gender equality and women empowerment component in collaboration with **UNWOMEN**.
- Synergies with the **University of Dschang in Cameroon** to train ASMEs.
- The Programme is partnering with the World Bank, Association of Women in Mining in Africa and The University of Queensland to develop the DELVE Exchange, a global virtual network of artisanal and small-scale mining and quarrying associations. The DELVE Exchange will support knowledge exchange and peer learning on business continuity and coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic. To navigate the Platform click [here](#).
 - Phasing Out River Gravel Extraction in Fiji. To read the Case Study click [here](#).
 - To read the whole report "2020 State of the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Sector" click [here](#).