ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Brief December 2021

Cameroon

Formalisation of ASMEs

supported the development of the National Strategy on **Formalisation and Business Acceleration**

provided inputs to the National Programme on **Development Minerals and Extractive Industries** of Cameroon

21 out of 37 ASMEs formed into companies through business incubation programme with University of Dschang

Students of the University of Dschang interacting with their lecturers during field trip
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695 artisanal miners participated in awareness raising about formalization (of which **348** are women) in Central, Southern, Eastern, West, North West, Adamaoua, North and far North Regions of Cameroon
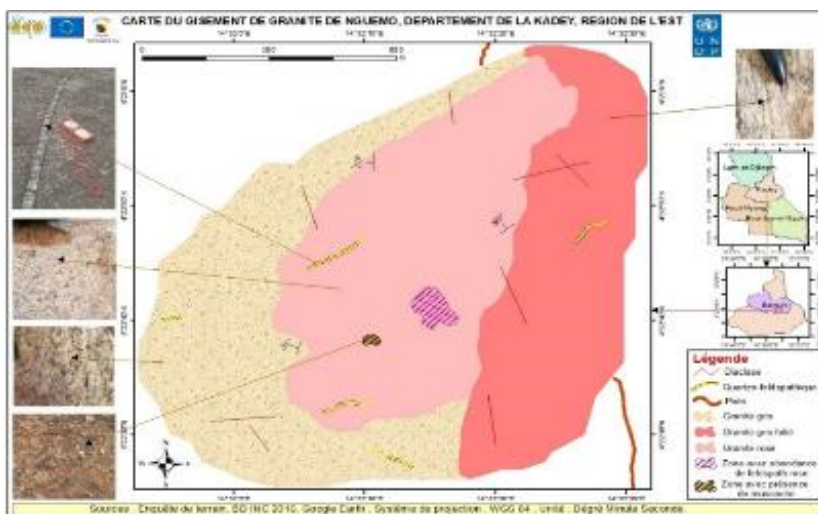
295 artisanal miners received extension services and artisanal mining cards in Central, Southern and Eastern regions of Cameroon, completing essential steps toward formalization

Access to geological and mineral information

Nguémo site map in the East Province of Cameroon
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6 geodata maps produced in the North, Littoral and East Regions of Cameroon in 2021

economically viable deposits of **sand, granite** and **clay** discovered

geodata map helped the Batouri municipality, East Region to attract an **US$8 million** granite processing factory to produce tiles and decorative stones

COVID-19 business continuity

distributed protective equipment and supplies to ASMEs to enable them continue operations in a healthy and safe environment

supported women-run associations with small grants

provided small grants to **24** ASMEs employing an estimated **589** persons to enable them survive through the pandemic


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1. Presentation of personal protective equipment to female miner in Cameroon
2. Donation of a brick making machine to SMEG YMCA, a youth focused organisation in Cameroon's Far North
3. A group of students from University of Dschang on a field trip
4. Compressed earth blocks produced from laterite and clay
5. Female miner in Cameroon who received equipment bought with small grants
6. Young workers in the Far North of Cameroon transporting compressed earth blocks
7. Small scale miner displaying brick making machine donated through small grants
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Participants at a University of Dschang training programme displaying their certificates
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Training in value addition for ASMEs
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A flyer for an exhibition of "Made in Cameroon" products
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Entrepreneurship and business development

supported **37** ASMEs in the development minerals sector to provide an estimated **680** jobs in Cameroon

conducted training on entrepreneurship, marketing, production, and mineral processing

ASMEs **improved** their product quality and marketing, and **diversified** their products

supported ASMEs to **participate in a trade exhibition** organized by the government and the UNDP Accelerator Lab in Cameroon, enabling ASMEs producing ceramics and cut stones to access a wider market

A lecturer from the University of Dschang explaining a point to students on a field trip
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Environmental and social safeguards

37 ASMEs trained on occupational health and safety, and environmental management. Training included developing environmental impact notices (a requirement for ASMEs) and environmental and social management plans

Students of the University of Dschang on a field trip
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collaboration with the Centre for Support to Technology, Innovation and Incubation (CATI2-UDs) of the University of Dschang to set up business incubators. The partnership promoted self-employment and capacity building for young entrepreneurs.

partnered with UNDP Accelerator Lab in Cameroon by supporting ASMEs to take part in a trade exhibition at the Yaoundé City Hall

Mayor of Ganha Council, delivering an address during a training by University of Dschang
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Country Working Group

Composition

6 Female   **12** Male

the 18-member Country Working Group, chaired by the Ministry of Mines, provided the overall guidance and direction for implementation of the programme in Cameroon

Issues addressed

- review and adoption of multi-year and annual workplans, elaboration of annual workplans
- endorsement of sites and locations to be supported by the Programme
- technical advice on the strategy for small grants
- the Country Working Group met twice to advise on critical issues. In addition, task force on Green Mining Initiative was initiated by the Minister of Mines

Programme ACP-UE en Faveur des Minéraux du Développement Mis en œuvre en partenariat avec le PNUD

ATELIER DE CONCERTATION SUR LA FAISABILITE ET LE MONTAGE DU PROJET DE CREATION D'UNE UNITE DE TAILLE DE GRANITE EN CARREAUX A BATOURI ET MISSION DE SUIVI DE LA COPERATIVE SEABEL DE BELABO

Présentation de projet de taille de pierre dans le village NGUEMO –Batouri
Présenté par
Dr NTOUMBE Mama/ EGEM de Meiganga

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produced a consultation report on stone cutting project in Batouri and follow-up to the Seabel Cooperative in Belabo (in French)

published the formalisation and business acceleration strategy for the artisanal and small-scale mining in development minerals sector in Cameroon (in French)

STRATEGIE PAYS VERS LA FORMALISATION ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT D'ENTREPRISES ACCELERES DE L'EXPLOITATION ARTISANALE ET A PETITE ECHELLE DES MINERAUX DU DEVELOPPEMENT AU CAMEROUN

Novembre 2019

(For all images) Donation of equipment purchased with small grants to ASMEs
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Minerais de développement à l'Extrême-Nord. Le PNUD équipe les producteurs locaux

Ils ont reçu vendredi 16 juillet 2021 dernier à travers le MINIMIDT un don en matériels devant les aider à améliorer les conditions de travail sur le terrain.

La remise symbolique des dons aux artisans de l'exploitation des minerais de développement.

UNDP Bulletin "Minerais de Développement a l'Extreme Nord. Le PNUD équipe les producteurs locaux"

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Happening now: UNDP presents National Strategy for Development Minerals & an updated report on Artisanal mining in CMR. Reduction of demand & income,the closure of some artisanal mining sites are some of the impacts of #COVID19 on the sector.
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"National Strategy for Development Minerals"

Cameroon/Artisanal Mining Sector: Strategy To Formalize, Organize Sector Reviewed, 37 Startups Assisted

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The startups were assisted with the sum of USD 80,000 to permit them re-launch their activities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and demonstrate good practices in artisanal mining sector.

A national strategy to organize and formalize activities in the artisanal mining sector in the country has been presented to the Ministry of Mines, Industries and Technological Development.

This was during a workshop in Yaounde Wednesday March 3, 2021 to review activities under the sector in the second phase of the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme financed by the EU, and implemented by the UNDP.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

ASME   Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Enterprise

Cover page image

Students from University of Dschang operating machines during the field visit at a mining site in Cameroon
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About the Programme

The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Phase II 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 UNDP