

**ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme**

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RETURN TO WORK (RTW) PLAN

**PROGRESS REPORT**

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1. **RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS**

Return to Work projects are a valuable mechanism for workshop participants’ personal and professional development. As part of your sponsorship, you were required to develop a return-to-work plan on a project you would undertake on your return, applying the knowledge and skills gained from workshop to influence change.

#### This follow-up on the progress of implementation of the return-to-work plan will be used to determine the most successful projects; and subsequently offer a number of selected participants the opportunity to attend future training events.

1. **REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS**

To facilitate ease of reporting on the progress of your return to work project, the structure below outlines the key project elements that need to be covered. **Please submit the progress update on the Return to Work Project (RWP)** using the structure provided below.

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| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
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| **Brief description of the project:****Quarry mining for sale to construction industries as an income generating activity for the youth****The youth will be doing quarry mining at Ngetta Rock, Lira District** |
| **What were the expected outcomes and what outcomes did you achieve?*** **Jobless youth involved in quarry mining as income generating activity**
* **Improved tools for crushing rocks**
* **Competent supervision of the works**
* **A wide range of local skills developed in quarry mining**
* **School dropouts from poor socio- economic backgrounds communities have access to basic quarry mining skills**
* Individuals, national and international partners providing funding seed money for quarry mining.
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| **What were the expected outputs and what outputs did you achieve?** Please be specific. For example, if you held a workshop or presentation to share the knowledge you gained during the training workshop: Where was the workshop held? When? How many people attended? What was the gender balance? Please also attach as an appendix any photos or other media.* **Workshop and Presentation to share the knowledge gained during the training workshop was done**
* **Workshop was held in the nearby primary school in June, 2017**
* **25 people attended the presentation**
* **There were 15 female and 10 male participants**
* **Participant have realized that there are many products in quarry works**
* **Participants have become aware of the vast market for quarry products**
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| **Please describe the key partnerships and collaborations that you established in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries*** **The key partners are**
1. **Quarry Works at Ngetta hill, Lira District. Participants were allowed to see activities at the Quarry Works.**
2. **The school management of Faith Primary School who gave us the room and meals during the workshop**
3. **The Local Council I, who welcomed the participants and encouraged them to take quarry project as an important income generating programme.**

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| **What indicators of success have you achieved since the start of implementation? (**Describe the indicators of success in relation to the expected outputs and outcomes**)** * **Jobless youth have shown a lot of interest in quarry mining as income generating activity**
* School dropouts from poor socio- economic backgrounds communities have openly come in large number to learn skills and get involved in quarry mining
* Competent supervision of the works by experienced local rock miners
* A wide range of local skills developed in quarry mining
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| **What strategic opportunities have you acted upon that have contributed to the continued success of your project?(**include linkages to sub-regional and regional agendas**)*** **There are a lot of products derived from quarry mining**
* **There is plenty of available local market for the quarry products which include building and road constructions companies**

**What opportunities opened up for you personally as a result of your RWP?*** **There is opportunity for me to open a quarry mining company**
* **There is opportunity for my company to capture all the market for the quarry products in Northern Uganda and South Sudan.**
* **The project will be easily sustained as there will be markets for the products**
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| **Please explain any problems encountered during implementation of your project, highlighting any deviations from the project plans (**Describe the solutions sought for the problems and corrective actions undertaken for the deviations)PROBLEMS* **There is lack of modern tools for quarry mining as participants use only hummers to crush the rocks some participants use bigger rocks to crush smaller rocks.**
* **Some participants come from long distances and they start work when they are tired as they have walked long distances.**
* **Most participants can’t avail themselves with lunch so they tend to stop work earlier than usual working hours in order to go back home for lunch.**

**SOLUTIONS*** **There is a need to leas with partners that can provide us with modern tools for quarry works**
* **Cheap rented accommodation will be provided for those who come from long distances**
* **Participant will be asked to come with some foodstuff to be prepared at the site for their meals**
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| **What specific actions have you undertaken to ensure sustainability of your project?****We have approached and made good relationship with the local road and building construction companies in our district and beyond and they are now our regular customers and we have captured the market for the quarry products in Northern Uganda and South Sudan.** |
| **Please describe any future actions in the table below** |
| **ACTION PLAN** |
|  **Period** **Activities**  | **Month 1** | **Month 2** | **Month 3** | **Month 4** | **Month 5** | **Month 6** | **Month 7** |
| **Activity 1:** **Creating awareness among the youths** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Activity 2:** **Recruiting the Youth** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Activity 3:** **On the job training** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Activity 4:** **Training on modern quarry machines**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Activity 5:** **Introducing modern quarry machines** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**NB:**

1. Please attach any evidence of commendation/award/certificate received as a result of implementing your return-to-work plan
2. **SUBMISSION OF THE PROGRESS UPDATE OF THE RETURN-TO-WORK PLAN**

The progress update of the Return to Work plan should be sent to:development.minerals@undp.org.