



ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Implemented in partnership with UNDP

RETURN TO WORK (RTW) PLAN

PROGRESS REPORT

An initiative of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, financed by the European Union and United Nations Development Programme, and implemented by UNDP.



I. 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 small number of selected participants the opportunity to attend a 1-day symposium on **Industrialization Impact Assessment** and the **ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme showcase during the EU Raw Materials Week** in Brussels, Belgium (01-02 December). Please include the bio page of your passport with the submission of the progress report.

II. 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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Brief description of the project: The researcher was looking at carrying out a comprehensive mapping of the extractive industry in Kenya in terms of its nature, size, players and socio-economic contribution. Under this project was a special segment that was looking at Development minerals in Kenya using the parameters mentioned above. Indeed, no one – even the Ministry of Mining – has carried out such a study therefore it was useful to get to understand the state of development minerals in Kenya given their potential socio-economic benefits.



What were the expected outcomes and what outcomes did you achieve?

The main objective was to collect quantitative data on the size of the development minerals exploitation. That is to locate the mining spots for these low value minerals. In addition information was to be collected on the people/groups/companies behind the mining as well as the economic contribution of the same minerals. The researcher was able to collect data through various means on all the counties in Kenya. It listed the different development minerals and their prevalence across the country. The researcher also listed down the corresponding classes of miners (both artisanal and large scale), as well as the methods they use to carry out the mining. In addition to this the project pointed out the various forms of environmental degradation as a result of the mining activities of these minerals.

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.

Although this work was expected to be completed in May 2016 some circumstances forced it to run longer and currently some data is pending to be analysed. However, the bulk of the work has been done and the expected outputs were:

1. List of all development minerals found in Kenya.
2. Existing administrative practices for the minerals including any relevant laws.
3. List of groups/companies that carry out mining of the development minerals
4. Estimation of the fiscal size of the development minerals in Kenya.
5. The political economy around development minerals in Kenya.
6. Report on environmental degradation as a result of development minerals mining.

Outputs achieved

The project was able to achieve expected output numbers 1, 2, 5 and 6 above

The pending work is in progress and has been quite slow owing to logistical and administrative factors. For instance in output no. 3 it is very challenging to seek and get audience with the mining companies and groups. Some of these fear giving even basic information about their operations. In some instances as observed there were illegal mining activities therefore it is understandable how they would shy away from any scrutiny. Nevertheless, efforts are ongoing to finalise on these.

Please describe the key partnerships and collaborations that you established in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries

The main collaboration has been with the staff of the Ministry of Mining as well as one faculty member from a local university that offers courses in mining technology. The project has not yet made any



engagement with actors from other countries but the channel for that possibility remains open.

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)

The project has achieved significant success based on the objectives of the assignment. The success indicators thus far include:

- The list of minerals available in Kenya validated by the department of mines officials and regional government representatives. This means that the minerals identified do actually exist in the country.
- Preliminary interest by the Ministry of Mining and the Country Government in the data collected on revenue estimates from the sector. This illustrates the data has crucially been needed by both levels of government so that tracking of activities of these miners is made simple.

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)

What opportunities opened up for you personally as a result of your RWP?

Before I embarked on the project I held a couple of meetings with the ministry officials (Specifically with the two main advisors to the Minister) and I outlined the planned project. They indicated that the ministry has sketchy information in regards to the real scope and size of the development minerals mining. This they attributed is also due to the fact that the ministry does not administer some of these minerals such as construction material. The advisors gave the project goodwill that was crucial for the study to take place. They also linked me to several of their technical staff in the ministry.

I am among the first people who convinced the Ministry 3 years ago of the need to carry out a comprehensive aerial geophysical survey to ascertain the mineral potential of the country. Consequently, the country is now planning to carry out this geological exercise sometime in 2017. I was able to piggyback my study of mapping existing projects on the larger aerial survey. In essence this means that my project results will be utilized by the ministry in some way. This has helped me to get due assistance whenever I needed it. I am also still in the process of benefitting from some information that's being assembled by the mines department as they prepare for the big aerial survey.



One key opportunity that has opened up for me as a result of this project is the minister's advisors retaining me as one of their advisors. This is an unofficial and unpaid role but for which I place high personal pride in. This means I may be instrumental in shaping some aspects of the industry moving forward.

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)

The major problem I encountered in executing this project was a challenge in garnering the necessary support (financial and in kind) to be able to proceed. The project required travelling to different locations in the country and this requires a lot of resources. This particular challenge forced the whole exercise to delay for some time. I was thereby forced to piggyback activities to other existing projects so as to capitalise on resource use. Therefore, the initial work plan was changed.

What specific actions have you undertaken to ensure sustainability of your project?

The findings of my project are aimed at helping the government to institute the right measures in governing the development minerals sub-sector. At the moment there is no clear coordination amongst the relevant authorities therefore the country loses any potential real gain from the sector. Therefore my project aims at creating the baseline on which sustainable laws and policies would be made, especially given that the extractive industry in general has been growing very fast within the past few years. I have made sure to indicate in the project that this exercise of mapping the sector will need to be reviewed regularly so as to update the data based on the ever changing nature of the sector. The mapping exercise can be carried out by any credible individual or institution in future.

Please describe any future actions in the table below

ACTION PLAN							
Period	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7
Activities							
Collect pending data							
Analyse pending data							

Write Final report							
Hold a small validation meeting							
Begin policy discussions and design further research							

NB:

1. Please attach any evidence of commendation/award/certificate received as a result of implementing your return-to-work plan
2. For any Group return-to-work plans, please indicate the name of the person selected by the team for sponsorship to attend a symposium on **Industrialization Impact Assessment** and the **ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme showcase during the EU Raw Materials Week**.

III. SUBMISSION DATE OF THE PROGRESS UPDATE OF THE RETURN-TO-WORK PLAN

The progress update of the Return to Work plan is due **by Monday 31st October 2016** and should be sent to: development.minerals@undp.org.

