

**ASSESSMENT OF NEGLECTED DEVELOPMENT MINERALS AND CAPACITY BUILDING (GEARED TOWARDS)
SUSTAINABLE EXPLOITATION IN SIERRA LEONE**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Brief Description of the project:

Neglected Development Minerals provide crucial inputs for domestic economic development in Sierra Leone, such as infrastructure, manufacturing, construction and agriculture, and on the increase in recent time. They have high potential to impact on livelihoods; their production activities provide the highest opportunities for employment, particularly for the local community, also can serve as alternatives for socio-economic development in the means of fall in international market prices of metals and other high values minerals but yet neglected.

Neglected Development Minerals mining activities (Granite Aggregates, Sand Extraction, Clay Exploitation etc) are found all over Sierra Leone but not properly regulated and their impacts not reflected in the national economy. Hence there is therefore the need to assess and determine Neglected Development Minerals exploitation in Sierra Leone.

Thereafter communities have to be sensitized on the formation of associations to ensure better dividends from their exploitation activities. Environment Protection Agency'- Sierra Leone (EPA-SL) and the National Mineral Agency (NMA) have to embark on training and awareness creation of the mining communities to realize the benefits from the use of Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) and environmental management in the entire stages of the exploitation.

Expected Outcomes:

- Available information on the extent of Neglected Development Minerals exploitation,
- Communities Training and Sensitization programs available,
- Review of Chiefdoms Byelaws to ensure sanity in the exploitation of Neglected Development Minerals and
- Establish a data base of all Neglected Development Minerals present in Sierra Leone.

Expected Outputs:

- Identify/creates geo-data by chiefdoms on the types of Neglected Development Minerals in Sierra Leone,
- Identify the use of each of the Neglected Development Minerals,
- Train communities involved in the exploitation as follows:
 - Method of mining
 - Environment, Health and Safety Management
 - Formation of Associations
 - Value Addition
 - Improvement of market structures for NDMs produce
- Community sensitization on the involvement of Stakeholders in Neglected Development Minerals Exploitation and
- Awareness creation on the reviewed community byelaws

Please describe how you plan to implement the return to work project: (outline key partnerships and collaborations across sectors in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries)

The return to work project is to be implemented in partnership and collaboration with relevant stakeholders; Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Non-Governmental Organizations, Private Sector and Civil Societies.

Coordination Committee to be put together from the relevant stakeholders.

Ministries: Ministry of Mines and Minerals Resources, in charge of Mining and the general Mining Environment; Ministry of Works Housing and Infrastructure, in charge of giving permits to some neglected development minerals miners; Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, in charge of rural development and local governments; Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Food Security, development of policies in the management of forestry and farming in general; Ministry of Fishery and Marine Resources, in charge of the development of policies for the exploitation of marine environment and water bodies; Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment, in charge of the

development of policies in the acquisition of land and environmental management.

Agencies: Environment Protection Agency Sierra Leone, in charge with the overall mandate to effectively protect Sierra Leone's environment, advise the president on sound environmental management practices and also serve as the focal point for all Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs); National Minerals Agency, in charge of the mining and mining environment; National Protected Area Authority, in charge of the management of protected areas; Decentralization Commission, in charge of capacity building of local governments.

Private Sector: In the driving seat of sustainable business initiatives coupled with value addition for national development.

Civil Societies and Non-Governmental Organizations: Play the common factor rules, undertake advocacy and the whistle blowers

What indicators of success will you employ? (include indicators of success that go beyond activity-level implementation)

Indicators:

- Established coordination committee
- Nationally identified Neglected Development Minerals and uses by chiefdoms
- Improved methods in the exploitation of Neglected Development Minerals
- Improved level of satisfaction in the Neglected Development Minerals mining Communities
- Community Associations in the mining Neglected Development Minerals
- The involvement of local governments in the exploitation of Neglected Development Minerals
- The effective use of PPEs at the Neglected Development mining sites
- Reviewed byelaws to ensure sustainable exploitation of Neglected Development Minerals

What other strategic opportunities have you identified that will contribute to the success and sustainability of your project?

Strategic Opportunities:

- Improved revenue generations at both national and local governments levels from Neglected Development Minerals mining
- Minimized rural urban migration
- Provision of employment in local communities
- Increased knowledge on the sustainable utilization of Neglected Development Minerals

(include linkages to sub-regional and regional agenda)

Creation of regional and sub-regional linkages to adopt best practices particularly in the areas of study tours and in country training programmes in ensuring the transfer of knowledge

What aspects of the training will be most useful in implementing your project? Explain

In country training to cover large number of participants in the areas of environment, health and safety management. Also in the areas of value addition and methods of mining.

What are your future plans? (Include any additional capacity building needs for your professional development that you have identified during the course of the workshop).

Environment, Health and Safety Management in the Neglected Development Minerals. In addition awareness creation and community development programme implementation is also of great importance.

ACTION PLAN

Period	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7
Activities							
Activity 1:	Establishmen	Sanitization/a	Training	Sensitization	Review of	Value	Sensitizat

	t of the coordinating committee.	wareness continues	workshops on the formation of Associations in the mining of Neglected Development Minerals	on the Geo-data information on Neglected Development Minerals.	byelaws to incorporate the successful implementation of the Neglected Development Minerals Project	addition Training workshops	ion continues
Activity 2:	Formulation and adoption of the Terms of Reference for both the coordinating committee and the Project Secretariat	Training workshops on the roles and local laws of local governments in respect of Neglected Development minerals		Training workshops on the effective use of PPEs	Sensitization continues		Workshops on book keeping
Activity 3:	Terms of Reference for the Geo-data survey		Sensitization continues				
Activity 4:	Development of sensitization/awareness creation manual						
Activity 5:	Commencement on the Sensitization	Sensitization/awareness creation					

	of the Project	continues					
Etc.							