

**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: Promotion of sustainable mining of clay and sand development minerals in selected sites in Mbarara District. The sites are river banks of River Rwizi which are environmentally sensitive area of the catchment. The project enterprise is benchmarked with deposition of minerals for long period of time. The artisans are the critical resource user which needs to be focused on sustainable mining of clay and sand to answer the call of saving the integrity of River Rwizi in South Western region of Uganda.Key objectives:1. Identification of artisan miners of clay and sand in highly productive areas in the district.
2. Exposure to environmental, economical and social challenges associated with business or enterprise.
3. Expose artisans to better methods of extraction and marketing these selected Development minerals.
4. Exposure to sites of rehabilitation and better marketing strategies.
5. Formation of credit and saving groups and marketing groups.
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| What were the expected outcomes and what outcomes did you achieve?Expected outcomes:1. To mobilize artisans engaged in clay and sand mining for legal recognition in the government.
2. To expose resource users to challenges associated with their business.
3. To give a hands on exposure on better methods of extraction and marketing strategies.
4. To document on critical sites of extraction that need rehabilitation and can be a demo for other artisan miners.
5. To institutionalize the credit and saving groups of artisan miners.

Achieved outcomes:1. Interacted and consulted of Kirehe Brick Making groups in Ruti ward Nyamitanga Division – Mbarara.
2. Interaction with Nyarubungo sand miners in Rugando sub country and Nyahanga sand miners in Ndeija sub county in Mbarara District.
3. Identification of issues associated with mining the development minerals with the resource users. The issues identified are : Collapsing pits, accidents and death, unsustainable methods of exploitation, value added in marketing gaps, group dynamics, environmental and social concerns, over taxation by regulating authority especially urban authorities, middlemen exploitation minimizing the project margins of artisan, need for exposure better methods of doing business with intent of minimizing loss as evidenced in pictorial and photo attached.
4. The artisans involved with sand mining were introduced to holding sites in urban areas for sustainable marketing of the resource even in the wet season when there are accessibility problems to burrow pits.

Participatory action plan and consolidation of groups into marketing groups and rehabilitation of burrow pits are not yet executed due to financial constraints. |
| What were the expected outputs and what outputs did you achieve?Reconnaissance and baseline data documentation for guidance or realization of the expected project objectives.Photo based evidence of challenges faced by artisans in sand and clay mining under the guidance of group chairpersons as convening the entire group entails a lot of expenditure which was not within my means.Field findings will be exposed to the group members and surrounding communities and relevant authorities in the planned work plan attached below, where by participants will be selected with a gender lens.Photos are attached below:A demonstration site for a full rehabilitated sand mining sites in Ruti ward, Mbarara municipality along River Rwizi banks.C:\Users\Musingwire's Family\Desktop\Dad's workplan\A demonstration site for a full rehabilitated sand minning sites in Ruti ward, Mbarara municipality along river Rwizi banks.jpgBrick making in Kirehe with environmental challenges and social risks.C:\Users\Musingwire's Family\Desktop\Dad's workplan\Brick making in Kirehe with environmental challenges and social risks.jpgChallenges of rejects due to unsustainable brick making methods. C:\Users\Musingwire's Family\Desktop\Dad's workplan\Challenges of rejects due to unsustainable brick making methods.jpgRwizi bank sensitivity.C:\Users\Musingwire's Family\Desktop\Dad's workplan\Rwizi Bank sensitivity.jpgSand mining holding site in Ruti ward, Mbarara municipality.C:\Users\Musingwire's Family\Desktop\Dad's workplan\Sand mining holding site in Ruti ward, Mbarara municipality.jpg |
| Please describe thekey partnerships and collaborations that you establishedin your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countriesThe key collaboration was done with river Rwizi catchment organisation under the rwizi catchment management committee whose role is to save the catchment for present and future generation in 10 riparian districts.Interface with local environment committees in Mbarara District who are charged with overseeing the management.Harmonising with National Environment Management Authority NEMA Uganda in the enforcement of River banks, lake shores and wetland management regulation and National Environment Act Cap 153 of 1995.  |
| What indicators of success have you achieved since the start of implementation? (Describethe indicators of success in relation to the expected outputs and outcomes)Some of the challenges associated with artisan mining have been shared with relevant authorities namely; Rwizi Catchment Management Committee, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Ministry of Water and Environment, Mbarara District Local Government and Lower Local Governments, commercial and community development officers of the above Local Authorities, media and private investors. |
| 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?Existence of vibrant and functional Rwizi Catchment Committtee and Directorate of Water Resource Management in Ministry of Water and Environment, NEMA, Gazzettment of DNRO the project implementor as an inspector.Network linkages with commissioners and engineers in the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and UNDP project focal person. Existence of functional district and local environment committees.Existence of enabling legislations, policies and work plans for development partners and lead agencies. |
| 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)Financial constraints.Weak enforcement of legislations.Negative attitudes of artisans to government agencies.Perceptions of artisans for government levies and taxes.Land use conflicts between land owners and leased artisan miners. |
| What specific actions have you undertaken to ensure sustainability of your project?* This will be handled on the scale up of the project objectives as we are still at rapport with artisan miners, addressing fears and marketing options.
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| 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: Situation analysis and exposure to baseline data. | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activity 2: Participatory action planning and development of work plans. |  | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| Activity 3: Development of environment economical and social management plan. |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |
| Activity 4:Implementation of work plan and setting up demonstration sites.  |  |  |  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Activity 5:Capacity Building of artisan groups and introduction of sustainability elements.  |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |

**NB:**

1. Please attach any evidence of commendation/award/certificate received as a result of implementing your return-to-work plan.

Not yet done. It will be executed after the implementation of the entire project interventions that await financial support.

1. **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.