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An Initiative to Gender Responsive Village in ASGM Sector

Introduction

The artisanal small-scale gold mining activity provides a significant boost in economic activity for rural communities, yet the informal nature of the majority of operations in this sector makes it difficult for miners to access financing and cleaner technologies that could transform their operations. Both women and men are engaged in ASGM in Indonesia. However, GOLD-ISMIA Project has come to understand that there are gender-based differences in the types of work women and men are engaged relating to ASGM, leading to gaps in the income they can earn, disparities in access to knowledge and technologies, and differences in the health risks they are exposed to. With the prevailing gendered dynamics in households and communities, project note that the engagement of women and men in ASGM is not based on equality.

One of the target of GOLD-ISMIA' gender action plan is to synchronize and to include gender dimension in the implementation of mining law No. 4/2009 (amended by Law No.3/2020), Law 23/2014 (regional governance), Law 11/2017 (Minamata ratification) and Law 6/2014 (Village Law) by developing list of recommendations and actions for gender mainstreaming in the development of policies and regulations.

According to the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, women in rural area suffer systematic discrimination in the access to resources needed for socio-economic development. Credit, extension, input and seed supply services usually address the needs of male household heads. Rural women are rarely consulted in development projects that may

increase men's production and income, but add to their own workloads. When work burdens increase, girls are removed from school more often than boys, to help with mining or farming, and household tasks.

Gender Responsive Village Initiative

Responding to this mission, the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (MoWECP) has proposed cooperation to GOLD-ISMIA Project by expanding their program on gender-responsive planning and budgeting (*PPRG-Desa*) to become a Gender Responsive Village (in the ASGM sector). Gender Responsive Village is the implementation of gender mainstreaming approach through village governance by addressing the different needs, perspectives and representations of all genders. In order to be responsive, activities and actions need to go beyond increasing awareness and take action to reduce inequalities and promote gender equality. The cooperation MoWECP and GOLD-ISMIA Project aims to widen the target of gender integration in the village development process, particularly with the potential of ASGM sector.

One of GOLD-ISMIA's project location, Kuantan Singingi district in Riau has been selected as a model for implementation of gender responsive village in ASGM Sector. Implementation of gender responsive programme could not be separated from women empowerment intervention. The role of women in the economic and social system in Logas Village and Logas Hilir Village in Kuantan Singingi District can be seen in daily life activities such as women working as gold miners, traders, oil

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palm farmers, rubber farmers, employees, government officials, health workers and the education sector. Although a large number of women are involved in the ASGM sector in both Logas and Logas Hilir villages, but they are making mining work a seasonal job, it is still difficult to identify the exact number of female miners. By implementing Gender Responsive Village in ASGM sector, it is expected that sex-disaggregated data will be obtained, so that gender responsive interventions at village development can be carried out optimally.

The MoWECP also commends the readiness and enthusiasm of Kuansing local government institutions' to be part of village responsive gender modeling in ASGM Sector. Coincide with this initiative, the Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions has launched the declaration of village responsive women and children on 11 November 2020 together with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection as part of critical programme in achieving the Rural Sustainable Development Goals (*SDGs-Desa*). GOLD-ISMIA Project management unit together with Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection and relevant government institution has conducted several coordination meetings and establish an (informal) gender responsive village working group, and organized advocacy on gender mainstreaming concept and gender-responsive planning and budgeting to the village authorities and related parties in Kuantan Singingi District.

Gender Responsive Village Indicators for ASGM sector in Kuansing District will refer to the Women and Child Friendly Village Indicators¹ that have been developed by the Ministry of women empowerment and child protection and the Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions with some adjustments and additions to the ASGM issues. Three (3) pillars will be monitored during the modelling of the gender-responsive village are (shown in the table below):

- a. Village governance
- b. Implementation of village development
- c. Village regulation

Progress to Date

The objective of developing gender responsive village in ASGM sector is based on the need to encourage the building of gender equality in ASGM area and to encourage village authorities to promote gender balance in their institution and the community level. To this end, GOLD-ISMIA Project has appointed a consultant to conduct daily facilitation to the Gender Responsive Village (DRG) team at regional level on development of Head of District Decree on Gender Responsive Village (*SK Bupati*) including the detail of action plan of relevant local government institutions (OPD) on the implementation of gender responsive village. In addition, the consultant also will facilitate and support the meeting in developing of the: (a) Village Regulation on the Implementation of Gender Mainstreaming (*Perdes*);(b) Decree of Head of Village on Gender Responsive Village in

¹https://batukarinfo.com/system/files/Panduan%20Fasilitasi%20Pemberdayaan%20Perempuan%20di%20Desa_rev_compressed.pdf

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ASGM sector (*Perkades*); (c) action Plan on the implementation of Gender Responsive Village based on *Perdes & Perkades*. As in mid-February 2021, Head of District Decree on Gender Responsive Village (*SK Bupati*) has been approved by relevant authorities and waiting for published.

Ministry of women empowerment and child protection is in processing the Letter of Decree (SK) to formalize the gender-responsive village working group. This initiative has responded positively by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, and the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology as the project management unit of GOLD-ISMIA, and other relevant ministries such as Ministry of home affairs as the village authorities' main counterpart, the Ministry of village and disadvantages areas, the Provincial and District office for women empowerment in Kuansing and Riau Province, Development planning and research development Agency in

Kuansing District and Riau Province. They have sent their representative to be part of village responsive gender working group.

GOLD-ISMIA Project believes by strategically partnering with government authorities and promoting gender-sensitive frameworks, and gender-transformative outputs, ASGM activities will have the potential to advance equitable economic empowerment, to both women and men, and support in improving livelihood in rural communities.

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A. Village Governance Pillar	Status & Link to the Initiative of Gender Responsive Village in ASGM
50% of Village officials are women	not accommodated during the testing period, proposing to be more inclusive by involving such as the community leaders, youth, elderly and representatives of other vulnerable groups.
50% of Village Council (BPD) members are women	not accommodated during the testing period, proposing to be more inclusive by involving such as the community leaders, youth, elderly, and representatives of other vulnerable groups.
50% of the members of the Village Medium-Term Development Plan (<i>RPJM Desa</i>) drafting teams are women	not accommodated during the testing period, proposing to be more inclusive by involving such as the community leaders, youth, elderly, and representatives of other vulnerable groups.
At least 3 women's organizations from different groups are actively involved in deliberations in the village	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
50% of residents who have access to information from the Village Government are women, representing different groups	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
Gender data is provided and becomes part of the Village profile information	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.

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B. Village Regulation Pillar	Status & Link to the Initiative of Gender Responsive Village in ASGM
At least 1 Village regulation related to gender equality or justice is owned by the Village	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
100% of Village regulations are completed with gender analysis documents prior to enactment	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
50% of the participants in the discussion of the draft Village regulation were women	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
100% of legal case complaints are facilitated by the Village Government to be resolved with related parties	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.

C. Village Development Pillar	Status & Link to the Initiative of Gender Responsive Village in ASGM
50% of participants in village meetings for development planning are women, representing different groups	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
50% of program budget beneficiaries in the village are women, representing different groups	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
100% of the Village annual budget (<i>APB Desa</i>) in the last 3 years was completed with gender responsive budget analysis	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.
50% of the feedback for the implementation of Village development comes from women from different groups of women	Will be accommodated during the testing period of gender-responsive village with more inclusive actors and thematic areas in ASGM.

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