

CRAFT Code

planetGOLD Version



The planetGOLD programme is working to eliminate mercury from the gold supply chain produced by artisanal and small-scale miners in support of the countries' commitments under the Minamata Convention on Mercury. However, such measures require investment in better equipment and training in technical and business skills.

One key element of attracting finance and engaging formal markets is to ensure that gold is produced according to relevant environmental and social standards. Due diligence processes can provide confidence to all actors in the gold supply chain that such standards are being addressed.

Thus, the planetGOLD programme created a guidance that sets out specific criteria to govern the operations of artisanal and small scale gold mining (ASGM) beneficiaries engaged with the planetGOLD programme.

By adhering to these criteria, beneficiaries of the programme will meet the environmental and social safeguards required of Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded projects.

The Code of Risk mitigation for ASGM engaging in Formal Trade - CRAFT Code planetGOLD Version incorporate Modules 1-4 of the CRAFT Code for ASGM organization's conformance. At the same time, they shall obtain support from the planetGOLD programme for improving mining practices and engaging with formal markets.



MODULE 1

It requires the adoption of a management system. ASGM organizations will be supported to establish and strengthen their organizational structure. Activities shall include:

- ▶ Define organizational structure, geographic and commodity scope;
- ▶ Systematise the collection of information on the origin of minerals and link this information to warning systems; and
- ▶ Make a public commitment to responsible sourcing or production;
- ▶ Establish policies for reporting irregularities, complaint mechanisms and link these to a warning system.



MODULE 2

It includes criteria to assess the "legitimacy" of ASGM organizations. They will be provided guidance to accomplish public or private documents that authorize its operation. Activities shall include:

- ▶ Effort to legalise and formalise;
- ▶ Dialogue with traditional authorities, public, private and community actors; and
- ▶ Implicit local consent of communities;
- ▶ Assess conflict dynamics and relationship to mining activity.



MODULE 3

ASGM organizations will be supported in the possible collection of evidence and the assessment and implementation of risk management plans to mitigate risks in their operations.

Risks requiring immediate disengagement

- ▶ Torture
- ▶ Forced labour
- ▶ Worst forms of child labour
- ▶ Widespread sexual violence
- ▶ Worst Human Rights violations
- ▶ Influence of armed actors on supply chain
- ▶ Extortion
- ▶ War Crimes or gross violations of humanitarian law

Risks requiring disengagement after unsuccessful mitigation

- ▶ Support to public or private security forces that illegally control mining sites
- ▶ Money laundering
- ▶ Bribery/ Fraudulent Tax evasion

planetGOLD-specific Criteria

In addition, planetGOLD ASGM organizations must conform to three additional criteria that are specific to the planetGOLD programme:

- ▶ **Eliminating mercury** in the mining process and appropriately managing mercury-contaminated tailings, in keeping with the objectives of the Minamata Convention on Mercury;
- ▶ **Respecting and protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples** per requirements of the GEF Environment and Social safeguards; and
- ▶ **Minimizing impact on biodiversity** reflecting additional environmental protection considerations required by the GEF, with a special emphasis on protecting biodiversity and critical habitats.

Did you Know?

Due Diligence is an ongoing process in supply - chains, where companies or organizations take measures to identify and respond to potential risks (conflicts and human rights violations). Companies or organizations perform a due diligence process for any activities related to gold miners, traders or others.

TRACEABILITY is when it is possible to identify • where the gold or gold containing minerals originates, who they are handled by, and how they are processed, transported and transformed at every stage. For the miners, traceability is mapping out all the different steps from extracting the ore to selling the gold and enables transparency across all mining activities.

CRAFT Code is an open-source standard. It enables - ASGM gold producers to access formal markets by proactively facilitating due diligence of their supply chains conforming with the OECD Guidance at the earliest possible stage of their development.

The OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas ("the Guidance") is the first example of a government-backed, multi-stakeholder initiative on responsible supply chain management of minerals from conflict-affected areas. It seeks to help companies respect human rights and avoid contributing to conflict in their supply chain. It is also intended to cultivate transparent mineral supply chains and sustainable corporate engagement so that countries can benefit from their mineral resources and so that the extraction and trade of minerals does not become a source of conflict, human rights abuses, and insecurity.

Let's support the CRAFT Code planetGOLD version!
Together, we can safeguard the environment, uphold human rights, and work towards a mercury-free future for artisanal and small-scale gold mining.

