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Agusan del Sur

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Davao de Oro

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South Cotabato

Mindanao, Philippines

Themes and groups

- 1. Accident Prevention / Worker's Protection**
- 2. Access to Health Care & Social Protection**
- 3. Access to Financial Assistance / Loans**
- 4. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on ASGM**
- 5. Formalisation**
- 6. Monitoring & Regulation**
- 7. Gold Trading**

Key questions

- 1. What are the key considerations to ensure that each of the theme identified are achieved?**
- 2. How can these be implemented, strengthened or improved?**
- 3. Who are the responsible stakeholders who can help achieve the desired improvement?**
- 4. What are the resources needed? What kind of enabling environment is needed to achieve the desired improvement?**

Workshop Participants' Summary:

Area	Female	Male	Total
Rosario, Agusan del Sur	14	11	25
Monkayo, Davao de Oro	18	8	26
Tboli, South Cotabato	23	21	44
TOTAL	55	40	95

Group 1. Accident Prevention and Worker's Protection

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention of accidents / work-related risks in the workplace Prevention of health risks Provision of Personal Protective Equipment Free medical check-up 	<p>There must be an agency or someone that will provide orientation, seminar and IEC on work safety.</p> <p>Safety plans and safety signages in the workplace.</p> <p>Miners must attend / listen to the seminars or any inputs regarding work safety and protection.</p> <p>There must be a close personnel / office where miners can report the problems / complaints (operations, work safety, etc.).</p> <p>Miners to use PPEs (skull guard, eye shield, gloves) to avoid accidents that can harm miners.</p> <p>Request for a regular and free medical check up, medical mission, especially for women (pap smear, etc.) and children in the mines.</p>	<p>Provincial, Municipal Barangay DRRM Office</p> <p>Municipal/Provincial LGU SSM Association, Tunnel Operator</p> <p>Provincial, Municipal Barangay LGUs</p> <p>SSM Association Management, Tunnel Team Leader</p> <p>Barangay Health Office / Municipal Health Office</p>	<p>Allocated funds.</p> <p>Tarpaulin / signages or any warning signs</p> <p>Budget for meals and resource persons.</p> <p>Funds to buy PPEs and other safety supplies.</p> <p>Funds allocated for work safety measures</p> <p>Funds for medicines and Laboratory Expenses</p>

Group 2. Access to Health Care & Social Protection

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of health care • Improving access to health care (PhilHealth) • Social Insurance (SSS) • Membership to PAGIBIG Fund (Home Mutual Development Fund) • Etc. 	<p>Information, Education, Communication (IEC) to community & workers</p> <p>Encourage mine workers to avail social and health insurances (Social Security System, PhilHealth, and PAGIBIG Mutual Development Fund)</p> <p>Conduct health survey, ASGM socio-economic survey</p>	<p>Municipal / Rural Health Office, Barangay LGU, Barangay Health Workers, SSM Associations</p> <p>Concerned govt agency, SSM Associations, Mine Workers</p> <p>National & regional govt agencies, local government units, SSM associations</p>	<p>IEC plan and materials</p> <p>Resource Persons from the Government, orientation budget</p> <p>Financial contribution / monthly premiums from the mine workers</p> <p>National budget</p>

Group 3. Access to Financial Assistance / Loans

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and avail loans from government • Assistance from the government to access loans from private sectors • Assistance to avail a National ID • Local Financial Assistance Program for ASGM workers • Etc. 	<p>Conduct SSM seminars and trainings on loan assistance.</p> <p>Conduct SSM financial (economic status) survey.</p> <p>Conduct trainings on enterprise and financial management.</p> <p>SSM associations to take the lead in accessing loans and extend it to small mine workers.</p> <p>Set up financial assistance program for small-mine workers.</p> <p>Provide funds for loans to small mine workers: government banks, private banks, micro-finance institutions like ASA Phils., CARD, Lifebank, etc.</p> <p>Fast track issuance of national IDs that can be used in accessing loans.</p>	<p>LGUs, government agencies</p> <p>LGUs, SSM associations</p> <p>Concerned government agencies</p> <p>Private sectors, financiers</p>	<p>National and local budget (LGUs and SSM associations)</p> <p>Seed fund</p> <p>Legal requirement for mine workers, national ID, certifications to avail loans.</p>

Group 4. Information, Education and Communication (IEC)

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informing workers about the risks • Raising awareness of health and risk issues • Regular and upgraded trainings for workers • Capacity building sessions • Etc. 	<p>Training, seminar, orientation on health, safety, envi-friendly mining technology</p> <p>Specifically identified by women stone washers: Training on Mercury-free gold processing, manual labor in the mine, operating the ballmill, other sustainable livelihood (livestock raising, organic vegetable gardening, etc.)</p> <p>Small business proposal making.</p> <p>Resource mobilization</p> <p>Conduct regular assembly of small-scale miners and small-mine workers.</p>	<p>Barangay LGU, Health workers, SSM Association, Barangay LGU</p> <p>Concerned government agencies (DTI, DA, TESDA) NGOs, SSM Associations</p> <p>LGUs, PMRB, PEMO, SSM Associations, support NGOs</p>	<p>Training funds</p> <p>Training supplies</p> <p>Seed capital</p> <p>Mobilization funds (local, national, international)</p>

Group 5. Formalisation

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of ASGM operations • Issuance of Mining Permits / Contracts • Local recognition of ASGM sector • Regulatory innovations at the local level • Enforce existing laws and standards • Issuance of worker's ID cards • Job contracts • Etc. 	<p>Establish SSM workers data base with disaggregated data for male and female.</p> <p>Application of permits, updated and geo-tagged tunnels, regular inventory of tunnel operations, conduct of regular inspections</p> <p>Application for accreditation of peoples' organization (SSM) to LGUs for recognition</p> <p>Issuance of local ordinances recognizing / supporting SSM industry</p> <p>Miners must apply to mining contractors / operators (for areas with existing operations)</p> <p>Regular assistance in times of emergencies / disasters</p> <p>To renew the abanteros.</p> <p>Job interview / proper hiring process for abanteros.</p>	<p>LGUs, mine workers, MGB, and SSM associations.</p> <p>LGUs, mine workers, MGB, PMRB, and SSM associations.</p> <p>LGUs, MGB, SSM associations</p> <p>LGUs, MGB, SSM associations</p> <p>LGUs, MGB, PMRB, SSM associations</p>	<p>National and local funds</p> <p>Permits and licenses, professional fees, miscellaneous expenses,</p> <p>SEC registration, DOLE registration, permits, processing fees</p> <p>Permits and licenses, professional fees, miscellaneous expenses,</p>

Group 6. Monitoring & Regulation

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen control over safety conditions at the workplace (tunnel & ballmill /CIP plants) Monitoring compliance with regulations (operations and labor) Etc. 	<p>Strict implementation of SSM policies, rules and regulations</p> <p>Conduct of regular seminars and training on new policies and on health and safety</p> <p>Issuance of regulatory guidelines and daily monitoring.</p>	<p>SSM Associations, Municipal DRRM Council / Office, Ballmill and plant owner, LGU, PMRB</p> <p>SSM Association / Ballmill / plant owner, LGUs: MENRO, PEMO, PMRB</p> <p>LGUs (Local Legislative Council, if necessary), PMRB, DENR-MGB, DENR-EMB</p>	<p>Signage/PPEs, law enforcers / personnel, operational budget</p> <p>Resource persons, law enforcers / personnel, operational budget</p> <p>Operational budget</p>

Group 7. Gold Trading

What	How	Who	Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a local, legal and ASGM-friendly buying stations • Improved gold-buying system • Transparency in gold-buying system • Updated legal framework in ASGM that captures gold-trading system • Etc. 	<p>Transparency of gold prices and clear monitoring of gold prices.</p> <p>Request <i>Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas</i> (BSP / Central Bank) to install local buying stations.</p> <p>Local buying stations must install water scrubber for toxic substances.</p> <p>Proper recording, record-keeping and monitoring.</p> <p>Organize local gold buyers.</p>	<p>Provincial LGU thru PEMO <i>Minahang Bayanihan</i> Center.</p> <p>BSP, MGB, SSM Associations / Federations</p> <p>Local gold buyers, PMRB, LGU</p> <p>MGB, PMRB, BSP</p>	<p>Financial and technical support, mobilization funds</p>



Rosario, Agusan del Sur



Monkayo, Davao de Oro

Daghang salamat!



Tboli, South Cotabato