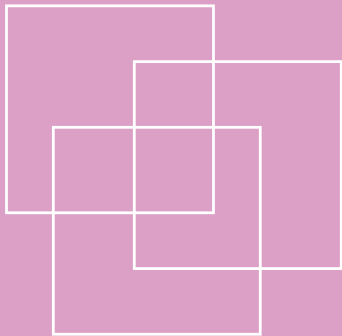




Convening Actors to Develop and Implement Strategies to Reduce Child Labor and Improve Working Conditions in Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (CARING GOLD MINING PROJECT)



AT A GLANCE

→ Partners

BanToxics!, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Education (DepEd), Coalition for Small Scale Miners, Municipal Governments of Labo and Paracale, Provincial Government of Camarines Norte, Municipal Government of T'boli and Provincial Government of South Cotabato

→ Donor

US Department of Labor

→ Duration

December 2015 to April 2019

→ Target beneficiaries

child labourers and their families, artisanal and small scale gold miners and workers, government agencies and local government units

→ Geographical focus

Global and National



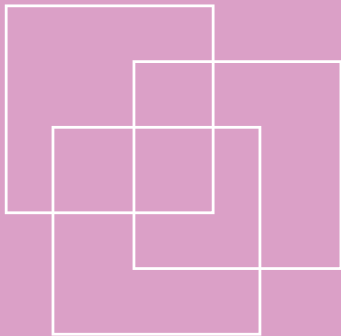
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The CARING Gold Mining Project in the Philippines will address the problem of child labour and poor working conditions in Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) operations by supporting the sector towards setting-up of legal and regulated Peoples' Small Scale Mines (Minahang Bayan) that are compliant with environmental, health, and labour standards. It will work with BanToxics!, which has long been working with ASGM communities in the area of eliminating the use of mercury, and the Coalition for Small Scale Miners in reaching out to these communities while establishing a convergence platform where different government agencies led by the DOLE and the LGUs in Camarines Norte and South Cotabato, which are the pilot provinces, can come together to support this effort.

The following are the objectives of the Project:

1. Laws, policies and action plans to address child labour (CL) and working conditions (WC) in ASGM are strengthened, enforced and/or implemented.
 - Enhancement of national and local laws, policies, regulations, licensing contracts, action plans and budgets to reflect CL and WC issues.
 - Strengthening regulatory and enforcement bodies as well as inter-agency coordination mechanisms.
2. Access of vulnerable households living in ASGM communities to relevant social protection and livelihood programs is improved.
 - Strengthening of ASGM communities and their associations.
 - Mobilization of tripartite constituents, civil society groups and other stakeholders to support improving access of ASGM communities to social protection and livelihoods.
 - Innovative solutions to reduce CL and improve WC in ASGM are supported and disseminated.
3. Mechanisms to increase transparency and monitoring of CL and WC in gold mining supply chains, particularly ASGM, are implemented.
 - Setting up Monitoring Teams at the provincial, municipal and community level to detect and report child labour incidents as well as environment and OSH violations.
 - Conduct of an awareness campaign at the national, local and community levels.
4. Global networks to reduce CL and improve WC in ASGM are operational.
 - Development of a global network of stakeholders to work on issues of CL and WC in ASGM.





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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Conduct of researches on situation of the ASGM sector including gaps in laws and enforcement, social and labour conditions in mining activities and community needs.
- Formulation and/or amendment of laws, action plans and programs at the national and local levels that support formalization of ASGM.
- Provisions of services and support to ASGM communities towards the formalization of their operations.
- Support for ASGM operations in legalizing their operations and acquiring necessary technologies and tools to comply with standards.
- Conduct of communications and advocacy campaigns to address child labour and working conditions in ASGM and support formalization of the sector.
- Setting up of monitoring platforms at the mine, community and industry levels to detect violations of environmental, social and labour standards.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- National and local laws, policies and plans that better support the establishment of legitimate, viable and responsible ASGM operations and allow for improved enforcement.
- Minahang Bayans that are compliant with environmental, health and labour standards are established.
- Monitoring systems that look at compliance to standards by ASGM operations at the industry, town and community levels are established.

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