



## Our Objectives



Legal & formal ASM



Environmentally & socially responsible ASM



Active participation of women in ASM



Productive businesses within & away from ASM



Inclusive dialogue & empowered institutions

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## Background

Foundation for ASM Development (FADev) is an independent non-Governmental Organization (NGO) registered in the United Republic of Tanzania, under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, 2002 with registration No. 00NGO/R/0251

The establishment of FADev resulted from context scoping, background research, pre-dialogue engagements, thematic dialogues and national dialogue processes that evidenced the need to have an Organisation whose activities focuses on the ASM Sector.

Research reports and reports from dialogue activities that led to the establishment for an organisation working on ASM sectoral issues that was initiated by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and coordinated locally by HakiMadini, can accessed and downloaded from [www.fadev.or.tz](http://www.fadev.or.tz).

To attain a responsible, inclusive and sustainable Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) sector.

## Vision

## Mission

The Foundation for ASM Development is established for purposes of promoting responsible and sustainable Artisanal and Small-scale Mining practices and enhance progressive life-skills among Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners.

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## Our Programmes

The programme activities at FADev are guided by the following five 'solution pillars' which forms actionable solutions identified during the dialogues.

### 1. Promoting legal and formal ASM operations in Tanzania

Formalising and legalising the ASM sector require reforms to existing policies and legal frameworks, multi-stakeholder engagement and awareness raising through innovative communication and sensitisation programmes. As well, support mechanisms aiming at providing surveyed land, geological data, extension services and incentives towards formalised and legalised operations are on demand.

FADev works with other stakeholders towards policy reforms with respect to surface land and mining licences. As a starting point, this process ensures that there is a clear definition of the terms used to describe the sector and the distinctive nature of the various levels of operation, particularly: the artisanal, small, and medium-scale mining.

### 2. Promotion of environmentally and socially responsible ASM

Reforms aimed at improving the environmental and social performance of the ASM sector should be motivated by the business case for ASM and the ability to promote a green economy. Often, interventions are driven by the reactionary need to 'stop' the environmental and social 'harm' caused by the sector. This has proven futile. Since in most cases, ASM activities are poverty-driven, the underlying potential of the sector is compromised. However, if managed well, ASM activities can be a strong driver of household economic development.

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FADev has already established an Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) programme component that includes multiple activities to promote healthy, safe and environmentally responsible ASM practices.

### 3. Promoting Active Participation of Women in ASM

Reform processes aimed at empowering women in ASM should consider solutions covering social, legal, economic, technical, intellectual and political issues. Solutions should not be sought just for addressing the constraints that women in mining face but should recognise and build on their potential to make a significant value addition in economic, business, decision making, and best practice terms.

In its programme activities, FADev works towards addressing gender gaps in the mining policy and regulation that fully recognizes women's role and rights within the sub-sector – not just mainstreaming gender. FADev also has in place, a project component that focuses on establishing and strengthening Women-led cooperatives/associations to demonstrate and set a positive example for changed policy approach and inspire other women with potential.

### 4. Support Productive and Sustainable Business Development within and away from ASM

Given the business potential of ASM operators as capable entrepreneurs, targeted support in areas like finance, market, technical skills and technology, business and leadership skills can be crucial in realising the economic value of the sector. The importance of long-term business planning needs to be emphasized in order to prepare miners for opportunities to diversify into more sustainable non-mining businesses.

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FADev works with ASM Primary Mining Licence (PML) owners to develop and establish model ASM Model Mines as a way to fulfil best mining and business practices. ASM Model Mines are an important step to demonstrate and set a positive example of responsible and successful ASM businesses that contribute to local development through value addition, jobs, and taxes. FADev provides comprehensive assessment and understanding of existing centres excellence and guidance on ASM Model Mine centres of excellence.

### 5. Promoting inclusive Dialogue and Empowering Institutions

Following the national ASM dialogue, facilitation of local and national dialogues, remains to be FADev's trademark. This remains crucial to the promotion of multi-stakeholder learning, knowledge/experience sharing and partnerships to achieve a responsible, inclusive and sustainable ASM sector.

FADev is setting up a dynamic and innovative platform for linking the Tanzanian ASM multi-stakeholders as a way of promoting ongoing interaction among ASM stakeholders within Tanzania and across the borders, and transfer of information using modern technological means. This platform will serve as an information hub pulling all ASM relevant databases in one place for easy access by stakeholders.

## Our Values

» Integrity

» Accountability

» Equity

» Participation

» Knowledge sharing

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