

# A Call for Submission

## Conducting a Mapping of ASM Active Operations in Mbeya and Songwe Regions.

### Background

Foundation for ASM Development (FADev) is an independent non-Governmental Organization (NGO) established to catalyse multi-stakeholder dialogue, knowledge sharing and collaboration among stakeholders in the Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) sector in Tanzania. FADev is registered under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, 2002 with registration No. 00NGO/R/0251.

The necessity of establishing an Organisation that focuses on the ASM sector resulted from a process that comprised of context scoping, background research, pre-dialogue engagements, thematic dialogues and national dialogue processes.

To capture and address the identified challenges, context scoping, background research, pre-dialogue engagements, thematic dialogues and national dialogue processes helped in the production of FADev activity implementation Roadmap. The latter document crystalized the programme pillars to inform the strategies and activity implementation processes.

The following are the main pillars upon which FADev's programmes, thematic areas and activity implementation are based:

1. Promote formal and legal Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) operations through well designed support mechanism in Tanzania
2. Ensure environmentally and socially responsible ASM activities in Tanzania
3. Promote active and meaningful participation of women in ASM activities
4. Support productive and sustainable business development within and away from ASM, and
5. Promote inclusive and ongoing participatory multi-stakeholder dialogue and institutional empowerment for inclusive policy and practice decision making

The implementation of the above programme thematic areas is guided by FADev's Vision and Mision. To learn more, please, visit [www.fadev.or.tz](http://www.fadev.or.tz).

### The ASM Sector in Tanzania

Several research reports suggests that Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) sector is seen by many as a 'silver bullet' towards eliminating poverty (Eleanor Fisher et al., 2009; Bryceson & Mwaipopo 2010; Jønsson & Bryceson 2017). Such research findings also relay information on the increase of workforce within the ASM landscape (Mutagwaba et al., 2018).

At the commencement of the year 2019, the [Government of Tanzania](#)<sup>1</sup> took a deliberate move to start an engagement process with stakeholders in the ASM sector. A meeting that came with a number of incentives, including relief on Small-scale miners “of the burden of paying withholding tax of 5 per cent and 18 per cent value added tax”.

At the aforementioned meeting of the ASM stakeholders convened by the Ministry of Minerals, it was indicated that until the time of the meeting, there were about 6,000,000 Tanzanians from different parts of the country whose livelihoods depend on the ASM sector’s activities.

A mapping activity carried out by the International Peace Information Service (IPIS)<sup>2</sup>, indicates that, in Tanzania alone, not even the whole country but in the north of the country, covering Mara, Geita and Shinyanga Regions, there are a total of 337 Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) operators.

At the global scale, a report by the International Institute for Sustainable Development<sup>3</sup>, released in 2018, on the Global Trends in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM), shows an increase in numbers of people working in the ASM sector from 6,000,000 in 1993 to 40,500,000 in 2017 worldwide.

But the same report also suggests that “Some sources estimate a much higher number – up to 100 million ASM operators – compared to seven million people working in industrial mining”.

The above statistics and corresponding contrasting factors are an indication that there is more to be done to be able to have a clear picture on the number of ASM active operations in the country.

### **The Mapping Activity**

In line with FADev’s Roadmap Workstream No. 1 to 5 which envisions a “responsible, inclusive and sustainable Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) sector”, in the United Republic of Tanzania, the organization seeks to extend its programme activities to Mbeya and Songwe.

### **The Objectives of the Mapping Activity**

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<sup>1</sup> Relief for Tanzania’s artisanal miners as govt comes down hard on the big boy, The East African Newspaper, Monday, February 25, 2019 Issue. Accessed online at: <https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/business/relief-for-tanzania-s-artisanal-miners-as-govt-comes-down-hard-on-the-big-boy-1413092>

<sup>2</sup> Hans Merket 2019, Mapping artisanal and small-scale mining in northwest Tanzania: A survey on its nature, scope and impact <https://ipisresearch.be/publication/mapping-artisanal-small-scale-mining-northwest-tanzania/>

<sup>3</sup> Morgane Fritz 2018, Global Trends in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM): A review of key numbers and issues. The International Institute for Sustainable Development. Accessed online at: <https://www.iisd.org/library/global-trends-artisanal-and-small-scale-mining-asm-review-key-numbers-and-issues>

The mapping activity for active ASM operations in Mbeya and Songwe Regions is intended to:

- i. identify the locations where ASM activities occur in Mbeya and Songwe regions.
- ii. document the the number of active operations
- iii. document the number of PML provisions and ASM active operations in Mbeya and Songwe regions Locations
- iv. conduct a needs assessment among Artisanal and Small-scale Mining operations and communities in Mbeya ans Songwe Regions
- v. document gold recovery methods
- vi. generate information on the knowledge of ASM operators on the impacts of mercury use in gold recovery in the ASM operations landscape
- vii. collect views of the ASM operators on the MinGem houses (gold markets)
- viii. Generate information on ASM operators in Mbeya and Songwe Regions on the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- ix. document the number of women miners in the ASM landscape in Mbeya and Songwe regions, including their main roles
- x. document livelihood activities carried out by existing women groups and how these livelihood activities connect with the well-being of Small-scale Miners, their families, and in the particular ASM community the survey being carried out.
- xi. identify and document gaps, challenges and opportunities in ASM Communities in Mbeya and Songwe Regions in relation to access of training and leadership space for women in the ASM activity landscape and communities to exercise their basic rights to meaningful inclusion.

## 1. Scope of work/Duties and Responsibilities.

- i. Undertake a field trip in the mapping areas
- ii. Carryout in-person interviews with miners, immediate communities and relevant Government authorities in Mbeya and Songwe Regions
- iii. Carryout an exhaustive analysis of gaps, challenges and opportunities in ASM activity landscape in Mbeya and Songwe Regions

## 2. Expected Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

- i. An executive summary of the baseline study not exceeding 5 pages
- ii. A well written ASM Operations Mapping report not exceeding 30 pages including individual mines coordinates, photos and annexes
- iii. Submission of all annexes, photos and other relevant documents collected during the mapping activity
- iv. A record of all mapping activity respondents in form of signed forms with phone numbers of the respondents (where possible)



### 3. FADev's Input

- i. FADev shall provide the consultant with the organisation's Roadmap document
- ii. FADev shall provide an introductory letter to the consultant to present to relevant stakeholders, including the ASM operations leaders, Regional Administrative and Local Government Authorities

### 4. Required Experience and Qualifications

The consultant should fulfil the following requirements:

- i. A bachelor's degree or master's degree (preferred) in geology, mining engineering, mineral processing engineering
- ii. Proven experience in handling similar assignments of conducting mapping activities in the ASM working environments and communities
- iii. Ability to listen, analyze make conclusions without bias
- iv. Ease when working in remote mining areas and familiarity with local culture and trust relationship building with interviewees and stakeholders
- v. Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English and Swahili.

### 5. Submission of the Application

Interested candidate should submit expression of interest detailing the candidate's understanding of the assignment; experience in the field; a detailed curriculum vitae; financial proposal; a detailed work plan; and at least two unedited final drafts of reports of similar research written in the past 6 to 12 months to [coordination@fadev.or.tz](mailto:coordination@fadev.or.tz). Only electronic applications will be considered. In the subject line of your email, please state clearly which assignment you are applying for.

The document name should start with your name and include which position you apply for, e.g. <Sunlight Biggs\_ASM Mapping Activity>. Submissions failing to meet these requirements or sent to other email addresses will not be considered. Discussion with candidates will take place during the first week of March 2021. If you do not hear from us, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Foundation for ASM Development (FADev) reserves the right not to make an appointment/contact.

*The deadline for submission of the proposal will be on close of business, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.*

**No solicitation.**