Centres of Excellence in Artisanal & Small-Scale Mining: A Good Idea?

The Case of Fairtrade Gold in East Africa

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WHAT IS FAIRTRADE GOLD?

Goal

Active in Latin America

Pilot in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda since 2012

9 ASMOs in East Africa

What does certification mean?

The Ecological Premium

Source: fairgold.org
PURPOSE & SCOPE

Goal of the study

Phase 1: Desktop literature review & interviews

Phase 2: Field mission in Nairobi, Kenya & Geita, Tanzania including qualitative interviews & focus groups

Phase 3: Debrief & reporting

Phase 4: Revisions
Title: Learning & Training Centre

Intended outcome: Increased supply of FT Gold

Scope: Just FT-Miners? Or wider ASM community?
MODELS FOR A FAIRTRADE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - LOGISTICS

**Most popular**

*Demonstration mine*

*Classroom*

*Role of Fairtrade, Government, Hosting ASMO*

**Other models**

*Mobile training*

*Centre of Excellence*

*Processing centres*
MODELS FOR A FAIRTRADE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

*Processing plant* - *Tanzania*
MODELS FOR A FAIRTRADE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - LEARNING

**Knowledge delivery**

**Learning & Skills**

**Format**

**Who are the trainers?**

**Who are the trainees?**

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**Train the trainer**

- Preference for expert trainers
- Entry point with certified ASMOs

**Mentorship & internship**

- Shadowing
- Already taking place

**Peer-to-peer learning**

- Precedent within Fairtrade Network
- Practice & classroom learning
- “Blind teaching the blind”

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Nsangano’s plaque of achievement
FUNDING

**Short-term funding**

*Seed funding from Fairtrade*

**Medium to long-term funding**

*Donors*

*The premium*

*Downstream-users*
CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS- SCOPE & ROLES

Defining the goal is key: “To enable as many artisanal and small-scale miners as possible to improve their mining & processing practices, prevent accidents and promote proper business skills.”

Setting up a demonstration mine: Who should host it?

Fairtrade’s role

Government’s role

Hosting ASMO’s role
CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS- FUNDING

Funding

Seed funding for equipment upgrade, four yearly trainings, transport, accommodation

On-going investment & where it should come from
Thank You!
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Comments?
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