

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Global Opportunities for the Long-term Development of ASGM (GOLD+) in Uganda

Country

Uganda

GEF ID

10618

Implementing Agency

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Executing Entity

IMPACT

Trust Fund

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Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/11/2026

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2026 , 3rd PIR

Objective

To reduce the use of mercury in the ASGM sector in Uganda through a holistic, multisectoral, integrated formalization approach, and increase access to traceable gold supply chains and finance for adoption of sustainable mercury free technologies

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

5,995,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

2,950,887.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

4/14/2022

Agency Approval

5/10/2022

Implementation Start 7/29/2022	First Disbursement 8/30/2022
Expected MTR 12/31/2026	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 6/30/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

Component 1: Government and other national stakeholders increased their capacity to formalize

On 4 July 2025, the planetGOLD Uganda team participated in the International Day of Cooperatives Symposium organized by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives in Fort Portal. During the symposium, the project highlighted the significant investment opportunities within the ASGM sector and encouraged financial institutions to develop financing products tailored to responsible mining enterprises. The team also emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperative governance structures that integrate environmental sustainability, climate resilience, and responsible mining practices, enabling cooperatives to become viable recipients of green and climate finance.

On 29–30 September 2025, the planetGOLD Uganda team joined officials from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on a field mission to verify cooperative societies operating within mining communities. The exercise assessed the legal status, governance, and membership of two mining cooperatives: Kagaba Women Miners and Traders Cooperative Society and Kitumbi–Kayonza Women Miners Cooperative Society.

The verification established that the certificates of registration for both cooperatives expired in September 2025, limiting their legal standing and ability to access financial services and development opportunities. Consequently, the project committed to supporting the renewal of their registrations as part of its broader efforts to strengthen cooperative governance, promote formalization, and enhance access to financial and technical support for ASGM communities.

Component 2: Miners in Uganda accessed financial products to invest in mercury free technologies

In July and September 2025, the project convened two high-level stakeholder meetings with key institutions to explore sustainable financing solutions for Uganda's artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector. Participants included representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), through the Financial Inclusion Support Unit (FISU), the Uganda Central Cooperative Financial Services (UCCFS), and the Association of Microfinance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU). FISU plays a leading role in promoting financial inclusion in Uganda, while UCCFS supports cooperative-based financial institutions and AMFIU strengthens the capacity and performance of microfinance institutions across the country.

The primary objective of these engagements was to establish a collaborative framework for identifying an appropriate financing model tailored to the unique needs of the ASGM sector. Discussions focused on addressing the financial barriers faced by miners and exploring innovative approaches to improving access to affordable and responsible financial services. To complement these discussions, the project organized a joint

field visit to the Kagaba and Kayonza mining sites in Kassanda District. Representatives from FISU, UCCFS, and AMFIU participated in the visit, which provided them with first-hand exposure to mining operations and an opportunity to engage directly with miners and local stakeholders. The visit enabled participants to better understand the operational realities of the sector, including its financing needs, existing informal financial arrangements, and the challenges limiting miners' access to formal financial services. Building on the insights gained from the field visit and stakeholder consultations, the partners agreed to convene a multi-stakeholder retreat in the fourth quarter of 2025 to jointly develop a financial model for the ASGM sector.

The retreat was subsequently held in October 2025, bringing together representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, the Association of Microfinance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU), Uganda Central Cooperative Financial Services Ltd (UCCFS), and the planetGOLD Uganda Project. The three-day workshop provided a collaborative platform for participants to share institutional experiences, assess financing gaps within the ASGM sector, and jointly design a blended financing model tailored to the needs of artisanal and small-scale miners.

The proposed blended financial model combines financial services, technical assistance, cooperative strengthening, and responsible mining principles to improve miners' access to affordable finance while supporting the adoption of mercury-free processing technologies and environmentally responsible mining practices. The model was recognized as a practical and scalable approach for promoting financial inclusion, improving productivity, and advancing the objectives of the planetGOLD Uganda Project.

To broaden engagement with financial institutions, the project team held a meeting with the management of FINCA Uganda in February 2026. The objective was to introduce the planetGOLD Uganda Project, explore opportunities for institutional collaboration, and initiate discussions on developing financial products suitable for the ASGM sector. Discussions focused on the financing requirements associated with mercury-free gold processing technologies, the prevalence of informal pre-financing arrangements, sector-specific investment risks, and potential target clients, including processing site owners, mining license holders, and mining cooperatives. FINCA expressed interest in exploring a potential partnership but emphasized the need for a deeper understanding of the sector through field visits, direct engagement with mining communities, and additional technical discussions before considering the development of dedicated financial products.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continue technical engagement and organize joint field visits to assess the feasibility of a future partnership. To further strengthen this process, the project has engaged both a Financial Model Consultant and a Business Model Consultant to develop sustainable financial and business model strategies tailored to the needs of Uganda's artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector. The consultants' work will generate evidence-based recommendations and practical financing approaches that will inform subsequent discussions and partnerships with financial institutions, ultimately supporting the development of appropriate financial products for ASGM enterprises. These efforts represent important progress towards establishing sustainable financing mechanisms that promote responsible, inclusive, and environmentally sound development of Uganda's ASGM sector.

Component 3: Artisanal miners in Uganda adopted mercury-free processing technologies

Metallurgical tests were conducted to characterize the ore from selected artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sites and inform the selection and design of appropriate processing equipment for the pilot sites. Ore and tailings samples were collected from eight (8) mining sites across the districts of Moroto, Amudat, Busia, and Kassanda and submitted to the African Mineral Laboratory for analysis. The laboratory analyses determined the gold content and assessed the presence of other metals and elements, including copper, Sulphur, and mercury, that could influence the efficiency of gold recovery processes. The findings provided a comprehensive mineralogical characterization of the ore and tailings from the selected sites, enabling the project to suggest the most suitable processing technologies and plant designs for each location. Additional metallurgical test work

will be undertaken during the commissioning of the pilot plants, as required, to optimize processing performance.

Site Mapping and Community Engagement

During 3-4 November 2025, the Project Management Unit conducted site mapping and community engagement activities at three (3) selected pilot sites in the districts of Moroto and Amudat. The objective was to foster ownership and secure the support of miners, local community leaders, surrounding communities, District Local Governments, and other key stakeholders. These engagements also provided valuable information on site conditions, operational practices, stakeholder expectations, and logistical considerations. The information gathered has been instrumental in informing the planning, design, preparation, and implementation of the pilot processing facilities while ensuring that the interventions are responsive to local needs and have broad stakeholder support. However, during the site assessment process, the project experienced challenges in collecting accurate mercury use data as much of the information gathered was based on self-declarations that could not easily be validated, variations in mining and processing practices, and the informal nature of mercury transactions within ASGM communities. Recognizing these challenges, the project revised its implementation approach by engaging Devsol led by Patience Singo, who brings extensive technical expertise and practical experience from other planetGOLD projects. Devsol is providing specialized support in site assessments, mercury use estimation, metallurgical testing, equipment planning, and implementation. This enhanced technical approach is expected to improve the quality and reliability of site data, strengthen the design of pilot processing facilities, and ensure that project interventions are based on robust technical evidence and international best practice.

The project focused on developing strategies and gathering data to transition miners to mercury-free practices. The project team reviewed a draft gender-sensitive strategy for securing buy-in from miners/operators for mercury-free equipment as well as a Technical Assistance Plan for miners at pilot sites. Research field visits to six project target mine sites were done to capture current data on mercury usage at these sites. During these field visits, 265 (103 female and 162 male) miners were interacted with.

As part of efforts to promote mercury-free gold processing technologies that are practically efficient, effective, affordable, and locally available to improve gold recovery while reducing reliance of mercury among ASGMs, the project visited two sites in Namayingo and Busia Districts where these equipment and systems had been reported to be available for demonstration and sale for assessment. The project team benefited from direct observations and demonstrations done. The equipment used in mercury free gold processing included the gold kacha, shaker tables, magnetic separator etc., which the project team did appreciate. During the equipment assessment, the project team focused on aspects of equipment suitability, purchase price, installation requirements, previous applications & user experience, technical support, warranty. However, some limitations identified included; high cost of equipment that can't easily be afforded by most miners, easy availability of equipment & spare parts, and durability question especially for equipment coming in from some parts of the world. This shape informs project equipment choice & decision.

The project has focused on identifying potential sites to set up mercury free pilot plants across 8 mining sites. Pilot sites have been identified, pending stakeholder agreement on the final sites. The project developed an equipment list and flowsheet for the pilot sites and is working on an equipment procurement strategy in preparation to installation for the mercury free processing plants. During the year, the project conducted multiple visits to different sites to evaluate potential and formulate a quick win strategy for mercury elimination. The project will focus on the main intervention sites and strengthen planning and site identification criteria. The site visits investigated type of processing methods, levels of mercury emission, type of mining, infrastructure, access and gender dynamics in mineral processing and mercury exposure. During the field visits, the project interacted with over 400 miners with a male to female ratio of 3:1.

The following sites were profiled as part of review on their potential as mercury free processing pilot sites; Kitumbi Kayonza and Kagaba Hills in Kassanda District, Tiira and Siyanyonja in Busia District, Buhere in Namayingo District, Rupa and Nakabat Hills in Moroto District and Cheptakol in Amudat District. The findings show an increase in mercury use due to fast adoption of whole ore amalgamation in wet pan mills; a very high Hg: Au ratio in communities near border communities; a willingness to explore mercury free technologies and improve gold recoveries and supportive stakeholders. These findings will inform unique intervention strategies for each site. The project is in a good position to roll out mercury free processing interventions during the year.

Component 4: Information and knowledge shared led to improvement in the management of the ASGM sector in Uganda

Facilitated planetGOLD stakeholders to participate in a Regional Workshop for the Validation of the revised Regional Guide on the Formalization of the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Sector during the period 21-22 August 2025 in Entebbe, Uganda. The workshop provided an important platform for stakeholders from participating countries to review, discuss and validate the revised Regional Guide, ensuring that it reflects the current realities, challenges and opportunities within the ASM sector. The engagement also promoted experience sharing among stakeholders and strengthened collaboration on approaches to formalization, responsible mining and improved governance of the sector.

Project Team participated in a sensitization event organized by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) in the district of Busia (one of the project target sites) during the period 29-30 January 2026. The focus was on sustainable mining practices, with particular emphasis on the safe use and management of chemicals such as mercury, cyanide etc. at mining sites. The team was also able to undertake familiarization visits of selected ASGM sites hinting on the planned mercury free piloting by the project, for learning also visited Wagagai Mining Company – a large-scale mining Co, and later Kakoba Company Ltd to observe a demonstration of mercury-free gold processing technology.

The project convened its 3rd Annual Stakeholders' Meeting on 28 November 2025 under the theme, 'The Future of Gold Mining: Healthier, Gender Inclusive and Mercury-Free.' The meeting brought together a diverse group of more than 200 stakeholders, including government institutions, development partners, civil society organizations, the private sector, academia, and representatives of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) communities. The forum provided an important platform to review project progress, share lessons learned, strengthen partnerships, and discuss strategic priorities for advancing responsible and sustainable gold mining in Uganda.

In addition to highlighting significant progress made during the year, discussions focused on promoting mercury-free gold processing technologies, strengthening formalization of the ASGM sector, enhancing responsible gold mining, improving occupational health and safety, and advancing gender equality and social inclusion within mining communities. Participants emphasized the importance of coordinated multi-stakeholder action, evidence-based decision-making, and stronger institutional collaboration to address environmental, social, and economic challenges facing the sector. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Uganda's transition towards a healthier, more inclusive, and mercury-free ASGM sector through strengthened partnerships, innovation, and policy implementation.

The planetGOLD Uganda project was represented at the 6th Meeting of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury held between 3-7 November 2026 in Geneva Switzerland. The progress of the planetGOLD Uganda project was showcased during a side event organized by the planetGOLD Global Programme during which countries that implemented the programme during its first phase and those in advanced stages of implementation in its second phase shared experiences and learnings one from another.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The challenges encountered in project implementation include the continued accessibility and use of mercury attributed to porous border points and informal supply chains, weak enforcement of regulations governing mercury use and importation, limited awareness among miners of the health and environmental risks associated with mercury, and inadequate routine inspections and monitoring by relevant government agencies due to resource and capacity constraints. In addition, some miner cooperatives operate outside recommended governance and operational standards, with weak institutional structures and limited adherence to formalization requirements. Variations in mining practices further complicate the adoption of responsible and mercury-free mining practices.

Implementation was also affected by delays in renewing IMPACT Uganda's operating permit with the NGO Bureau, disruptions associated with the national election period, and the transition to a new Program Manager. In response, the project will continue to strengthen awareness-raising and capacity-building initiatives, support the enforcement of relevant regulations, and provide targeted technical assistance to standardize, formalize, and strengthen the governance and operations of miner cooperatives, thereby promoting responsible and mercury-free artisanal and small-scale gold mining.

While the transition away from mercury use among artisanal miners is gradual, the project continues to make steady progress in promoting safer practices, even as it navigates the strict enforcement provisions of Uganda's Mining and Minerals Act. The continued importation of mercury presents challenges, but it also underscores the importance of the project's awareness-raising and capacity-building efforts, which are helping to shift mindsets and behaviors on the ground. Furthermore, the government's policy prohibiting the export of unprocessed minerals—enforced has had a notable impact on achieving the project's financial inclusion and co-financing targets. While the policy aims to stimulate domestic value addition and industrial growth, it has inadvertently limited market access for project-certified gold. Despite these challenges, the project continues to adapt and innovate, working closely with the government, Central Bank, and partners to identify alternative pathways for market access and sustainable development within Uganda's evolving regulatory landscape.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

As part of stakeholder engagement, the project held a series of interventions i.e. at the national level, the project held a Project Steering Committee meeting and the Annual Stakeholder's Meeting on 28 November 2025 under the theme "The Future of Gold Mining: Healthier, Gender Inclusive and Mercury Free", fostering broad participation and strategic discussions. The 2025 Annual Stakeholders' Meeting convened more than 150 diverse partners, including government institutions, development partners, civil society organizations, the private sector, academia, and representatives of ASGM communities, to evaluate progress, exchange strategic insights, and reaffirm collective priorities. Deliberations focused on advancing gender equality, promoting inclusive practices, and reinforcing collaborative frameworks to achieve sustainable development outcomes. Notable accomplishments included the institutionalization of gender-responsive policies across core programs, the implementation of targeted capacity-building initiatives, and demonstrable improvements in community engagement metrics. Participants underscored the imperative of evidence-based decision-making, strengthened accountability mechanisms, and the integration of technological innovations to address systemic gaps in service delivery. Forward-looking commitments emphasized deepening strategic partnerships, scaling innovative solutions, and ensuring equitable participation at all governance levels. The meeting reaffirmed a unified vision: fostering inclusive growth and driving structural transformation for enduring impact in ASGM.

In addition, the project also held the following stakeholder engagements:

As part of efforts to strengthen coordination, collaboration, and effective implementation of the project, monthly update and planning meetings were held with the Mines Department and National Environment Management Authority. The meetings provided an opportunity for the project team and the Mines Department & NEMA to review progress, discuss emerging challenges, assess planned activities, and agree on priority actions for the next implementation period.

A meeting was held with Bank of Uganda on the 22 May 2026, to discuss about the viability of formulating mineral markets (local gold purchase program) and how IMPACT would be involved. The intended Bank of Uganda support to miners would be drawing the mineral markets closer to the miners while also providing fair mineral price and introduced BoU to the existing Responsible Certification Mechanism-based of chain of custody guidelines for gold. In attendance was the Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development representatives, NEMA that discussed issues of miner licensing & Environment Social Impact Assessment certificate issuances to miners. It was agreed that the miners would be engaged to further elaborate on the issues discussed.

Site visit was conducted to Kitumbi Kayonza Women Miners cooperative association. The project organized a joint field visit to the Kagaba and Kayonza mining sites in Kassanda District. Representatives from FISU, UCCFS, and AMFIU participated in the visit, which provided them with first-hand exposure to mining operations and an opportunity to engage directly with miners and local stakeholders. The visit enabled participants to better understand the operational realities of the sector, including its financing needs, existing informal financial arrangements, and the challenges limiting miners' access to formal financial services.

As part of ensuring traceability of mercury free gold production and sale, the project supported a sensitization workshop with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development on the proposed establishment of mineral markets and buying centers enlighten miners and gold dealers of the set guidelines for planned government gold purchases. Several stakeholders were engaged including selected miners, gold dealers, District Local Government Representatives from mining districts, government officials, CSOs & Development partners, 150 participants were in attendance including 103 men and 47 women.

D. Gender Equality

In October 2025, the project, in collaboration with financial institutions and sector stakeholders, including the Financial Inclusion Support Unit (FISU), Uganda Central Cooperative Financial Services (UCCFS), and the Association of Microfinance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU), visited the Kitumbi Kayonza Women Miners Cooperative Society in Kassanda District. Particular attention was given to issues that affect women miners' ability to participate effectively in the formal gold economy, including access to financial services, bankability, gold traceability, and access to reliable and formal gold markets.

The project made deliberate efforts to profile women participation in the ASGM sector. During the 3rd Annual Stakeholders' Meeting on 28 November 2025 under the theme, 'The Future of Gold Mining: Healthier, Gender Inclusive and Mercury-Free,' provided a platform to recognize the works of women miners and share experiences. E.g. Aisha from Kayonza shared her experience on how she's making strides to transit from mercury use to mercury free gold processing – micro leaching.

All project meetings, consultations, trainings, workshops, stakeholder engagements, and community dialogues are designed and conducted in a gender-inclusive manner, ensuring that women, men, and other relevant groups have equal opportunities to participate, contribute, and influence project decisions. Gender

considerations are integrated throughout the project implementation cycle rather than being treated as a stand-alone activity.

During the reporting period, the project developed gender-inclusive sensitization toolkits to support the mainstreaming of gender considerations across planetGOLD Uganda interventions. The toolkits provide practical and user-friendly materials for sensitizing ASGM stakeholders on gender equality, women's participation and leadership, equitable access to resources and opportunities, prevention of gender-based discrimination, and the importance of involving both women and men in decision-making processes. The toolkits were designed to be inclusive of different groups within the ASGM value chain, including women miners, processors, traders, cooperative members, mine owners and other community stakeholders. They will support consistent and gender-responsive messaging during community engagements, trainings, cooperative strengthening, formalization activities, access-to-finance interventions and promotion of mercury-free technologies.

During this reporting period, the project developed gender-sensitive communication messages for dissemination through blogs, YouTube videos, radio talk shows and other communication platforms to promote awareness and dialogue on gender equality and women's participation in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector. The messages are designed to challenge negative gender norms and stereotypes that limit women's participation, leadership and access to resources within the sector, while highlighting the important economic and social contributions made by women across the ASGM value chain.

During the site assessment and mercury measurements, the project engaged women groups, reviewed gender roles and engagements in ASGM operations. This information will inform mercury free processing plants planning and intervention design to ensure they are inclusive and gender sensitive.

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge products continue to be focused on awareness raising. In August 2024, the knowledge product 'Access to finance-ASGM Finance Course' (see uploaded document) was piloted and the content of that knowledge product is being used by the project mining cooperatives. Additionally, two knowledge products, a result of desk reviews, were finalised during the reporting period namely; A Baseline Analysis of Legal and Regulatory Frameworks Affecting Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners in Uganda and The Current Landscape and Context for Accessing Finance for the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Gold Mining Sector in Uganda.

Main learning during the period

Involvement of all key project partners in activity planning and implementation enhances a better understanding of the project and its intended outcomes. This also helps create a better understanding of the required support mechanisms for efficient and effective project implementation.

Frequent interactions with the project beneficiaries and stakeholders is very critical in appreciation of the intended project outcomes and buy-in.

Miners have a better understanding, appreciation of mercury free gold processing interventions when they are able to physically see and practically have hands on experiments with proposed technologies and equipment.

Promotion of mercury free gold mining without alternative efficient and effective solutions hinders sensitization efforts on negative effects of mercury use in the gold value chain.

Another learning during this reporting period has been that illustrations are a better tool to carry out training in the communities and as such, a toolkit for training of mining communities and miners handling a broad range of issues has been designed and published on planetGOLD and IMPACT websites on 1 July 2026.

On World Environment Day, 5 June 2026 in Kitumbi-Kayonza Mine Site, the project distributed messages from the toolkit printed on boards that will be pinned across the mine site for sensitization. This exercise will be done in the remaining 10 mine sites.

Stories to be shared

- Towards Mercury-Free Gold Mining in Uganda - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8p_AuRW25E
- Breaking Gender Barriers in Uganda's ASGM Sector - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0e3RUm_Bpr8
- Meet Monica: A miner breaking gender stereotypes in artisanal gold mining in Uganda - <https://www.planetgold.org/meet-monica-miner-breaking-gender-stereotypes-artisanal-gold-mining-uganda>
- Building a Mercury-Free Future in Uganda: Reflections from the 2025 Annual Stakeholders' Meeting - <https://www.planetgold.org/building-mercury-free-future-uganda-reflections-2025-annual-stakeholders-meeting>

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	

Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Sama	0.0712	32.2177	226,412

Location Description:

Mine sites are in trading centres close to residential areas. Close to the UG-KE border point. In Eastern Uganda.

Activity Description:

Small-scale gold mining operations on rock ore using a combination of gravity separation with sometimes mercury amalgamation and other times direct smelting and concrete tanks' cyanidation to recover gold

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Tira	0.5132	34.0775	226,137

Location Description:

Mine sites are in trading centres close to residential areas. Close to the UG-KE border point. In Eastern Uganda.

Activity Description:

Small-scale gold mining operations on rock ore using a combination of gravity separation with sometimes mercury amalgamation and other times direct smelting and concrete tanks' cyanidation to recover gold

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Buhere	0.1666	33.8166	

Location Description:

Mine site is close to Lake Victoria and this is the main water source for mining activities. In Eastern Uganda.

Activity Description:

Artisanal mining operations with use of gravity separation/amalgamation and cyanidation occasionally

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
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Kabaga Hills	0.4204	32.5616	11,356,954
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Location Description:

Hilly mining area in a trading centre in Central Uganda that has become bustling in recent years

Activity Description:

Small-scale gold mining operations on rock ore using a combination of gravity separation with sometimes mercury amalgamation and other times direct smelting and concrete tanks' cyanidation to recover gold

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nakabat	2.6667	34.7500	

Location Description:

Hilly mining area with seasonal river and streams in Karamoja region

Activity Description:

Artisanal mining operations handling alluvial gold. Very limited use of mercury often in dry seasons when water for panning is scarce.

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kapiyosa	1.46573	34.8020	

Location Description:

Rocky mining area in Karamoja region

Activity Description:

Artisanal mining operations with use of gravity separation/amalgamation and cyanidation occasionally

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cheptakol	1.44919	34.78881	

Location Description:

Rocky mining area in Karamoja region

Activity Description:

Artisanal mining operations with use of gravity separation/amalgamation and cyanidation occasionally

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kayonza	-0.92447	29.64198	8,657,797

Location Description:

Hilly mining area in busy semi-urban area in Central Uganda

Activity Description:

Small-scale gold mining operations on rock ore using a combination of gravity separation with sometimes mercury amalgamation and concrete tanks' cyanidation as well as micro-leaching in 3ton max plastic tanks to recover gold

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Katenga	-0.58333	32.2	231,937

Location Description:

Hilly mining area in Western Uganda

Activity Description:

Small-scale mining operations on rock ore. Method of gold recovery mostly heap leaching.

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nyabiremura	-1.110797	29.669110	

Location Description:

Mountainous mining area close to forest reserve in Southwestern Uganda

Activity Description:

Artisanal mining operations on alluvial gold. No mercury use

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Rushaga	-1.127500	29.69226	

Location Description:

Mountainous mining area close to forest reserve in Southwestern Uganda

Activity Description:

Artisanal mining operations on alluvial gold. No mercury use

V. ANNEX

Uploaded Document

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