## The Mining for Development Initiative

# Overview of Australian assistance for sustainable mining across the world

## Afghanistan

From 2012, AusAID will provide 36 Australian Development Scholarships annually to public servants of key Afghan government ministries, including six to the Ministry of Mines, to assist the Afghan Government to improve its capabilities and achieve development objectives.

#### Ghana

Research with the Minerals Councilof Australia is examining the extent to which mining land use agreements facilitate sustainable development outcomes for women and their households.

#### Laos

AusAID is partnering with the World Bank and the Lao Ministry of Energy and Mines to improve governance of the mining and hydropower sectors and in so doing contribute to more transparent and sustainable developments of these major industries. The program is also reforming relevant engineering and technical education programs to improve the mining career prospects of Lao graduates.

#### Liberia

Assisting Liberia to establish a Natural Resources Tax Unit in the Treasury.

#### Mozambique

Funding the development of a Regional Planning and Integrated Investment Plan for resource rich areas in Mozambique. The aim is to encourage collaboration between investors and government in the planning, prioritisation and future co-financing of infrastructure investment activities, initially in the mining sector.

#### Indonesia

Training and mentoring to improve the Ministry of Finance's macroeconomic management, leadership of the national budgeting process and revenue collection capabilities.

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### Papua New Guinea

Provision of technical assistance for the establishment of a sovereign wealth fund to receive and manage anticipated revenues from the LNG project, and assistance with modelling economic impacts.

#### Mongolia

Australia provided funding to enable the start-up of a mining sector think-tank in Mongolia to build indigenous policy research and analytical capacity in this critical sector for Mongolia's future.

#### **Philippines**

Integration of sustainable development into minerals education at the University of the Philippines, to modernise the mining curriculum.

#### Global:

**GIODAL:** The **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)** is a voluntary scheme aimed primarily at resource-rich developing countries. It sets and manages a global standard for the full verification and publication of company payments and government revenue from mining, oil and gas. Australia is a member of the EITI Management Committee and has to date committed \$12.7 million to the World Bank administered Multi-Donor Trust Fund. EITI compliant countries include: Azerbaijan, Central African Republic, Ghana, Kyrgyz Republic, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Norway and Timor-Leste.

IMF Topical Trust Fund on Managing Natural Resource Wealth focuses on improving macroeconomic management in resource rich countries. It uses a demand driven mechanism to assist extractive industry fiscal regimes, licensing and contracting; revenue administration; macro-fiscal, public financial management and expenditure policy; natural resource asset and liability management; and statistics for managing natural resources. Australia has contributed \$5 million to the fund and is a member of the Steering Committee.

#### In Africa, AusAID is:

Improving Resource Governance Three multi-country study tours in 2011 to Australia for senior government officials from 18 African countries on mining regulation and management issues. On-site mine visits were hosted by Rio Tinto, BHP and Newcrest; discussion panels included representatives from Western Australian and Queensland natural resources and regulatory agencies.

Building Capacity in Geosciences Inviting nominations for up to 90 African participants to attend the 2012 International Geological Congress in Brisbane, Australia and related workshops to be delivered in

Supporting and enabling the Australian mining industry to build the geosciences research and training capacity of four West African universities. Under the initiative training courses have been held on geochemistry, exploration and geology for participants from Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Togo and Zambia.

#### Nauru

The Nauru-Australia Compact of Settlement (NACOS) supports phosphate mining and land rehabilitation programs. Nauru's phosphate mining operations recommenced in 2007 with the support