

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Citizens' Assessment of the Impact of Newmont's Ahafo North and South Mining Operations on Human Rights and the Environment

Background

Wacam over the past two decades has contributed to affected people in mining communities being assertive in their demands for the protection of their rights, properties, and the environment. Affected communities have used the knowledge to engage the industry and government agencies on the need to exploit Ghana's mineral resources responsibly.

Under the Ghana FAIR for ALL programme, Wacam with support from Oxfam in Ghana seeks to strengthen local civil society to collect evidence of rights abuses in cocoa, petroleum, and minerals (gold) value chains, to support communities in seeking redress and hold public and private-sector actors to account.

Wacam is dedicated to ensuring that mining operations are conducted responsibly, with due regard for human rights and environmental sustainability. In light of ongoing community concerns about human rights violations and environmental degradation in mining areas, there is a need for a robust and transparent tool that enables citizens to assess and rank the industry's performance in adhering to national and international laws and practices that protects human rights and the environment.

Objective

Wacam seeks to engage a consultant to design, implement, and report on an assessment tool on the impact of Newmont's mining activities on human rights and the environment in its host communities in the Ahafo region. This assessment tool and report will empower affected community members to systematically evaluate and rank the company's compliance with human rights and environmental requirements, promoting greater accountability and fostering responsible mining practices.

Scope of Work: The selected consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:

1. Develop a comprehensive and community-led assessment tool/scorecard that allows community members to rank the company's compliance with human rights and environmental obligations.
2. Use the scorecard developed to assess and report on the impact of Newmont's Ahafo North and South mining activities on human rights and the environment.
3. Facilitate a forum based on report findings that allows community members to rank the company's compliance with human rights and environmental obligations.

Deliverables

1. A citizen-led assessment tool/scorecard customised to the specific context of Newmont Ahafo North and South operations.
2. Report on citizens' assessment and scoring of the impact of Newmont's mining activities on human rights and the environment in its Ahafo North and South operations.

Expertise Required

- Proven experience in developing tools or methodologies for human rights and environmental assessment.
- Strong background in community engagement and participatory methodologies.
- Knowledge of the socio-economic, cultural, and environmental context of mining communities in Ghana.
- Knowledge of national and international laws on human rights and the environment.
- Excellent communication and report-writing skills.

Project Timeline

Citizen's assessment tool and report to be completed and delivered by end of October 2024.

- One week for preparatory work
- Two weeks on the field
 - Meeting communities, involvement and feedback in the scorecard development process.
 - Data Collection
- Two weeks for preparation of the draft report
 - validation to assess/score the performance of the company
- Delivery of final report.

Submission Requirements:

Interested consultants should submit the following documents:

- A cover letter expressing interest and outlining relevant experience.
- A detailed proposal, including a work plan and timeline.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the consultant(s).
- References from previous similar projects.
- A financial proposal/budget.

Submission Deadline

All submissions must be received by Friday, 23rd August, 2024, and should be sent to info@wacamgh.org.

