

## Concept Note

### A one-day training workshop on Mining Payments to Government Entities in Ghana at the Tang Palace Hotel, Accra ( 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019)

*Participating Organizations: Oxfam Ghana, Ghana EITI and Public Financial Management (PFM) Network*

#### Background

In September 2018, NRGi published a briefing analyzing newly released mining company disclosures on the payments they make to Ghanaian government entities. These Payments to Governments Reports have emerged due to mandatory disclosure laws in EU, Canada and Norway that require companies to disclose the payments they make on a government entity-level and project-level with 150 days of the end of the financial year. Within Ghana the vast majority of international mining companies, including: Asanko Gold; AngloGold Ashanti; Golden Star Resources; Kinross Gold; and Newmont Mining have either disclosed under these regulations or made similar voluntary disclosures.

During the drafting and the launch of the Ghana Gold Mining Revenues briefing, NRGi engaged Oxfam Ghana, PFM Network and the Ghana EITI on how the data could be relevant in their work particularly on extractive revenues received by local subnational government entities. For instance, with Oxfam Ghana, we discussed how the data could be relevant to the push for a Mineral Revenue Management Act under the Keep the promise campaign. The idea being to explore how payments to governments data could help identify how much revenue local subnational government entities should be receiving. Also, for PFM Network, we considered how NRGi can provide technical assistance as they work to empower citizen groups at the sub-national level to demand accountability from District Assemblies and other sub-national government entities that receive mining royalties. Whereas with GHEITI, the discussion centered on how we can support the MSG in using payments to governments data as an early indicator for what to investigate in its full EITI Mining Report.

#### Objectives of the training

- Explore how payments to government data can be used to support the Keep the promise campaign lead by Oxfam and their community CSO partners.
- Explore how payments to government data can be used by PFM Network on their subnational extractive revenue research work which seeks to enable local communities to better understand the revenues generated from the mines in their area, and the revenue their subnational government entities receive, to increase their ability to hold these entities accountable for how they use this revenue.

- Explore how payments to governments data can be used by GHEITI as a timely source of data on revenues generated in the extractives sector and how payments to governments data can help GHEITI identify potential issues and policy areas that should be explored further in the full GHEITI report.
- Engage and interact with the data and familiarize participants with how to use the data to identify:
  - How much the Ghana Revenue Authority should be transferring to subnational government entities generated from gold mining royalties
  - How much district assemblies and other subnational government entities receive directly from companies.

### Equipment required

- Laptop/ computer
- Internet connection

### Training tools to be provided:

- Ghana Gold mining briefing
- Relevant data sets – (Ghana gold mining data on Resourceprojects.org)
- Data exercises
- Other data sources (GHEITI data, other company reports etc.)

### Agenda

<i>9:00 – 10:00 – Led by NRGI - Introduction and overview of Ghana’s payments to governments data</i>	
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions and outline aim for the day</li> <li>• Introduce Ghana payments to governments data</li> <li>• Which companies are reporting</li> <li>• What is contained in the data</li> <li>• Where PtG data can be accessed – company reports and resourceprojects.org</li> </ul>
<i>10:00 – 10:45 – Initial exploration of the data</i>	
Interactive session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In this session, participants will engage with and explore the data</li> <li>• In small groups, they will go through a set of exercises designed to get participants comfortable with using PtG data. These exercises will demonstrate: How the data can be accessed; what is contained in the PtG reports; and what summary information can we get from them</li> </ul>
<i>10:45 – 11:00 - Discussion on initial data exploration</i>	
Group discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share findings and reflect on data exercise</li> <li>• Discuss any initial questions on PtG data that have come from participants working with the data</li> </ul>
<i>11:00 – 11:30 – Break</i>	
<i>11:30 – 12:00 – Led by Oxfam – extractive data work</i>	
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Oxfam and partners on the advocacy strategy of the Keep the Promise campaign</li> </ul>
<i>12:00 – 12:30 – Led by NRGI - Discussion on uses of payment to government data</i>	

Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What potential uses for this data can participants identify in their own work</li> <li>• What has taken the participants interest – avenues for enquiry/ further investigation to be follow up on in the interactive session after lunch</li> </ul>
12;30 – 1:30 – Lunch	
1:30 – 3:15 – Developing tools of inquiry with PtG data	
Interactive session	<p>Split into two groups: Below are two suggestions, but these can be switched based on the interests of the participants on the day. The two groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subnational entities</b> – Group 1 will examine how much the Ghana Revenue Authority should be transferring to subnational government entities generated from gold mining royalties</li> <li>• <b>Government entity analysis</b> - Group 2 will examine how much district assemblies and other subnational government entities receive directly from companies.</li> </ul>
3:15 – 4:00 – <i>Presentation of group findings/ reflection and next steps</i>	
Group Discussion (IV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each group will present their findings and discuss how this is relevant to their work/ how they can use these findings in their work</li> <li>• Develop concrete next steps for how we can work together to use payments to governments data as an advocacy tool in Ghana to support for instance the Mineral Revenue Management Act Campaign.</li> </ul>

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