



Extractive Global Programmatic Support Programme (EGPS) II

SECO finances the Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS) Multi-Donor Trust Fund to improve the management of the extractive sector in resource dependent developing countries. In its second phase, the EGPS will maintain its focus on supporting EITI implementation and thereby constitute a core instrument for SECO's engagement in governing extractive sectors. Additionally, it will deepen its programmatic approach to cover transversal topics, in particular Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM) and gender.

Rationale

While natural resources, in particular, non-renewable resources promise prosperity, in reality, many developing countries fail to use them for the benefit of their population. High rents incentivize corruption and conflict. Exhaustibility of resources and price and revenue volatility deteriorate macro-economic stability when poorly managed. Hence, resource rich developing countries often suffer from lower economic growth and higher conflict rates than their theoretically poorer neighbors. Strengthening accountability, economic resilience, and increasing local community benefits and environmental protection could change this situation.

Objectives and activities

With the EGPS, the World Bank aims at improving the ability and capacity of current and emerging resource-dependent developing countries in using their oil, gas and mineral resources transparently for poverty alleviation, economic diversification, and sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Recipients are generally government institutions, the Ministry of Finance or line ministries, responsible for the extractive sector. The program's support to governments will be complemented by support to relevant non-governmental actors (CSOs), to build their capacity to play their roles effectively for improved performance and accountability of the sector.

The program has four components: 1) Improve sector revenue transparency and efficiency of public management systems mainly through supporting EITI implementation. 2) Promote evidence-based and effective regulation for the extractives sector to attract investments and ensure inclusive and sustainable development. With regard to the ASM sector, the topic of formalization of illegal mining will be an integral part of the program. 3) Integrate the extractive industry into the local economy to foster structural economic development on the local and national level. 4) Improve social and environmental performance of extractive industries, including artisanal and small-scale mining, to benefit local communities, and mitigate impact on ecosystems. The Swiss contribution is soft earmarked for the activities under the first, the second and forth component. The program will support Ghana in their endeavour to formalize the ASM sector through a centre of excellence to promote sustainable ASM practices.

SECO country/region
Global, Ghana

Funding partners
Australia, Belgium,
Canada, EU, Germany,
Finland, Norway,
France, UK

Implementing partner
World Bank

Project duration
2019-2025 (Phase II)

Total budget
USD 69,000,000

SECO contribution
CHF 7,000,000



Governance Structure

EGPS is a World Bank managed multi-donor trust fund. The World Bank hosts the program's secretariat. A steering committee with representatives of donor countries and the World Bank will provide high-level endorsement and oversight of EGPS activities. The steering committee will

- Provide strategic guidance to the EGPS Secretariat. It will discuss and endorse an annual business plan containing target funding levels for the individual EGPS components, and provide feedback and guidance on the overall strategic direction and funding priorities.
- Oversee grant implementation. It will review and endorse the work program and budget prepared by the EGPS Secretariat and review progress of the EGPS program;
- Engage in Technical Working Groups. It will review terms of reference and propose composition of Technical Working Groups. Selected Steering Committee members will take part in the working groups.

How to get involved

With the EGPS the World Bank primarily supports governmental institutions in resource-rich developing countries. The program is demand-driven with technical assistance provided on requests by eligible governments.

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