



Artisanal Mining in Developing Countries:
Issues and Priorities

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How We See It

Benefits

- Employment
 - Direct and indirect



Small-Scale Gold Mining

Unskilled Employment

- Haulers
- Ore Washers
- Transporters
- Crushers
- Diggers



Skilled Employment

- Security
- Machine Operator
- Bookkeeper
- Accountant
- Blastmen
- Engineer

Downstream Industries

- ##### Burgeoning Markets
- Food
 - Clothing
 - Alcohol and drugs
 - Replacement machine parts
 - Ore sacks
 - Building supplies

- ##### Services
- Shaft 'timberers'
 - Machine Operators/Repair
 - Transport (taxi runs to and from sites)
 - Food (catering)
 - Hotel and Accommodation
 - Sponsorship
 - Healthcare (grassroots clinics)



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- Foreign Exchange

Costs

- Land degradation and pollution
- HIV/AIDS
- Illegality



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- 2) Competing narratives
 - a) Get-rich quick
 - b) Poverty-driven



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3) Reoriented development focus

- PRSPs
- MDGs





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The Oro Verde® program was established to support artisanal and small-scale alluvial mining activities by Afro-Colombian communities in the Chocó bioregion, Colombia. The miners use ancestral techniques without toxic chemicals, restoring the natural landscape and vegetation of mining areas after the gold has been extracted. Through the marketing of certified metals using the Oro Verde® brand, the program has created a demand for ecological and fair trade jewellery

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