



Extractive Global Programmatic Support Programme (EGPS) III

Switzerland supports the Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS), a multi-donor trust fund managed by the World Bank (WB) that helps low-and middle-income countries fully benefit from their mineral resources. EGPS-III promotes better mining practices that protect the environment and benefit local communities. It also helps countries leverage mining to support new industries, create jobs, and build infrastructure.

Rationale

While natural resources, especially non-renewable resources, promise prosperity, many developing countries fail to use them for the benefit of their people. High rents create incentives for corruption and conflict. Exhaustibility of resources, price and revenue volatility undermine macroeconomic stability if poorly managed. As a result, resource-rich developing countries often suffer from lower economic growth and higher conflict rates than their theoretically poorer neighbours. The problem is likely to be exacerbated as the global transition to clean energy requires more minerals and metals and the global energy mix shifts substantially from fossil fuel dependence to mineral dependence. Among the stakeholders, artisanal and small-scale miners are a particularly vulnerable group. They contribute around 12-24% of the world's cobalt used in electric vehicle batteries, 20% of the world's gold, 25% of tin and 26% of tantalum (found in smartphones and laptops).

Objectives and activities

EGPS III finances global knowledge work, country-level technical assistance, and policy dialogue through the following main windows:

- **RISE (Resilient and Inclusive Supply Chain Enhancement Partnership)** helps low- and middle-income countries shift from merely exporting raw minerals to developing responsible mining practices (extraction) and improving their processing and manufacturing capabilities. This helps countries derive greater value from their minerals to produce clean energy products such as solar panels and EV batteries. RISE also works to attract more private investors, helping countries become active players in global supply chains.

Country/region

Global

Funding partners

Belgium, EU Commission, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, UK

Implementing partner

World Bank

Duration

2026-2030 (Phase III)

Total budget

CHF 83,250,000

SECO contribution

CHF 8,250,000



- The **Climate-Smart Mining (CSM) window** helps resource-rich developing countries reduce pollution and waste in mining while leveraging the growing demand for critical minerals to foster resilient, inclusive, and long-term development. The initiative has two main areas of focus: The first, **Decarbonization, Climate Resilience, and Circular Economy**, aims to reduce mining's carbon footprint, strengthen community and ecosystem resilience, and embed circular economy practices across the mining lifecycle. The second, **Critical Mineral Supply (CMS)**, supports resource-rich developing countries in building responsible production capacity for critical minerals.
- **ASM**: EGPS advances **artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM)** by promoting its **legitimacy** and **professionalization**. This means creating the legal and policy frameworks that allow miners to operate safely and responsibly, while also strengthening the skills and capacities of miners, governments, and communities to improve practices across the sector.
- **Transparency in Extractive Industries** enables citizens and civil society to hold governments and industries accountable, foster transparency and dialogue, and improve governance models. With this work, EGPS supports the implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in a structured and coordinated way.

Across these components, EGPS III provides advisory services, analytical work, capacity-building, and multi-stakeholder dialogue at global and country levels.

Governance Structure

The EGPS work program is led and implemented by the World Bank's Extractives Global Unit. The Extractives Global Unit includes over 80 specialists supporting 75+ resource-rich countries in turning mineral wealth into jobs, infrastructure, and long-term growth.

A Partnership Council provides strategic guidance for the implementation of the EGPS Trust Fund. It brings together representatives of the World Bank and contributing donors. At country level, World Bank teams coordinate regularly with donor representatives on technical and operational aspects of activities.

Results so far

EGPS helped 13 countries meet EITI standards and strengthen civil society, enabled 15 policy reforms and 14 gender-responsive extractives policies, and supported local value through diversification, employment, and skills programs. Over 200 stakeholders gained expertise in environmental performance and community benefits. Through Delve, the global ASM data platform, EGPS advanced gender data, peer learning, and tracked COVID-19 impacts. In parallel, a COVID-19 emergency window provided small-scale grants in 22 countries to ASM communities, supporting health, social protection, women's resilience, alternative livelihoods, and environmental safeguards.

Further information:

[EGPS | Extractives Global Programmatic Support Multi-Donor Trust Fund \(worldbank.org\)](https://www.worldbank.org/EGPS)

[Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative \(EITI\)](#)

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