



Security and Human Rights Grant 2018 Recipient: Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM Colombia)

In July 2018, the SHRIM launched its first call for proposals to give the opportunity to CSOs to develop and lead projects implementing more effective security and human rights practices. Following a competitive, objective and transparent selection process with 98 applications from Africa, Asia and Latin America, one of the grants was awarded to the Alliance for Responsible Mining Colombia for the Cadenas de Paz programme (CAPAZ).

Natural Resources, Security and Human Rights:

ARM's CAPAZ programme seeks to demonstrate how Colombian artisanal and small-scale miners can produce minerals according to the OECD's "Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas" as well as the VPs requirements, while generating confidence in national and international markets. This approach seeks to incentivize better security and human rights practices and support economic development in ASM communities by enabling their access to OECD-conformant supply chains. In the long term, the adoption of better practices and access to fairer market conditions benefits to development of communities and contributes to stability in conflict-affected regions.

The Project:

The grant supported ARM in conducting an in-depth risk-analysis on due diligence in relation to security and human rights in the region of Antioquia, to elaborate mitigation strategies, and to find opportunities to connect to markets with the goal to create transparent and legal supply chains. In addition, the project fostered inter-regional exchange and improved public-private cooperation to promote due diligence and mitigate risks related to artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) in Colombia.

Key Results:

- In-depth field research in five municipalities of Antioquia resulting in a risk assessment that identifies main challenges and opportunities for supporting mining communities, based on the CRAFT Code (Code of risk-mitigation for artisanal and small-scale mining engaging in formal trade)
- Supply chain analysis of artisanal gold production in Antioquia and lower Cauca
- Design of a risk mitigation strategy for mining communities

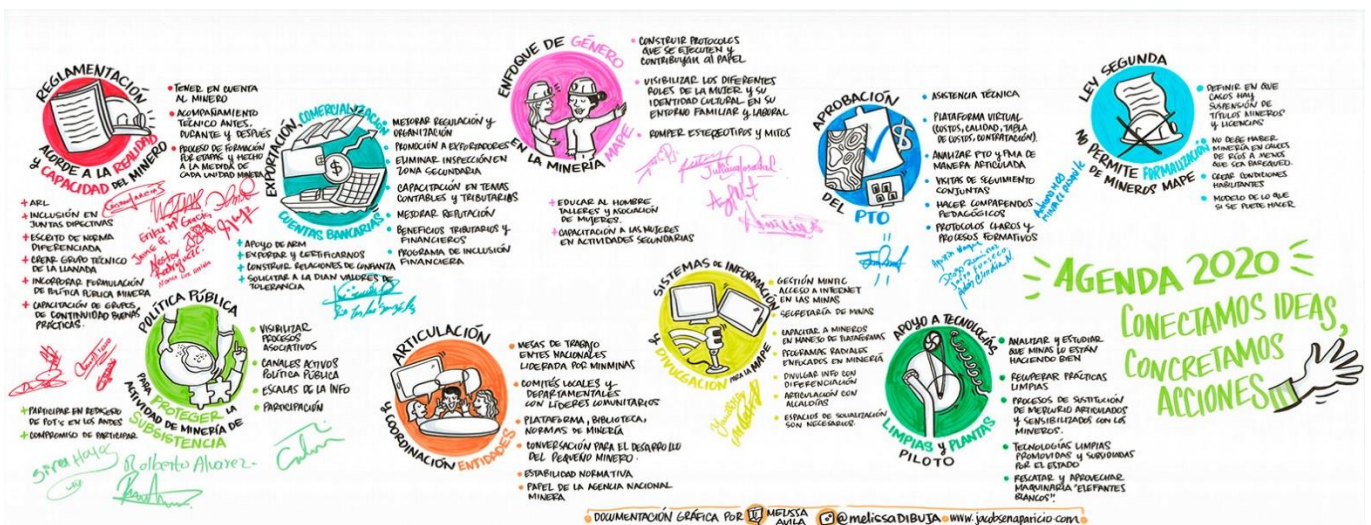


About ARM:

ARM is a non-governmental organization (NGO) promoting legitimate, responsible and profitable ASM that supports sustainable development. ARM facilitates the empowerment of miners and mining communities, as well as the adoption of good practices. ARM has developed systems of certification standards for ASM and supported the creation of responsible, conflict-free supply chains that respect human rights. Notably, ARM developed CRAFT to allow artisanal and small-scale miners to access the formal market, facilitate the application of due diligence by buyers in the sector, and foster a path to progressive improvement, beginning with the mitigation of the most critical risks. The CRAFT Code aims to facilitate the development of supply chains that respect human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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Exchange of experiences on the CRAFT code, Photo by ARM



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